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#### Beacon Notes

The post holiday blaahs have struck with a vengeance around here. We're still recovering from 16 days in the close company (the very close company) of two or more kiddies. The words "No!, Stop That! and Don't" still spring very easily to the lips. It's okay though - we've got 8 weeks to recover until March Break. Judging by the slowness with which Beacon articles have arrived, we are not the only ones recuperating from the holidays.

Just because we are getting deeper into the winter doesn't mean there's nothing big going on. There's important meetings galore this month - the School Tribunal report is due near the end of the month, Council is looking for public input on the Shore Roads on the 16th, and Council is also starting the Official Plan process with a public meeting on January 23rd. So don't try to hibernate the rest of the winter away.

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#### Council Report January 2nd, 1990

- Chris Kennedy

Before the regular meeting started, it was decided, in a special meeting, that a portion of land belonging to Wilbert Willard be rezoned for rural residential use.

John Uliana, the Manager of Cumming Cockburn Associates, spoke to Council about the process and implications of Official Plans and Planning. This presentation was made in response to requests from the public over the last few years for a policy on development and severances in the future. John Uliana outlined some of the areas, such as severances of agricultural land, lot size, ferry capacity and so on that an official plan would consider. An official plan is a general agreement on future plans, but is not considered carved in stone and there are procedures for changing it.

Part of the discussion involved trying to guess whether the County will draw up an official plan, with which the municipal plan will have to agree. An official plan is expensive, possibly \$25,000, of which the

province picks up half, but it also needs a new zoning bylaw, for about \$15,000 to \$20,000, of which the province will pay somewhat less than half. It will also take

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eighteen months to two years minimum to complete.

Later in the meeting, Council decided to ask 3 firms that specialize in Official Plans to submit proposals and estimates for preparing an Official Plan for Amherst Island.

Council resumed its regular business at 9:45 p.m. In closed session, Council appointed John McGinn as by-law enforcement officer, building inspector and dog control officer. Negotiations are in progress to receive technical advice from the Ernestown building inspector's office if required. Carmelle North has been hired to clean the township offices.

Ed Chadband presented his last building inspector's report and his annual report for 1989. Two building permits were issued last month, to Tom Miller for a porch and to D. Lamb for an addition to his house. During 1989 twenty-two building permits were issued. Most notable were seven permits for new residences, one or two being the usual number in previous years. This is reflected in an estimated capital investment of \$608,000 up from \$397,200 in 1988.

As dog control officer Ed Chadband reported on the problem of dogs running at large in the village. He had no recommendations for dealing with the matter.

Smoking in the ferry lounge will be prohibited as soon as the necessary signs are posted. High school students may be reported to their school principal if they offend. Nobody knows what happens if an adult continues to smoke when requested to stop.

At the very end of the meeting Council very briefly discussed the shore road relocations, on the South Shore and Concession 1. Time ran out, and Council adjourned at 11 p.m. with a lot of business left undone.

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#### More Council Report For January 5th, 1990

- Don Tubb

(N.B. The Beacon Local of the Reporter's and Typesetter's Union rule #1 states that no reporter will be subjected to more than 3 hours of Council meeting per month. For this reason, Chris and I had to tag-team this 6 hour marathon session.)

The Council meeting, which was adjourned on Jan 2nd reconvened on Jan 5th at 1 p.m., picked up where it

left off - discussing shore roads and the Official Plan. After considerable discussion, some common ground between the Councillors seemed to emerge. Although they made no recommendations on the subject of Official Plans, the Councillors seem to be in agreement, more or less, on the following points:

The single most important factor affecting the Official Plan is the ferry which, it seems, will be with us until the hull becomes too thin to take the punishment of winter crossings. The latest estimate as to when this will occur is 15 to 20 years. This however does not mean that Council will not continue to push for a new ferry or other alternative arrangements in the meantime.

The Councillors seemed pretty much in agreement that they wanted the Island to remain a rural community which meant, for example, that at this point they could see no reason to include an industrial park in the Official Plan nor, for that matter, did they consider municipal water works and sewage treatment facilities to be feasible.

The Councillors also seemed in agreement that some limitations will need to be placed on severances, with several ideas bandied about.

From the above discussion came a recommendation that two public meetings be held: one on January 16th concerning the Shore Roads with representatives of MTO present, and, the other meeting to be held on January 23rd which will deal with the Official Plan. Its focus will be on getting

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some 'simple statements on the future of the Island' from the Island residents.

In other business Council dealt with several ongoing matters:

- Council is going to write back to Mr Sheppard for more clarification concerning the ownership of the shoreline between the shore roads and the water are because his letter did not answer that question.
- Council will be writing to Ken Keyes asking for his help in getting a new landfill site on the ARDA property.
- Council recommended that they support a resolution from Bathurst which asks the Provincial Government to give more support to re-cycling.
- George Gavlas will remain Fire Chief for the foreseeable future.
- a recommendation was made to install a sign on the Millhaven dock restricting parking to those using the dock.
- a new Building by-law was tabled until the lawyer and building inspector have reviewed it.
- finally, the Reeve has been authorized to find a

solution the dog problem in the village.

The Council then rose and reported. They adopted all the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole. Adjournment quickly followed.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

January, unfortunately, has brought great loss to Islanders and their families. Freddy McCormick; Keith, Tom and Elaine's uncle Howard Sylvester of Stratford; Liz Hogeboom and Rick Bedford's grandparents; Tena Tugwell's stepmother, have all passed away since Christmas. Our condolences to all the families.

Howard Sylvester, Keith tells me, was one of 9 children in his mother's family. There is now only one of that family left.

Best wishes to all those who have been ill and/or in hospital this month -Stratton Reid, Marnie Matthews and Faye Wemp.

And on the bright side, we have our first baby of the New Year and of the decade. Congratulations to Tim and Maria Glenn and Tanya on the birth of their healthy son and brother. Thomas Alexander was born New Year's Day.

For all those who have been seeking new information on John and Maureen they are doing fine, thank you. John is employed as Shop Supervisor with a company that manufactures canvas products. Maureen is expecting their new baby in April. They live in Copper Cliff, very near Mom and Dad.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Anna M. Hitchins

On Tuesday, Dec. 19th the regular Christmas meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Anna Hitchins at 8 p.m.

The Roll Call was the exchanging of Christmas gifts.

The President conducted the business portion of the meeting. A donation of \$50.00 is to be sent to the Salvation Army.

A Christmas programme of readings, carols and contests was enjoyed by all. The Christmas gifts were distributed, and a beautiful supper, prepared by the lunch committee, was served.

The next meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 17th, at 8 p.m. at the home of Jean McIntyre.

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#### Recreation Committee

- Annette Phillips

Being the only Council committee not subsidized by local tax dollars, the Recreation Committee is extremely pleased with the number of community events sponsored over the past year.

With the finishing touches put on the

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Rink/Tennis Court, we were able to purchase hockey and tennis equipment. We held a Winter Skating Party in February with a great turnout. Our Spring Dance, held last May, was fairly well attended, but as this our major fund raiser, we would have been pleased to sell more tickets - approximately 140 attended.

With dance proceeds and grant money, we were able to donate money to the Guides and Brownies; to local ball teams and to our local 4H group. We also sponsored a July 1st bicycle parade and fireworks display in conjunction with the Volunteer Fire Department. Donations for fireworks were gratefully accepted from Island residents and friends.

Again last year, we sponsored swimming lessons, aerobics and volley ball. We helped I.S.L.E. (initially) with their playground project by agreeing to underwrite last-minute expenditures.

Newly introduced last summer was a playground program for ages 4 to 10. Run by Chad Miller and Amy Caughey, this proved to be a great idea with the wrong timing. Any suggestions on this would be greatly appreciated.

We are starting the 1990/91 year with huge plans and most of last year's committee: Jim Whitton, Caroline Ackerman, Heather Welbanks, Betty Wemp, Susan McGinn, Annette Phillips, Jack Kerr, Jack Forester and Dave Willard. We are pleased to welcome two new members - Jim Bateman and Andrew Richardson. Andy has also taken on the position of Rink Maintenance Supervisor.

To date this year, the Rec Committee has agreed to purchase picnic tables and benches for the Ferry Dock, McDonald's Lane and the Sand Beach. We have retained Tom Miller to install new sinks in the school kitchen, and will soon be installing an upright, double-door pop cooler in the lunchroom. We have purchased a second microwave for the school, a supply of baking dishes, a new kettles an electric mixer and a food processor.

New hockey nets have been installed, as well as a hose winder for flooding the rink. Other equipment purchased over the past year includes a ghetto blaster for the Aerobics class and a VHS VCR for the school.

With our July 1 celebration this year, we hope to incorporate a program for the 315th Anniversary of the granting of Amherst Island to LaSalle and hence given

to Tonti. (Ed. With LaSalle granting A.I. to Tonti, we became the first real estate transaction, or land flip, in Ontario.) Also, in commemoration of this event, we are looking at setting up a local museum.

Our Spring Dance will be held May 26th this year, on the long weekend. Music yet to be finalized.

Thank you to all the residents (and non-residents) who faithfully support the Recreation Committee in its endeavors. A thank you also to the Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Department for its help with our annual fireworks display.

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#### Quote Of The Month

"It is a gloomy moment in the history of our country. Not in the lifetime of most men has there been so much grave and deep apprehension. Never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time. The domestic situation is in chaos. Our dollar is weak throughout the world. Prices are so high as to be utterly impossible. A political cauldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty. Russia hangs, as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent upon the horizon; it is a solemn moment... of our troubles, no man can see the end"

Will things change for us? Not for a while ....

That quote appeared in Harpers Weekly in October of 1857.

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#### Educational Update

L&A Board Meeting January 9, 1990

- submitted by ???

The meeting was called to order with the announcement that items 11.2 and 11.6 of the agenda would be held in closed session. Item 11.6 was not on the official agenda, but added at the last minute. Item 11.6 is a progress report from the Independent Tribunal.

Item 3: Retention Study Progress Report by Rod Hughes. This report was very informative, a main point discussed was Transition from one school to the next. A survey of students revealed children going up to high school were most worried about their lockers eg. where are they? how do we find them? Also in this section, it was stated that some of these programs are being implemented now, such as bonding, which includes peer counselling and the use of Mentors.

Transition years are defined in this study as grades 7 - 9. It is also suggested by this study that better communication is required between teacher and parent, and not just when there is a problem.

Family and societal problems are also being studied,

one item singled out was community based support groups.

This study revealed that a potential dropout can be identified as early as Kindergarten.

Item 5.1.3 of Committee Reports dealt with the proposed renovation of the board office. The Board has accepted a bid of \$1,199,000.00 from Dornekamp Construction. A spirited discussion led by Mr. Campbell followed. Mr. Campbell asked for a total final estimate for the renovations, Mr. Richard could not answer this question. Mr. Campbell then asked how this addition would affect county tax assessments, he was assured by Mr. Richard and Mr. Marshall that ratepayers would see little change in their taxes as a result of renovations. Mr Campbell again asked for a total final estimate including architects fees, furnishings and interior finishing, no one could answer this question.

Mr. Campbell pointed out that the reserve fund, which money is being drawn from for the renovations contains approximately 3 million dollars, he stated this fund had the potential of being between 7 and 9 million dollars.

The Day care centre and E.S.S. has requested a larger room for their operation, this will probably be accepted as soon as a feasibility study is finished. Mr. Boston assured Mrs. Collins this would be completed by the February Meeting.

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## Environmental Concerns

- Chris Kennedy

Energy Probe, on reading Ontario Hydro's new plan to build new nuclear generating plants, congratulated Hydro on taking a bold leap into the early 1970's. They have actually mentioned conservat

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Definitely not a morale builder.

We didn't have a single fire call in 1989, (I don't count the dump) but there were several fires. None of these were reported so as a result we have no information on where to target our prevention efforts, our alerting system has not been tested nor for that matter has our response time.

So please, if you have a fire, call us. We won't laugh at you ... much.

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#### Wood Heat Safety

##### - A.I. Fire Department

We now have a supply of Wood Heat Safety pamphlets available to the public. These are published by the Canadian Wood Energy Institute under the W.E.T.T. & W.I.S.E. programs. There are twelve in the series:

1. Is Your Wood Heat Installation Safe?
2. Space Heating With Wood.
3. Appliance and Flue Pipe Clearances.
4. Reducing Clearances With Heat Shields.
5. Chimneys.
6. Flue Pipes.
7. Operating Your Appliance ... Safely.
8. Maintaining Your Heating System.
9. Fireplaces.
10. Fireplace Inserts.
11. Purchasing, Processing and Seasoning Wood.
12. Central Heating With Wood.

These pamphlets are for those heating with wood now, thinking of heating with wood, changing their systems or anyone who is interested. They are available at the fire hall or in a display in the hallway of the township office.

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#### Words, Words, Words

A book of word and metaphor origins is currently making the rounds of the Beacon staff. We've come across a few which we think are interesting. We have some space this month, so we're going to pass them along to you in the hope that you will also find them interesting.

Aftermath- In common usage it is what results or follows an event like "the aftermath of the flood was the abandonment of the town". Originally a math was a mowing of hay or grain, and consequently the aftermath was the growth which followed, so farmers would graze or plough under the aftermath.

Bitter End- We would use this today in saying something like, "Despite the confrontational tone of the

meeting, he stayed until the bitter end.". This is originally a nautical term. The bitt is a strong post on a ship's deck to which one end of the anchor chain is fastened. This end of the chain has since been called the bitter end. So when you've reached the bitter end, you've reached the end of your chain or rope.

Jerkwater Town- While this is not in common usage today, I couldn't resist it. It dates from the days of steam trains. These trains had to stop, regularly, to take on water for their boilers. With the introduction of the 'limiteds' which only stopped at the large centres to disembark passengers, the railroaders had to design a way of loading water while not stopping at all the little watering towns in-between the large cities. They did this by building a water trough between the rails at these little towns. When the train passed over these the engineer lowered a scoop into the trough and 'jerked' the water up into the reservoir. Hence the term jerkwater town developed to describe any small town.

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#### Obituary

##### - A. Bruce Caughey

Frederick McCormick:

A life long and much respected resident of Amherst Island, Frederick McCormick, passed away at his home on the Front Road on Thursday night, January 4th, 1990 last, after a lengthy period of declining health. Fred was the fourth son of a large Island family, son of the late Hugh and Victoria McCormick, who were life-long residents of the Island. Fred was in his 75th year, unmarried, he had been a partner in the operation of the family dairy farm on the Island where he was well recognized as a wonderful neighbour, ever ready to lend assistance to anyone in need and will ever be remembered by older Island residents for the loving care that he gave to his parents, in their declining years, so that they did not become institutionalized.

Fred was a devoted member of the original St. Bartholomews Roman Catholic Church, which stood on land given for construction of the church by his grandfather and Fred served for many years as caretaker of the edifice, when the source of heat was a wood-burning stove, later updated to propane heat.

Fred was predeceased by his elder brother William, with whom he operated their farm, up to the time of his death; Sisters, Ruth, Mrs Claude Willard; Rose, Mrs Edward Hickey; Ethel, Mrs Frank Peters. He is survived by his brother Robert of Detroit, Michigan; Hugh of Chatham, Ont. and Leonard, with whom he resided.

Funeral Services were conducted in "The Chapel on the Corner", Robert J. Reid Funeral Home, Kingston by Father Don Clements with burial following in the family

plot, St. Bartholomew's Cemetery, Amherst Island.

Pallbearers were: Francis Hickey, Everett Hickey, Eldon Willard, Marshall F. Glenn, Lance and Vincent Eves.

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#### Thank You Notes

I wish to thank all those who sent me cards, gifts, phone calls and visits while I was in KGH. Thank you one and all from the bottom of my heart.

Lucille Brown

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We the family of the late Fred McCormick take this opportunity to thank our relatives, friends and neighbours for their sympathy and support at the time of his sudden death. A special thanks to those who paid their respects at the funeral home, sent flowers or gave donations. Thank-you very much to pall-bearers, Robert Reid Funeral Directors and Father McClement for their help and consideration. A very special thank-you to those who brought food to our home the day of the funeral and Marian Glenn and Helen Miller who helped prepare our dinner while we attended the funeral.

Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Thanks again.

Leonard McCormick

Eldon & Elsie Willard

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The family of the Late Junior Gibson would like to thank their relatives, friends, Anglican Church Women and Women's Institute for the cards, calls and other kindness shown at the time of Junior's death.

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#### Notices & Announcements

Volleyball has started again each Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the school gym.

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#### First Aid Course

I am organizing a St. John's Ambulance First Aid Course on the Island. This is highly recommended for everybody. The course covers choking, burns, scalds, bad cuts, farm accidents and many other medical emergencies. It gives people confidence in dealing with many emergency situations, teaching what to do and who to call for help. Everyone who took the last course, three years ago, should take this as a refresher course, as their certificates have run out.

Tentatively it will be held over two days, Sat/Sun, Jan 27/28th or Sat/Sun, Feb 3/4th. The total cost is \$65 per person. However, for farmers and their families the province will pay \$40 of the \$65. For all others the province will pay \$30, leaving \$35. The Township will pay this \$35 for all Township employees, including ferry crew and the volunteer fire fighters. Other people may be able to persuade their employers to pay the remaining \$35 for this very valuable course.

Please call Chris Kennedy at 389-0554 evenings or leave a message at 389-3444 anytime for registration or information.

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#### Ham Dinner

The Annual Ham Dinner will once again be offered by ISLE. It will take place at noon, Wednesday, January 31st at the school.

Prices are:

Adults... \$5.50

School Children... \$2.00

Pre-school Children... free

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Notice Of Special Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 1990 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss standards to be used for the proposed relocation of shoreroads. The District Engineer from the Ministry of Transportation, Brendan MacKinnon and the Municipal Roads Supervisor, Arnold Raymond have confirmed that they will attend. Although the purpose of the meeting is to

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discuss technical aspects of the relocated roads, Members Of The Public Are Invited To Attend.

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Public Meeting

Tuesday, January 23rd, 1990 8:00 p.m.

Amherst Island Community Centre

Planning For The Future

Do you want Amherst Island

1) to remain a rural community - mixed agricultural and residential?

2) to develop as a rural residential community (encourage housing throughout)?

3) to strengthen as an agricultural community with residential development directed towards waterfront

areas and Stella?

4) to develop its potential for tourism and related commercial growth while retaining predominantly rural characteristics?

Council will be asking planning consultants to submit terms of reference for developing an official plan for Amherst Island. In order to

- a) involve the people who will be affected the most, and
- b) save time and money,

it has been suggested that an attempt be made to agree on a policy statement that would reflect how Amherst Islanders want to see their community develop.

Statements such as those presented above will be considered at a public meeting on January 23rd at the school. Please come and offer your thoughts and ideas for the future of Amherst Island.

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#### Awards

The Presidential Peace Award is awarded to George Bush who has fulfilled a long-standing tradition of American Presidents of being involved in a war. Some other distinguished winners, since WWII, are:

Truman... Korean War

Kennedy... Bay of Pigs and Vietnam

Johnson... Vietnam

Nixon... Vietnam

Reagan... Libya, Lebanon, Grenada, Nicaragua

Bush... Panama

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#### Congratulation

To Kirk Gibson for providing "the magic moment" in sports during the 80's. Late in Game 1 of the 1988 World Series between LA and Oakland, Gibson hobbled (both legs injured) from the trainers room to the dugout to tell the manager he could pinch-hit. He got his shot at glory with 2 out in the bottom of the 9th. Barely able to swing the bat without falling over and with two strikes on him, he stroked a 2-run home run to win the game.

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#### Facts & Figures

- from Report On Business Magazine

1. 42% of Ontario students were unable to solve two-step problems in math. In Quebec it was 27%, while in Korea it was 22%.

2. 24%

of Canadians are defined as illiterate which is the same rate as high school dropouts. 17% of high school grads are illiterate. 8% of university grads are illiterate.

3. The category is Functional Literacy and the following % of Canadians cannot perform the following tasks:  
6% cannot circle the expiry date on their driver's

licence

10% cannot read cough syrup instructions

11% cannot sign a Social Insurance card

29% cannot circle a charge on a telephone bill

50% cannot find a store in the Yellow Pages

70% cannot find an amount on an income tax table.

4. The following is the participation rate of 17 year-olds informal education:

Japan... 94%

Germany... 89%

United States... 87%

Sweden... 78%

Canada... 72%

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#### Happy Valentine's Day

Bart breathlessly begs Bev, "Baby, Baby. Be Barties' beloved bambino. Baby, Baby!"

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#### Beacon Notes

Who ever said it was boring living in the country?  
This month's Beacon should lay to rest that old saw.

The lead stories are:

L&A School Board Accepts Tribunal's Report

We get to keep our Grades 7 & 8s. Details to follow (as they say in the newspaper biz).

#### Playground Project Gets Wintario \$

Congratulations to all who worked on this project.

#### Shore Roads To Be Moved Back Behind Houses

Now that the school issue has been temporarily resolved Council has decided to move the shore roads back behind the houses both at the Head and on the South Shore. Just to give us something to talk about.

#### Official Plan Process Started

An Official Plan (and new Zoning By-Law) will be developed over the next couple years. Input welcomed by Council.

Finally we welcome on staff both Dianne Marshall (closet typist extraordinaire) and multi-talented Kyle Murray who at age 6 is a slow but persistent collator and a vicious staple thumper.

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#### Editorial Policy

The Beacon will not print any comments concerning the pros and cons of moving the shore roads. We will report on Council's deliberations and on any public meeting with as much impartiality as we can muster. We, however, will not be drawn into what has the

potential to become a very divisive issue.

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#### Council Report for February 6th, 1990

- Chris Kennedy

The minutes of the previous month's meetings were adopted. Wilbert Willard's severances were approved, as was one for Marius Schuetz, and one for Kaye and Dorothy McGinn was approved in principle. Council is still trying to arrange safety drills for school students on the ferry. Any application to use the school must be countersigned by the Chairman of the Recreation Committee (Jim Whitton), or the other councillor on the Recreation Committee (Caroline Ackerman), or the Reeve

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or Township Clerk.

Council will inspect the areas on the South Shore and upper First Concession where road relocations are being considered, and a Special Council meeting is planned for February 13th (see below) to discuss the plans.

Council is trying to work out a system for recycling newspapers and glass bottles. Three members of the Fire Department will attend a Critical Incident Stress Workshop. The Ministry of Tourism and Recreation has approved the grant for the playground project.

Council decided to cover the cost of the St. John's Ambulance course for township residents not covered by the province. The Township will pay for the school bus to go to the Board of Education meeting on February 12th, when the Tribunal Report on our school will be presented. Helen Miller has been appointed to the Cemetery Committee.

The results from the Official Plan meeting were presented. Eighteen people favoured option 1 (mixed agricultural and residential), 4 favoured development as a rural residential community, 19 favoured strengthening as an agricultural community with limited development, and 6 wanted to develop tourism potential while retaining rural characteristics. Twenty-one people wanted an official plan, 3 didn't want one, and 20 people had no comment. Council will discuss the matter further at the special meeting on February 13th.

There will be a Rabies Clinic on May 5th. Council will see what action can be taken if Stella Post Office is to be on the closed list.

One building permit was issued in January, to Marius Schuetz for a veranda.

Council discussed dog control (again). Council is



making an agreement with the Community Animal Control Center in Napanee, providing for the licensing of dogs and the use of the Napanee Dog Catcher. The by-law will be amended to cover this. It is planned that it will be introduced by April 1st.

A parking by-law for the village has been passed.

Council went into a closed meeting to discuss something I am meant to know nothing about (possibly legal action might result from what was discussed).

Adjournment was at 10:30 p.m.

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Special Council Meeting  
Shore Roads & Official Plan  
February 13th  
- Don Tubb

All members of Council were present along with 18 Island spectators for this Special Council meeting. Its purpose was two-fold: to decide what to do with the two shore roads (along the South Shore and up at the Head); and, to continue the process of getting an Official Plan.

Council went into a Committee-of-the- Whole so that any interested spectators could participate. (The day of the meeting Stuart Miller had taken the four Councillors around to show them the roads up close and from his point of view.) They all expressed the opinion that the two shore roads were in very poor condition. They also agreed that the road should be moved back behind the houses. There was also unanimity among the four Councillors in that they wished the Township to retain the old road as a non-vehicle pathway. The old road bed would be allowed to deteriorate until it became a walking path.

At this point, the meeting was opened up to opinions from the floor. Several landowners who would be affected by this road moving spoke to these proposals. While virtually all agreed (some very reluctantly) that the road should be moved, they did all agree that the old road should be closed completely. Many concerns were expressed: how to control skidoos, ATV's, tourists straying onto private land or into barnyards, and the lack of privacy from having a public thoroughfare on both sides of their homes.

The Councillors were not swayed by these arguments. Council then went back into its regular session and passed Resolution #2664. It states that the existing township

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roads through Lots 2 to 9, Con 1, and through Lots 7 to 19, South Shore Concession, be moved back behind the buildings in consultation with the landowners. It also says that intersecting roads on the South Shore, like the

Marshall 40 foot, be maintained right down to the water. The resolution states that the new road be surveyed and that property be acquired "as deemed necessary".

The Official Plan part of the meeting started about 9:15 p.m. with Council returning to Committee-of-the-Whole. Several councillors presented brief written submissions as to what they saw as a consensus of opinion from the information sheets filled out during the Public Meeting in January and their own thoughts.

After some discussion (interested spectators included), it seemed that all of the Councillors agreed that the Island should remain a rural community, that prime farmland (Class 1 & 2) be protected by banning further severances, and that new severances be limited to the rest of the Island and encouraged around Stella. Other written comments and ideas will be accepted and perhaps worked into a state which will be sent to some planners to see if they are interested in doing our Official Plan.

Council expressed an interest in cutting costs where applicable. It's going to try to find a planner who will be flexible, that is, one that will allow us to do some of the work rather than doing it all alone. Because estimates are that the Official Plan will cost approximate \$25,000 and a Zoning By-law will cost approximately \$15,000 this is fairly crucial. Also, only a relatively small part of this is recoverable from provincial grants. Council has budgeted \$20,000 towards this process.

At the end of the meeting Council made a few revisions to the existing Zoning By-law. They raised the minimum lot size to 1/2 hectare (approximately twice what it is now); they increased the minimum road frontage to 60 metres (also approximately twice what it is now); and they will incorporate flood-proofing into the by-law.

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The Neighbourhood  
- Annette

Congratulations to Janice, Eric, Ryan and Brent McGinn on the addition of a new little girl to their family. Ashly Erica was born Saturday, Feb 10th. Congratulations to Wayne, Karen and Whitney Fleming, who also have a new girl at home; Talia was born Sunday, Feb 4th. Although not Island residents, new babies have also been born to Jack and Jody deHaan (twin girls) and to Duncan Ashley's sister (a boy).

Our condolences to Clinton Kilpatrick on the loss of his mother, Annie Kilpatrick. Best wishes to all those ill and in hospital this month - Marion McGinn, Art Wolfreys, Lloyd Wolfreys, Lois Bews and Dave

Vrooman's daughter.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Anna M. Hitchins

The regular monthly meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Jean McIntyre on Wed. Jan 21st at 8 p.m.

The Roll Call was to name a country that sent many people to Canada. The regular business was conducted. The W.I. will not be helping with the Canvas for Heart and Stroke Foundation. The date of May 12th was reserved for our Mother's Day Buffet to be held in the school gym. The Amherst Island W.I. will hostess the District Annual this year on May 16th.

Jackie Sylvester was program convenor and she gave a very informative talk on Immigration.

The next meeting will be at the home of Marion Glenn on Wed. Feb. 21st at 8 p.m.

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#### Education Update

- Staff

The Lennox & Addington School Board at their regular meeting, February 12th, accepted the proposals put forward by the Independent Tribunal. This group had been seeking solutions to the impasse between the School Board and the Island over the removal of the Grades 7s & 8s to Bath Public School. The gist of the Report was as follows:

- that the Grades 7s & 8s attend A.I. Public School for the next two years;
- that A.I. Public School be provided with 2 full-time teachers, thus we lose the teaching assistant;
- that the island provide the necessary volunteers to supplement the remaining teachers;
- at the end of the two years (starting next fall), the compromise will be assessed.

The Teachers Federation still has to accept the presence of volunteers in the school. This means that it is now up to us to make this work.

Last but not least, we offer congratulations to Peter Trueman for his persistence and skill in working out this compromise solution against quite formidable odds.

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#### All That Lovely Money

- Sally Bowen

Last year, several Islanders worked hard to investigate other school playgrounds, then design and commission our own. Practically the entire Island and so many of our friends contributed time and effort and money to our fund-raising projects last spring. A

funding proposal, requesting 50/50 funding assistance was prepared and submitted last July to the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, under the Community Recreation Capital Program grants. Then we waited ...

We have finally received our acceptance -everything we asked for! We will receive \$8389.00, which will cover all remaining (known) costs, when combined with the \$3000 already paid by ISLE, the \$5000 equivalent costs donated by the Board of Education, Maintenance, and the volunteers (as yet to be shanghaied) who will complete the project.

The entire community will be invited to a celebration opening on an (as yet unidentified) weekend in spring.

Thank you, everyone.

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#### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Caroline Yull submitted 3 different recipes this month. It was very difficult to choose only 1 although the West Indian Sugar Chicken sounded too good to pass up.

##### West Indian Sugar Chicken

Brown 3 pounds of chicken pieces in 1/2 cup of oil and 1/2 cup molasses (You may need more, in fact in my experience it always does). Continue until well browned, stirring constantly. (You may also need to diddle the heat constantly unless you have a gas stove.)

As it becomes browned, lift into another pot. Put 2 or more cloves of chopped garlic, 3 chopped onions, salt and pepper to taste, 1/4 cup water into oil and molasses mix.

Add to chicken, simmer for about 30 minutes.

Thicken sauce with flour before serving. Goes great with rice.

N.B. This sounds like a lot of work, and it is, but it is so good!

Fern Willard, well known to all our aerobic participants, has submitted a recipe for fudge brownies. Fern says that as long as you keep up the aerobics there shouldn't be any problem enjoying the following:

##### Fudge Brownies

1/2 cup butter or margarine

2 - 1 oz. squares unsweetened chocolate, melted

1 cup granulated sugar

2 eggs

1 tsp vanilla

3/4 cup sifted all purpose flour

1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Melt butter and chocolate. Remove from heat and stir in sugar. Blend in eggs one at a

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time. Add vanilla. Stir in flour and nuts. Mix well.  
Spread in well greased 8"x8" square pan. Bake at 350  
F. for 20 - 25 minutes.

#### Fudgey Chocolate Frosting

Melt 1/3 cup of butter in a saucepan; stir in 1/3 cup  
cocoa and 3/4 tsp vanilla. Blend in 3 cups of icing sugar  
and 1/3 cup of milk until smooth. Frost brownie  
mixture.

This recipe is a hit with the children (in all of us)!

I decided this feature would not be complete without  
some sort of vegetable dish. The following is a recipe  
taken from a book called The Pleasures of Cooking.  
Swiss Carrot Salad

1 1/2 pounds carrots, peeled  
Salt  
6 Tbsp. olive oil  
2 Tbsp. lemon juice  
1 1/2 teaspoons sugar  
1 heaping teaspoon Dijon mustard  
Freshly ground white pepper (I usually only have  
black on hand)

3 Tbsp. minced scallions or chives  
3 Tbsp. minced parsley  
Cut the carrots so they are matchstick size and 1 1/2  
inches long. (Use the julienne disc of your processor, if  
you have one.) Put 1 inch of water in the bottom of a  
steamer and bring to a boil. Put the carrots in the top of  
the steamer, salt them lightly and steam them, covered,  
for about 6 minutes or until they are barely tender. Set  
the carrots aside.

Combine the olive oil, lemon juice, sugar and  
mustard in a 2 quart serving dish and whisk the mixture  
until the dressing is blended and has a creamy  
consistency. Add salt and freshly ground pepper to  
taste. Add the carrots and scallions and toss the salad.

Chill the salad in the refrigerator for several hours.  
Before serving, bring the salad to room temperature and  
sprinkle with the minced parsley. Makes 6 servings.  
N.B. I usually cut the recipe in half without any serious  
drawbacks.

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#### Old Age

- submitted by John Hall  
Just a line to say I'm living,  
That I'm not among the dead.  
Though I'm getting more forgetful,  
And mixed-up in my head.  
I've gotten used to my arthritis,  
To my dentures, I'm resigned.  
I can manage my bifocals,  
But, Oh God, I miss my mind.

Sometimes I can't remember,  
At the bottom of the stair,  
Must I go up for something?  
Or have I just come down from there?  
And before the fridge, so often,  
My mind is filled with doubt.  
Have I just put the food away?  
Or have I come to take some out?  
If it's not my turn to write you,  
There's no need for getting sore.  
I think, I've more to write you,  
Yet, I don't want to be a bore.  
So remember that I love you  
And wish that you were near,  
But now it's nearly mail time,  
So, I say, "Goodbye, my dear."  
P.S.

I stood beside the mailbox,  
With my face so very red,  
Instead of mailing you this letter,  
I had opened it instead.  
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#### Environmental Concerns

-from a Market Place "Fact Sheet"

This Fact Sheet says that recent research by the  
British government has shown that many microwave  
ovens do not kill dangerous bacteria on food. The  
problem is that food being cooked can be left with cool  
spots even in ovens equipped with turntables which  
leaves bacteria like salmonella and listeria active. This  
is "particularly dangerous for pregnant women, the very  
young, elderly people and those with immune system  
weaknesses".

They go on to say that these bacteria are killed only  
when food has reached a temperature of 70 degrees  
celsius for two minutes. The federal department of  
Health and Welfare has estimated that about 70% of  
Canadian poultry is infected with salmonella.

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The Fact Sheet lists a number of things you can do  
to help protect yourself:

- 1- "Elevate containers off the bottom of the oven, with a  
rack or even just another microwaveable dish, so that  
the microwaves can get at the food from all directions."
- 2- "Cover your food during cooking, and including a  
little liquid in the dish to create a hot steamy  
atmosphere. This will increase the surface temperature  
of the food, where much of the bacteria are located."
- 3- "If possible, stir the food to ensure even cooking.  
Rotate the dish several times during cooking to lessen  
uneven heating. Even if your microwave has a

turntable, it's a good idea to move your dish around on the turntable."

4- "Most instructions on food packages presume a 650 watt microwave oven; if your oven is less than that, add to the cooking time."

5- "Allow your food to stand after cooking. This allows the conductive heat to fully pass through the food, and eliminate cold spots."

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#### Council Report Card

We've got some extra space this month, so we're going to let you grade Council's performance last year.

Did they just sit around and heat the Council Chamber with hot air? Or did they really keep the Township humming? You be the judge and jury. The following is a list of Council's more major accomplishments:

- purchased a new (for us) road grader,
- protected and widened that part of the 3rd Concession road by the sand beach,
- purchased a pick-up truck for the road crew,
- purchased a computer and desk for the Township Office,
- completed a Management & Pay Equity study and its implementation,
- repaired the floor of the Township Hall,
- purchased a pumper-truck for the Fire Department plus other equipment,
- renovated the land-fill site, and
- the Back Beach is open to the public.

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#### Letters To The Beacon

From A. Bruce Caughey

The annual evening sponsored by the Lennox and Addington Milk Committee, was held in the South Fredricksburg Community Hall on Saturday evening, February 3rd last, when a capacity crowd of Milk Producers along with their friends enjoyed an evening of fellowship and pleasure.

A delicious roast beef dinner, catered by the United Church Women of Morven, under the direction of Mrs. Thelma Nugent, was served at 7:15 p.m. and much enjoyed by the hungry gathering.

Following serving of the dinner, under the chairmanship of W. Bruce Caughey, presently Chairman of the Lennox and Addington Milk Committee, a draw for the various door prizes, which had been donated by various business establishments within the county, was made.

Mr. Caughey then called on several of his co-workers on the Milk Committee who very capably introduced the head table, thanked the caterers of the

evening, after which the Chairman called upon the Lennox and Addington Dairy Princess, Marlene Kelderman, who recounted her great delight at having been chosen "Dairy Princess" and told of her many activities since being chosen in the July last, she then introduced the Ontario Dairy Princess, Miss Lynda Thompson, who spoke of the breadth of her involvement in so many phases of activity on behalf of The Ontario Milk Marketing Board, since being chosen in October last. She expressed appreciation for her invitation to attend tonight's gathering in spite of the inclement weather she had experienced in travelling from her home near Brampton where she is part of a Family Farm Operation with a 45 cow milking herd.

Other guests present who were introduced and addressed the gathering were: Doug Ptolemy, Fieldman in this zone for O.M.M.B., Gordon Donnan, representative from Zone 4 on the Ontario Milk Marketing Board, Hon. William Vankoughnett, M.P.

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representing Hastings, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Chairwoman Janet Hamilton of the Hastings County Milk Committee and her husband Ronald, Grant Pyke of Wolfe Island, Chairman of the Frontenac County Milk Committee and his wife Margaret, each of whom expressed their great pleasure at being present.

In his opening remarks, Chairman Caughey told of the many activities in which the Milk Committee had been involved during the past year and expressed his warmest thanks to the members of the committee whose cooperation he had so much appreciated during his term of office. The following committee members were introduced along with their wives; Vice-Chairman, Hans Peter Brunner; 2nd Vice-Chairman, David Copeland; Secretary, Duncan Hough; Directors; Kevin Baldwin, Franklin Gray, Jack Vermilyea and Vernon Hart.

A unique feature of the evening was the recognition given by the Milk Producers of the County of Lennox and Addington to some thirty Milk Producers who have produced milk for the past fifty years and who are still involved in the milk production industry.

Seated at a reserved table, each veteran Milk Producer and his wife were introduced by Duncan Hough and given the opportunity to express themselves over the P.A. System concerning their long experience in the milk business, after which Chairman Caughey presented each veteran with a cap, on the front of which was "50 Year Milk Producer" and a similarly engraved, silver plated tooth pick holder to their wives.

A great variety of expressions were heard from the veteran producers ranging from "a recounting of their

first experiences at hand milking”, “Commendation of having got a farm wife, who was an excellent milker”, “one producer admitted he knew more about racing horses than he did about milking”, a variety of recountings of experiences in the “Depression 30's with milk cheques paying 50-55 cents per cwt.” One producer had tendered on a milk route at 6 1/2 cents per cwt. Each and everyone expressed no regrets at the long years, with small returns, that they had spent in the milk production business, and agreed that they had been “happy years”.

Dancing followed with music by “Red Rose Express”.

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#### Death Notice

Henry (Orey) Richards

Henry Orey Richards, 85, of 201 Canal St., Talmyra died on Wed., Jan 3rd at his home. Parker Rayfield and Murphy funeral home of Newark were in charge of arrangements. No calling hours were observed. A private memorial service was held on Sat. Jan 6th. Internment will be in the spring on Amherst Island, his place of birth. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Eva Alba Richards; 1 son, Randall, of Talmyra; 3 daughters, Patricia of St. Louis, Missouri, Catherine of San Matro, Calif., and Betty-Jo of Chicago and Sandara, Betty-Jo's adopted Brazilian daughter. Tributes to his memory may be made to the Talmyra Fire Department's Ambulance Squad.

N.B. Doris Wemp will provide funeral arrangements when they are concluded (probably in May).

Submitted by Doris (Mrs Leigh) Wemp

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#### Thank You Notes

We would like to take this opportunity to send a belated Thank You to all of our friends and neighbours who gave us the gift of money enclosed in the lovely hand made card. The picture and the inscriptions made the card more valuable than any one you could buy in a card gallery.

Thank You

David and Marjorie Brown.

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Our sincerest thanks to friends and relatives, for their kindness shown at the time of our grand-parents death.

Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Kerry & Liz Hogeboom, Rick Bedford, and Families

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Thank you to our friends, relatives, aerobic girls, the Anglican Church women, Amherst Island Women's Institute, our Minister Rev. Ken Blaber, Mrs Blaber for their expressions of sympathy and cards, donations of food and acts of kindness after the death of our loving stepmother, Leona Claessen.

Your thoughtfulness has been comforting and much appreciated.

Tena & Tony Tugwell

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#### Notices & Announcements

##### Roast Beef Dinner

The Anglican Church Women will be hosting a Buffet Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m. The prices are:

\$8.00 for adults

\$3.50 for children 12 and under

Free for pre-schoolers

Advanced tickets only. Contact either Elsie Willard at 389-4874 or Betty Wemp at 389-7907

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##### Liquor Licence Applications

- Recreation Committee

Effective immediately all applications for liquor licences at the Community Centre must be approved and processed through the Township Office.

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##### Township Of Amherst Island

Homeowners with low income who require repairs to their homes may be eligible for assistance through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's RRAP program. Up to \$5,000 as a forgivable loan may be available to bring your home up to standard.

To apply call your RRAP agent:

Highway #7 Community Development Corp.

P.O. Box 310

Sharbot Lake, Ontario

K0H 2P0

279-2113

or call your Municipal Clerk for further information.

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##### Public Meeting

Ontario Hydro Presentation

Tuesday, 8.00 p.m., Feb 13 {March 13 correct date} at the Community Center.

Reeve Ian Murray has invited Ontario Hydro to a make a public presentation of its highly publicized

Demand/Supply Plan. Hydro will be sending Amir Shalaby, Coordinator of the Demand/Supply Plan Review. Mr. Shalaby was actively involved in the development of the Demand/Supply Plan.

The Reeve has also invited Stan Segal, a physics professor at Queen's University, to make a presentation. Professor Segal is a well-known anti-nuclear activist.

Following the presentations, the public will have an opportunity to ask questions. Peter Trueman has agreed to act as moderator.

This should be an interesting evening as both men are very knowledgeable and capable of adequately representing their respective viewpoints.

Coffee, tea and juice will be available.

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#### C.P.R. Course

The tentative date for the St. John's Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation course is the weekend of April 7th. The Basic course is 8 to 12 hours, and costs \$39. I will contact all those who took the recent First Aid course. Anyone else who is interested please contact me (Chris) at 389-0554 evenings, or leave a message at 389-3444.

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#### Sunday School Meeting

- Karen Fleming

A Sunday School meeting will be held Wednesday, February 21st at 8 p.m. at Jean Tugwell's. The Sunday School needs all the support it can get so if you can help in any way, please come to the meeting.

If you're interested but can't make the meeting call Karen at 389-0210 or Janet at 389-4608 or Jean at 383-4636.

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#### Awards

The Anticipation Award is given this month to the Federal Government which accepted Sport and Fitness Minister's (John Charest) resignation one day before it was offered. He, being in New Zealand which is 18 hours ahead of us, offered it on Thursday, January 25th and it was immediately accepted in Ottawa where it was still Wednesday.

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The "Don't Get Mad - Get Even" Award goes this month to Dianne Marshall who wreaked a bit of gentle revenge upon those who chuckled at her ticket-selling abilities. As a result of being slandered by Sally 'Eating

Crow' Bowen during an ISLE meeting, Dianne went out and sold approximately 1/3rd of all the tickets to the Ham Dinner held last month. Not only did she sell them to her regular customers but she persuaded other people's regulars to buy from her, leaving those chucklers scrambling to sell their own tickets.

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The "Check Your Facts" Award goes to Bill Hodgins of the Napanee Beaver. He reported on the front page of this week's Beaver that the Amherst Island Grades 7's & 8's would be going full-time to Bath Public School for the next 2 years. Need I say more.

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#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Topsy Farms for being the first off the mark this year with their baling - although it didn't go as well as was expected. As a matter of fact, it will be remembered as the Great Valentine's Day Shear Pin Massacre.

Using the old maxim, 'Make hay while the sun shines', we at Topsy Farms thought that a sunny February 14th would be a good day to start haying. Yes, it is a little early in the season, but having too many large round bales and not enough small square bales, we proceeded to unroll 10 LRB's and square bale them. However, not having the proper tractor for the baler it cost us considerable frustration with clogged balers and seemingly as many broken shear pins as bales made. We being of the "strong back and weak mind" school of farmers persevered and ended up with a few hundred more bales in the mow at the end of the day.

All we can say is that there are only two good things about haying in February: you don't sweat much and you're pretty sure no thunder storms are going to sneak up on you.

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#### Beacon Notes

Spring is sprung! The heat is on! What you hear outside is not an audio illusion - its really the birds chirping and not their knees knocking drowning out their songs.

Well, well, well - would you believe it? The Whig-Standard gave us a 'Cheer' on their editorial page. We've hit the big times! Not only that but we've had Ms KIA's Field Naturalist's article on the "Uppy Woodpecker" reprinted in the "Christian Community Newsletter" from Adolphustown. Our influence continues to spread! Let's just keep this between ourselves but our long term strategy is to supplant the Globe and Mail as Canada's Daily Newspaper (we're still only going to publish monthly but that's a technicality). And, you know anything is possible in this day of leveraged buy-outs, like when Joe's Five and Dime can leverage \$17.43 cash into enough borrowed money to buy Prince Edward Island.

So much for blowing our own horn, what have we done for you this month? We've got our faithful reporters delivering the goods on the stories that you really need to know about. We've got more Island History, Awards, Congratulations and a report on the first Public Meeting in recent memory which doesn't concern an Island issue.

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Council Report for March 6th, 1990

- Chris Kennedy

Caroline Ackerman was away from the meeting, on holiday in Portugal. Tom discussed the wording of Resolution 2664, the one concerning the moving of the shore roads. He asked that the minutes be clarified to specify that only the roads to the shore be retained, and no mention be made of the fate of the roads along the shore. Jim Whitten requested that the township solicitor give his legal opinion on the possible conflict of interest on the part of Tom Sylvester and Ian Murray. The

solicitor will also give his opinion on the present ownership of the shoreline between the present road and the lake.

Jim Whitton is still working to get safety drills organized for students travelling on the ferry.

Council received a letter from many of the landowners affected by the shore road moving expressing strong disapproval of a walking/bicycle path along the line of the old road. The letter prompted council to have the Clerk draw up a rough cost for retaining the walking path. Her estimate for no walking path is \$125,000, plus construction costs, as opposed to \$349,000 plus construction costs for retaining the walkway. All the letters and reports were tabled until the next regular meeting to

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give council time to consider the matter.

When the dump is on fire the fire chief (George Gavlas) or the works superintendant (Stuart Miller) will close the dump and decide whether to call the waterbombers. Fire fighters honoraria were discussed, and set, for 1990.

Vaughan McMullen has been appointed cemetery caretaker. The cemetery budget was approved, with a Township subsidy of \$3,000. The old lawnmower can be repaired for another year. Many of the trees are becoming old and dangerous, and may have to be taken down soon, and young trees planted.

Council honoraria were set for 1990. The Reeve will receive \$2,100 (as head of council) plus \$1,500 and Councillors will receive \$1,500 per year to be paid in 12 equal installments. Previously the Reeve and Councillors received so much per meeting attended.

Council approved in principle an easement for W. Bruce Caughey, and a severance for Kaye and Dorothy McGinn, but questioned one on low lying land on the south shore, requesting that the Ministries of Natural Resources and of Environment look into it. Duncan Marshall also had a severance approved in principle. The County Land Division Committee has been turning down some severance requests recently. They are apparently acting on some old guidelines where a severance is refused if there has been a severance on the same parcel of land in the previous few years.

Charles Eves is retiring from the Road Crew, and the vacancy will be posted.

A dog-control bylaw has been prepared and passed and is available at the township office. The bylaw will require dog owners to buy licences, and to place tags on their dogs, and provides penalties for having dogs

running at large. It comes into effect on April 1st of this year. Licences will be available at the township office.

Council wisely passed over without comment two resolutions from other municipalities concerning the "English Only" debate, and then adjourned at 10:30 p.m.  
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### The Neighbourhood

- Annette & Staff

(Ed: Annette is away on vacation but before leaving she sent us some notes. We will do our best to imitate her inimitable writing style.)

Congratulations to Bill and Gail Haggett on the addition of a new little boy to their family. Lindsay was born on February 27th in Kingston and weighed 5 lb 5 oz.

Our condolences to Ralph Woods on the loss of his father and to Norm Allison whose brother died this past month.

Alex Scott received birthday bumps for the first time ever at his 50th birthday party last weekend.

Of historical interest this month - Harley Smyth (Stella Point) has moved some furniture back over to his home here. This included an oak oval dining table which was originally owned by his grandparents, Mr & Mrs Harold Sandwith, who were cheesemakers here on the Island. The table was passed on to Harley's mother who moved it from her Island home to the mainland. Harley has returned it to the Island 70 years later, almost to the day.

Finally but not leastly (it is lastly), congratulations to Topsy Farms on the births of lambs Z001 through Z380 (and counting).

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### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Anna H. Hitchins

The regular monthly meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Marian Glenn on Wed. Feb. 21 at 8 p.m.

The Roll Call - do a short history of an historical site on your road. The President conducted the business portion of the meeting. Plans were finalized for the meal that we cater on March 11th for the Canadian Legion. A Committee was formed to make arrangements for the ham Dinner and District Annual, both to held at the School in May.

Anna Hitchins and Genevieve Fleming were

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responsible for the program on the Tweedsmuir History which included readings and contests.

The March Meeting will be held at Irene Glenn's

home starting with a pot luck supper at 7 p.m.

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### Education Update

- Staff

With the acceptance of the Tribunal's Report by both the Amherst Island Education Committee and the L&A Board of Education, a meeting was held late last month to elect a Parent Committee. Only parents of A.I.P.S. students were allowed to vote for the candidates. The following people were elected to the committee: Susie Caughey, Tim Glenn, Laurene Kilpatrick, Dianne Marshall and Bill Philips. Their term will be until June of this year when another group will be elected and each year thereafter until the agreement runs out.

The Committee's duties are to coordinate the volunteers for the school who are assisting the teachers. The most pressing need was to get enough volunteers to replace the Non-Teaching Assistant who was transferred to another school and the position eliminated here. Sixteen people have offered to help but the Committee decided to initially use only three to replace the NTA - Karen Fleming, Laurene Kilpatrick and Janet Scott. The people who were already helping at the school will continue to do so.

The Committee's next task is to start making plans, in conjunction with Dick Cherry and Beth Forester, for next year when the Grades 7's and 8's will be at the school full time.

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### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Linda Wemp, one of our more determined aerobic participants has submitted the following recipe for Triple Chocolate Cake. Could it be that Linda is looking for new recruits?

### Triple Chocolate Cake (Toronto Star)

This cake from the Duncan Hines people is so deliciously dense, you must use a Bundt or tube pan (round pans with a hole in the middle) or it will sink in the centre.

1 cup silvered almonds  
500 g package devil's food chocolate cake mix  
113 g package instant chocolate pudding mix  
1 cup sour cream  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
4 eggs  
2 tbsp almond or other nut liqueur  
1/2 tsp almond extract  
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

Glaze:



4 oz (125 g) semisweet chocolate  
3 tbsp butter  
2 tbsp almond or other nut liqueur  
1 tsp vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 350F. Lightly grease and flour 12-cup (3-litre) Bundt pan.

In heavy skillet, toast almonds over medium heat, stirring frequently, for 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown and fragrant. Transfer to bowl; let cool.

In large bowl, using electric mixer, beat cake mix, pudding mix, sour cream, oil, eggs, liqueur and almond extract until combined, about 2 minutes. Stir in 1/2 cup toasted almonds and chocolate chips. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake 60 to 65 minutes or until cake tester inserted in centre comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack for 10 minutes. Invert cake on to paper towel-lined wire rack. Cool completely.

Glaze: Melt chocolate and butter in top of double boiler over hot, not boiling, water. Stir in liqueur and oil. Spoon glaze over cooled cake.

Garnish with remaining toasted almonds.

Makes 10 to 12 servings.

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My mother recently arrived from Toronto with a purse full of interesting recipes. We haven't had time to try all of them (yet) but we made sure that the Popovers were tested and enjoyed. I like the fact that they can be made ahead and reheated. They can also be made instead of Yorkshire Pudding.

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#### Popovers

2 eggs  
1 cup milk  
1 cup flour  
1/2 tsp salt

Beat eggs and milk together. Add flour and salt, beat with whisk until blended but still lumpy.

Fill greased muffin pans 3/4 full and place in cold oven.

Set oven to 450F; bake for 25 minutes; prick with skewer and bake again for 5 minutes till golden brown.

Can be made 8 hours ahead of time, keep covered with tea towel.

Place in 325F oven and warm.

Makes 7 regular sized popovers.

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#### 4-H News

- Tracy Hitchins

4-H has started again. Our slogan for this year is

"Put your best foot forward". The members enrolled in this club are:

Amy Caughey  
Tracy Hitchins  
Amanda Bateman  
Heidi Hitchins  
Kristy Grange

The leader is Anne-Marie Hitchins. The officers are:

Pres.- Kristy Grange  
Vice Pres.- Heidi Hitchins  
Sec.- Amanda Bateman  
Tres.- Amy Caughey  
Press Reporter- Tracy Hitchins

Our first meeting was great! We are all looking forward to the next 5 meetings. Kids between the ages 11-21 still can join. Our meetings are on every Tuesday night. You are welcome to join us!!

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#### Environmental Concerns

- Staff

(Ed: The Township received a letter from Richard Kerr of Bell Canada which outlines their steps towards a greater environmental consciousness. The following is a summary of that letter.)

Bell Canada is spending a considerable amount of effort on their telephone directories. Bell Canada is testing a new vegetable oil-based ink for their Waterloo/Guelph telephone directory which will be replacing the petroleum-based ink. In addition, the directory will be bound with biodegradable glue, the cover will be made of recycled paper stock, and the white pages will be printed on a lighter weight 20-pound paper. After they work the bugs out of this directory, they intend to expand these changes into all of their directories.

Bell Canada, Tele-Direct, the City of Guelph and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment are also going to try to collect the old directories. They are going to recycle them as packing material for the moving industry. They expect to expand this program to other areas. Also Bell and Tele-Direct are going to spend "\$300,000 in research funding over the coming months to assist in determining new markets for recycled directories".

Bell then goes on to congratulate itself on its leadership and commitment to the environment. Be that as it may, they do deserve some congratulations in starting down the long road to environmental responsibility.

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(from Queen's Park Report - Ken Keyes)  
Startling Facts about Recycling

- The average Ontario household generates approximately one tonne of solid waste each year.
- The total household waste generated each year in Ontario would form a line of garbage trucks from Toronto to St. John's, NFLD., and almost all the

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way back.

- Every tonne of steel cans recycled saves more than a tonne-and-a-half of iron ore, plus energy equivalent to almost three barrels of oil.
- It takes 70% less energy to produce aluminum from recycled products than from raw materials.
- Recyclers prevent 4,760 tonnes of acid-rain-causing sulphur dioxide and nitrogen-oxides from being released into the atmosphere.

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## Public Meeting

### Ontario Hydro's Demand/Supply Plan

#### - Staff

Last Tuesday's Public Meeting, sponsored by The Beacon, was well attended by over 30 people on a very foggy night. Ontario Hydro sent Mr Amir Shalaby, who was the Coordinator of the Demand/Supply Plan to speak to the meeting. Mr Stan Segel, a Professor at Queens and an anti-nuclear activist, along with Mr Charles Gobeille were invited to offer another view point. Peter Trueman acted as the moderator for the evening.

Mr Shalaby led the evening off with an explanation of the Demand/Supply Plan which is Hydro's plan of action to meet what they feel is Ontario's electrical needs for the next 20 to 25 years. They feel that electrical demand will start to exceed their capacity to generate electricity starting in the early 1990's. They are proposing a four part plan:

- 1- They want to maximize the existing capacity which means things like reducing the peak demand. This could be done by convincing large industrial users to operate at non-peak demand times.
- 2- They want to promote conservation which means things promoting the use of energy efficient lights, appliances and equipment.
- 3- They want to encourage independent generation which is, for example, an industrial plant burning its waste to generate electricity, or getting private industry to develop small water generating stations.
- 4- Finally they want to build a mix of generating stations - some coal which could be converted to gas, some oil, some nuclear and some water powered. They also want to buy electricity from neighbouring provinces.

Mr Shalaby explained that Hydro is already moving in these directions with plans for 16 hydro (water) stations and the signing a long term contract with Manitoba for 1000 MW of electricity starting in 1998.

Stan Segel and Charles Gobeille then presented their criticisms of this plan.

They argued that Ontario Hydro's plans to build 2 or 3 new nuclear plants would be unnecessary if Hydro vigorously promoted conservation. With many facts and figures (which I will not quote because I would probably get them wrong), they pointed out how appalling wasteful we Canadians are when using energy. Countries with comparable climates and lifestyles use much less electricity.

They quoted a study which concludes that we in Ontario could save, through conservation, two and a half times as much electricity as Hydro thinks we can. They also said that 30% of the total electricity consumed in Ontario was for lighting. If even half of the lights were converted to use energy efficient bulbs, we would save enough power to not need one of the two or three new nuclear power stations Hydro is proposing.

Another study was quoted as concluding that there is the technical know-how to harness nearly 10 times more water generated electricity than Hydro estimates.

Taken as a whole, their thrust was that we could do without any more nuclear power plants by vigorously promoting conservation and developing the vast amount of water generated electrical capacity.

Finally, it was suggested that Hydro's bias towards nuclear reactors comes from

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the fact that almost one third (10,000 workers out of 32,000) work in the nuclear division. They design, build and run the plants. With such a large proportion being involved with one type of electrical generation, it is fairly easy to extrapolate their influence to upper management and, therefore to the Demand/Supply Plan.

After each side had a chance to rebut the other's points, the meeting was thrown open to questions from the floor. The audience was not shy in voicing their concerns which Mr Shalaby attempted to answer.

The only regret of the evening was that the time ran out and the speakers had to leave for the ferry. It would have been interesting to have them stay for another hour or two because the debate was civilized, the audience was really getting into it, and because Mr Shalaby was by no means a Hydro mouth-piece - he defended what was defensible and noted those areas which were not defensible.

Thank you to the speakers, our moderator and to the audience for a very interesting and informative evening.

Its too bad we couldn't have had some coffee and tea for you as promised. It was ready about 5 minutes after everyone left.

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#### Amherst Island History

(submitted by Ken Albertan)

(Staff: This submission was a photocopy of the original typed entry. For what purpose it was written is unknown as is the author's name. The author was not a typist so we have corrected some of the typo's to make it more readable.)

#### Stella

A half-pint sized village out from Bath Ont. some 20 minutes on a ferry or boat which draws about 4 ft water, carries some 4 autos and has a passenger room about 10 ft square with the Captains room up on the Poop Deck. In rough weather this old craft sure will ride the waves and gives one the thrill of riding the High Seas, just as good if not better, then the Queen Mary.

At 8.30 a lady taxi driver calls at the Bath office and drives us to the Ferry, some 2 miles down the Rd towards Kingston. After waiting for the few cars loaded with turkeys which are raised in abundance on the Island, and a couple of canner cows to be driven off, we go on. Soon the boat pulls away from the warf. The passenger list consists of a couple of farmers, a traveller, Doctor and last but not least, 2 bankers.

A small Blind-tom stove makes the cabin quite comfortable. Soon the boat begins to rock and roll. Doc who is sitting leaned back against the side of the ship, rather close to the stove, grasps one of the four steel up-right posts and firmly hangs on. Soon we ride into calmer water, and none of us has tried to spread oil or even breakfast on the troubled waters, so arrive at the village of Stella, a few houses, a couple of small stores, a garage, Church and The Royal Bank of Canada which is easily located by the fine large sign on one of the local residences.

The office consists of 2 small 10 x 10 rooms; one has a small stove, a tellers cage and a short 4 ft desk behind which you get by squeezing in along side the window. The one and only chair sits in the lobby, more as an ornament than a useful piece of furniture. To speak with a customer privately you take him or them into the small adjoining room, close the door and all is peaceful and quiet, with only the broom, coal scuttle and a box of coal with a view of a barn out the back window to detract your attention.

The Teller hangs his coat on the only nail which is located in his cage on which hangs a sign "The biggest room in the world is the room for improvement". The Manager hangs his over the wall phone and sets his hat

atop his coat which have both to be removed when you hear "one Long and one Short".

Soon cars, buggies and wagons drive up, and people afoot come heading for the one and only Royal Bank of Canada. Soon we are

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next thing to being real busy. One feels as tho there is a different atmosphere among the inhabitants and customers here all have a cheery smile, and happy joke friendliness in itself.

At 3 o'clock we close the door and balance off and then home by the Good Ship " " [Ed: We think he is referring to the previous "Amherst Islander" which was renamed "The Tonti" when taken out of service here.] where we complete the days work in the Main Branch.

On one wall hangs a large map of southern Ont. along the top of which is a large sign "Smoke Chesterfield And Smile" about 4 feet away is another sign, in a dark coloured frame, big black letters, "James Reid, the Leading Undertaker". So we concluded that in fine weather you need smoke Chesterfield and Smile and in rough weather when the old craft feels as tho she might do the Loop the Loop, you read about Mr Reid and wonder if when the ship really does turn over, whether you'll go right to the bottom and feed the many fish in these waters, or will your cold clammy wet body be washed up on shore and given a modern burial by Mr. Reid.

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#### Thank You Notes

I would like to thank my friends, relatives and neighbours for fruit, candy, flowers, cards, visits, phone calls and meals brought to the house while I was in hospital. Thank you to the P.C.W. and A.C.W. for visits and goodies. Burleigh L.O.L. Lodge for flowers, Mutual Fire Insurance Co. for basket of fruit.

A Special thank you to Rev Blaber for calls and prayers, to Elden and Elsie Willard and to all who helped at home and have offered to help.

Thank you one and all.

Stratton Reid

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Thank you to the Women's Institute, Anglican Church Women, Presbyterian Church Women, friends and neighbours for the flowers, fruit, cards and good wishes during my recent illness. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

Lois Bews

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## Notices & Announcements

### Spring Dance

Saturday, May 19th at A.I.P.S.

Live Band

Hot Meal And Salad Bar

\$20 Per Couple

Drinks \$1.50

Door Prizes

(Quieter Space Available For Cards and Visiting)

A Project Of The Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Tickets available at Glenn's Store and from the following Recreation Committee members:

Betty Wemp; Andy Richardson; Susan McGinn.

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### Township Of Amherst Island Dog Licenses

Pursuant to By-law #13-90, every owner of a dog shall, on or before the 31st day of March in each and every year or upon becoming the owner of a dog after the 15th day of March, register such dog with the Township Clerk and procure a license and dog tag for each dog owned by him/her.

Dog licenses are currently available at the Municipal Office.

### Fees

Prior to March 31, 1990

- for each neutered dog (veterinary certificate or other proof of neutering must be presented).. \$10.00

- for each non-neutered dog.. \$25.00

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After March 31, 1990, an additional fee of \$5.00 will be charged for each dog.

Kennel license fee.. \$40.00

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### Township Of Amherst Island

The Township of Amherst Island is receiving applications for the following vacancy:

Position- Roads Worker 1

Wages- \$8.99 Per Hour

Qualifications- Valid Class "D" drivers license

A detailed job description is available at the Township Office.

Written applications will be received at the Township Office until 4:00 p.m., Monday, April 2, 1990.

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## Whig-Standard Payment Notice

Due to various factors at the Whig-Standard, it now becomes necessary to ask all my daily customers to become office-paid subscribers at their earliest convenience. This actually has some advantages for you, as it allows you to pre-pay and not have to worry about missing me. Payment can be made quarterly, twice a year, or annually, this can be arranged either by calling me at 384-4071, or the Whig circulation office at 544-5000. For part-time customers, this doesn't apply, although we may soon be in the position where it is all week or not at all. Thanks.

Jesse Yull

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## Awards

### Athlete Of The Year

Stella man completes 250 mile walk (give or take a few miles).

In spite of the unreliable weather we have had in the past months, Pete Witteveen has not missed taking his early morning walk every day this winter. Although the distance varies from 2 miles to who knows how many, we can assume that he has easily walked 250 miles since the middle of November. At 85 years of age, he is an inspiration to all of us.

Congratulations, Pete!

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Cook Of The Month goes to our very own resident chef who has invented a new dish, "Dry Crab Quisch". She's shy and we haven't been able to coax her into printing the recipe in her column. However, we're sure that she'd be delighted to provide it if asked.

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to the Amherst Island P.S. boys basketball team which won a C-Division basketball tournament held this month at Newburgh P.S. According to the Napanee Beaver they played, and won, all four of their games.

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Congratulations are extended this month Mike Wilson who introduced a new buzz-phrase, "weasel words". From the context in which he used the phrase, we suspect he was trying to say that his debating opponent was criticizing his (Mike's) proposals when the opponent fully intended to implement something the same but with a different name if he was in power. (Well that's about as clear as mud but it's the best we

can do in a couple lines.)

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For Sale / Wanted

Wanted

One Baby Crib that meets Government Regulations

Contact Jeanne Baker at 389-0676

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Still for Sale

4 Boxes (unopened) ESSO ceiling tiles, 12"x12". Each box covers 32 sq ft. They are a pattern called "Coventry", which is still available at Muttart's by box or individual tile at \$0.59 per. Stored dry & fiat. Call Caroline Yull at 384-4071.

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Complete Custom Housing

New Homes Additions Restorations by G.M. Bateman Forming Inc.

Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387

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House Sitting

House - Plants - Animals & Other

Reliable caring person will look after your needs during your short or long term absence. Will live in or do daily checks to suit your needs. References available. Please call Nicole anytime at 545-7859.

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For Sale

Picnic tables - super design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller

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General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction, Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433

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Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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Babysitting

Tracy Hitchins will babysit, early evenings and weekends. Call 389-5385

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Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

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Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned and painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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Glenn's Store

We have a selection of more than 70 VCR titles.

Movies \$2.50

New Releases \$3.00

Nintendo Games \$2.50

Kids Movies \$2.00

VCR Rentals \$6.00 Weekdays and \$10.00 Saturdays

We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We also carry blank tapes.

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Also available at Glenn's Store:

Amherst Island Shirts & Caps

Whig Standard Cookbook

Island Telephone Directory

Emergency Call Cards

Hunting/Fishing Licences

Book Exchange

Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery

Avon Ordering

Girl Guide Cookies

and more!

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Beacon Notes

To all Amherst Island Beacon collectors be it hereby noted that Issue 142 of the Amherst Island Beacon does not exist. When we changed our masthead last December, somehow we (No, not 'we' but 'someone'!) managed to skip an issue. We could lay the blame at someone's feet - we could point fingers - we could name names but we won't. Counting is hard for engineers from Queen's.

This hasn't been a good month on the Island because, as many of you already know, Dave Willard was badly injured in a farm accident. That kind of took the wind out of our sails. We do wish him well and stand ready to help whenever possible. More on this later in this issue.

As we go to press with this issue, we have just heard the Ed McCormick has died. We know very little at this point but he apparently collapsed at home and a heart attack is suspected. Our sympathies to Helen and his family.

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Council Report for April 3, 1990

- Chris Kennedy

All members of council were present. Tom Sylvester and Ian Murray declared conflict of interest on the subject of the shore roads, after reading the comments of the township lawyer on the subject. Throughout the evening they left council when the matter came up.

Some of the school students have been shown how to use life jackets on the ferry, and training will continue. As far as Peter Milliken (our M.P.) can find out there are no immediate plans to close Stella Post Office, but Canada Post is being very close-mouthed about its execution list. Gary Filson has been appointed to the vacant job on the road crew.

The Shore Roads were then discussed. Council has received many letters on the subject, mainly from

affected landowners, opposing the township retaining ownership of the old road if the new one is built. Several landowners put their views in person at the meeting. After considerable discussion council decided to have the line of the new road surveyed, if the province will pay the cost, but to table the plans for an appraisal of the land to be acquired. The old road will be kept up as required.

The township has two lawyers offering opinions on the ownership of the land between the present road and the low, or high, watermark and they appear, if I understand their letters alright to disagree. Council will try to find the correct answer.

The Recreation Committee has given money to the 4H club and the Guides and Brownies. Swimming lessons are planned for the summer. Negotiations with the ferry crew

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union are coming up again. The Reeve, Tom Sylvester and Jim Whitton will bargain for council, with the help of a lawyer (Kees Kort).

Council has received two proposals for an official plan, and are expecting more. The Zoning bylaw is being revised, raising the minimum severance to 0.5 hectares (1.25 acres) and raising the minimum road frontage to 60 metres (about 200 feet). Also included in the revision is a stipulation that houses must be above flood level.

Donna and Jim Malekas had a severance approved, as did C.J.S. Apps and Duncan Marshall. Four building permits were issued in March: to Wayne Fleming for a new house, to John Harrison for a new chimney, to Leonard Wolfreys for an addition and renovations to a cottage, and to Topsy Farms for renovations to a house (that is this month's excuse for the Beacon being late).

The County levy request for 1990 has been received. There is an increase of 47% over last year. The main reason, according to the Reeve, is that the county has cut corners for so long that the necessary repairs and improvements have now become urgent.

The Township is paying for the Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Course. Council is helping with setting up a Trust Fund for Dave Willard. The Township lawyer will be asked to advise on how to do this. Further details will be given elsewhere in the Beacon.

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

As the Beacon goes to press, we anxiously await the

arrival of the newest Glenn baby. While it isn't actually due for another week or two, Maureen has spent the last few days in fairly regular, but false, labour. Having waited long enough for news, I called my brother earlier this week. Not one to get ruffled at all, John summed up the situation quite eloquently when he said, "We might go to the hospital later tonight ... Or, we might not." (Keeping in mind that Maureen's sister, who lived only a mile from the hospital, gave birth in a compact standard car last year, I suggested John might not want to wait too long.)

And in local baby news, congratulations to Ken, Ann and David Albertan on their new baby girl. Anna Elizabeth Fern was born March 24 at 8 a.m. weighing 7 lbs 14 ozs.

Best wishes to all those who have been in hospital this month: Genevieve Fleming, George Mygind and of course Dave Willard.

For those Beacon readers who are not aware, Dave, a local farmer, was left partially paralyzed as the result of a haying accident earlier this month. His wife, Fern, says that his spinal cord was badly damaged and there is little hope Dave will be able to walk again.

The Township, for its part, has established a Trust Fund for Dave, Fern and their two small children. Donations are being accepted at the Township Office or at Glenns Store. (For those who live far away, the mailing address is: General Delivery, Stella, Ontario K0H 2S0) Cheques and/or money orders can be made out to: Dave and/or Fern Willard.

Welcome home to some of our winter holidayers: Ralph and Bea Wemp; Ray and Ethel Duncan; Ray and Zelma Koenders.

A belated welcome to the Island to Kirsty Hamilton and Darren Wagar. Kirsty has two boys; Mike, the oldest will be starting JK next fall. Kirsty and Darren live at Marius'.

Our sincere sympathy to Stuart Miller and his sisters, Anna and Gwen, on the loss of their father. Uncle Kenneth's Island relatives are far too many to name in short space but he will be sadly missed by us all.

Finally, the sudden passing of Ed McCormick has saddened us all. Our sympathies go to his wife, Helen; his four surviving sons, Paul, Peter, Mike, and Noel; and his two daughters, Ann and Penny. Ed was predeceased by his son Jack.

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Post Office

- Annette

In its unending quest to make life miserable for

Rural Postmasters, Canada Post has conscientiously provided us with a new set of rules regarding Rural Mail Delivery. These changes will not affect everyone; the target market are those customers who live on Rural Routes but pick up mail at the office. By the end of 1990, the following system will come into place.

1. Amherst Island will be divided into two mailing addresses; RR#1 and General Delivery, Stella. Anyone not currently using these addresses will be asked to change them. (To our credit, we will supply free change of address cards;). RR#1 is defined as anything past Piet Witteveen (east of the village); George Gavlas (west of the village and Lindsay McIntyre (south of the village), with a few exceptions.

2. All RR#1 customers will be asked to put up a mailbox. Customers who prefer to pick up their mail at the office will be subject to an annual charge of \$26.20. (This is the current rate - you can almost bank on a substantial increase.) This does not apply to General Delivery customers.

3. Mailboxes must be operational by the end of December, 1990. Those who will remain General Delivery must 'sign up' at the office before the end of the year.

The rationale for this system appears to be the removal of as many customers as possible from the office. The fewer people served directly out of the office, the less reason there is to keep the office open.

Any customer who has a complaint about delivery services can direct comments to:

Rural Services, Rideau Division

Canada Post Corporation

2733 Lancaster Rd

Ottawa, Ontario

K1A 0C1

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

-Anna M. Hitchins

The regular monthly meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Irene Glenn on Wed. March 21st beginning with a pot luck supper.

The President, Diane Gavlas, opened the meeting with the Ode & Collect & welcomed the visitors to the meeting. The Roll Call was to name a well-known boat connected with this area.

Rev. Blaber & Mr Wooding, delegates from the Lions Club in Bath attended the meeting and gave free tickets to any senior wishing to attend their Seniors Supper to be held on May 2nd in South Fredericksburgh Hall. Anyone in the community wishing to get tickets should contact Emily Tugwell.

Phyllis Strain, Comm. Conv. reported the planned menus for the Ham Dinner On Sat. May 12th and the

District Annual for May 16th. Tickets are now available for the Ham Dinner.

Canvassers were provided with their kits for the Cancer Canvass, to be done during the month of April.

Lorna Barbro, Convenor of Canadian Industries, introduced the guest speaker Gerry Daverne. He is a licensed pest control technician, who has developed the pest proof Eco Factory Composter. He gave an interesting address & distributed literature concerning the composting system.

A paper on "Boats of This Area", written years ago by Amy McDonald was read and enjoyed.

The next meeting will be held on Wed. April 18th at 8 p.m. at the home of Jean Baker. This is the annual meeting, which means the annual reports, election of officers and payment of fees. Ladies, please make a real effort to attend this meeting! Anyone wishing to join the W.I. is always welcome.

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The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539  
- Jean Tugwell

The Royal Canadian Legion Zone G1 Convention was held March 11th, 1990 in the Amherst Island Community Centre. The President of Branch 539, Tom Miller, welcomed all twelve Branches. There was a total attendance of 72 members, 52 accredited delegates, 2 guests, the District Commander Ed Hutchinson and Mrs Hutchinson and 10 observers.

Following the reports of the Branches and the business arising from same, a delicious dinner was served by The Women's Institute.

The guest speaker was the District Commander who was presented with a collectors plate. Mrs Hutchinson was also presented with a bouquet of flowers.

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Fire Department  
- George Gavlas

Spring is here and the Fire Dept. is calling for new members again. We have made some significant changes since this time last year. April 27 marks 1 year since we bought our truck. It is now in service, runs reliably and we now have several people in the department who feel confident running it.

Both tankers have been renovated to allow them to truck water more effectively, our first test ran 50 gallons per minute into the centre of the island. This allows us to use a "porta tank" to supply water to the pumper in volume whether or not there is a supply near at hand. Sadly our old truck has had to sit outside; we need a hall; what we have in it doesn't fit. Just the same

it started and ran well on all but the coldest days.

In spite of my request for a fire a few months ago we have had none. This is real improvement over a few years ago when every winter gave us 2 or 3 chimney fires. Our other big caller has been grass fires. We have backpack sprayers which we have agreed to lend out provided they are returned the same day. If you plan a grass fire and don't have a garden sprayer (which works just as well) feel free to ask for one of ours before you light it.

This was written on April 10th so I can't tell you what came out of the April 12th meeting with Kingston Township but I will explain its purpose. In the very near future we will be getting belt pagers. These units will permit immediate alerting of all department members in the event of an emergency. Kingston Township has a 24 hr. per day, 7 day a week dispatcher. They are currently providing dispatch service for several other communities and it is our goal to also use their service. This will not only be for fire but also for a variety of other emergencies - accident, injuries, etc. - anything that would require help before the ambulance arrives. We have sadly already been involved in two of these and are both training and equipping ourselves to handle a wide variety of such things. So now would be a good time to start thinking of us in other terms besides just fire, and be expecting a new call out procedure by the end of the summer.

In order for this to work effectively we do need people. We now have 12 members who do train regularly but only half of them are on the Island most days, so we do need both new members and a better participation by several old members who we never see.

We will in the future post the meetings in the Beacon and continue with our phone reminders but for now here's when the meetings will be from now to next fall.

Saturday April 28th at 10:00 a.m.

Monday May 14th at 7:00 p.m.

And Every Second Monday After That.

If you wish to join, come on out to the meetings, you will be welcome.

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On Dump Fires

I saw in the paper where a township was fined \$10,000 for allowing a dump fire to burn. We were unable to extinguish the dump the last time we tried. If we have to buy materials to make extinguishment possible,

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it will be expensive. Based on the last fire we fought, a dump fire would cost about \$1,000 cash money to fight.



That represents about 2 mils on your tax role every time the dump is lit. And it is lit!

Someone is lighting those fires, and someone else knows who it is. In the future the dump will be closed until the fire is out, and once it starts smouldering it will be put out regardless of how long it takes. Think about it. That is going to run into money.

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#### Pitch-In Week

- Diane Gavlas

Pitch-In Week is again to be held in conjunction with the school children and any and all community volunteers. We plan on a sunny day MAY 10. All parties will meet at the school parking lot with gloves, enthusiasm, garbage bags and maybe boxes for returnable bottles at 1:00 p.m. The plan is to finish what sections of road we didn't last year and hope the first part of the routes have retained some of the beauty we hoped. The Amherst Island Women's Institute will be providing the children with cold drinks after the clean-up. Any interested parties please call Diane Gavlas if you are volunteering for this annual gala event.

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#### Public School Playground

- Sally Bowen

The playground will soon be a reality!

After more than two years of dreaming, and discussion and hard work by all, we shall soon be able to play on it.

Before the weekend of May 5th and 6th, weather willing, the ground will be prepared. The supervisor from Henderson, working with 6 to 8 Island volunteers each day, expects to have the entire structure erected, concrete poured and dried and be ready for action Monday morning.

If the weather is crazy that weekend, our alternate date is March 12th and 13th.

All Islanders, contributors, visitors and friends are invited to a party, celebrating the official opening of the playground, on Saturday, May 19, at 6 p.m. (before the dinner and dance).

Please come and swing and slide and celebrate with us.

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#### 4-H News

- Nikki Banks

The 4-H club has been meeting regularly at the school on Tuesdays during school hours. The 4-H project's name is "Your best foot forward". The name the 7 and 8 students picked "The socializers". "Your

best foot forward" is on manners, proper etiquette writing thank-you notes and so on.

The names and positions are:

President - Sarah Scott

Vice President - Ruth Scott

Secretary - Lori Caughey

Reporter - Nikki Banks

Recreation - Jason Silvers, Ricky Bedford

Treasurer - Chris Meleska

Telephone - Jamie Silver

Volunteer leader - Susan Caughey

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#### Environmental Concerns

- STAFF

An idea whose time has come - the Beacon will expand its For Sale / Wanted section to encompass the growing desire to recycle. In the future we will take ads for anything that you throw out which you think might be of use to someone else. It could be 45 gallon drums, 4 litre plastic bottles, or whatever.

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#### Letters To The Beacon

For All Of Us Born Before 1945

- Anonymous

- submitted by Keith Miller

We are survivors - witnesses to

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tremendous, unbelievable change.

We were born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen food, contact lenses - even frisbees. We'd never heard of the pill. Main roads were dirt roads and night times were quiet.

We were born before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens. We were even born before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners and drip-dry permanent press clothing. Man only walked on the moon in comic books. Farms were without electricity and no one ever heard of a Real Estate agent. Everyone's water was fit to drink. Fast food was yesterday's meat between two slices of home-baked bread, without butter. A "meaningful relationship" meant getting on well with the relatives on both sides of the family.

Born before 1945, we never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, heart by-pass operations, word processors or yogurt. Time sharing meant togetherness - not condos. A "chip" meant a pieces of wood and hardware really meant hardware. Software wasn't even a word.

Grass was mowed and coke was a drink. Pot was

something you cooked in. "Making out" referred to your school work and who ever heard of pizzas, McDonalds or instant coffee?

We hit the scene when there were 5 and 10 cent stores where you bought things for 5 and 10 cents. For a nickel you could buy a soda, cigar, attend a circus, make a phone call, and buy enough stamps to mail a letter or five one-cent postcards. You could buy a new Chevy or Ford coupe for \$600. Gas was 11 cents a gallon.

Us folks born before 1945 were the very last generation that was dumb enough to think you needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder we sometimes are so confused and there's such a large generation gap.

But we survived! And here we are! What better reason to celebrate? What better reason to enjoy?  
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from Maurice Filson

We have been receiving the Beacon for several years now and look forward to each month's edition. It helps to keep us in touch with the Island.

We are planning a Filson Reunion this summer wondered if you could run the enclosed notice for us in your next Beacon.  
Yours truly

It is eighty years since the Filsons first came to Woodrow, Saskatchewan to homestead. We are celebrating this event with a "Filson Reunion" in Woodrow, Saskatchewan on July 6, 7, 8, 1990. We are extending an invitation to all our Eastern relatives to come to Saskatchewan and celebrate with us. If you have any family pictures, history or historical anecdotes we would appreciate hearing from you.

Maurice Filson

Box 25

Woodrow, Saskatchewan S0H 4M0

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Obituary

- from the Whig Standard

Miller, Kenneth Stuart (Formerly of Stella, Amherst Island) - Peacefully at Lenadco Home for the Aged, Napanee, on Saturday, March 24, 1990, in his 93rd year, Kenneth Miller, son of the late Samuel and Hanna Miller, husband of the late Annie McGinness, dear father of Anna (Mrs. Joseph Wlasuk), of Kingston; Gwen (Mrs. Paul Lauret), of Grand Cayman, British West Indies; and Stuart, of Stella, loving grandfather of Paul Lauret, of Winnipeg; John Hennessey, of Mount Pearl, Newfoundland; Michael Hennessey, of Ottawa, dear brother of Vera (Mrs. Maurice Hogeboom), of Stella; and Dorothy (Mrs. Timothy Murphy), of

Kingston, predeceased by brothers John, Douglas, Donald and Wilfred, and sister Arleen (Mrs. Robert Earls). Resting at the James Reid Funeral Home, Cataraqui Chapel, (Counter Street at Highway #2). Funeral Service [was at] St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Amherst Island, on Wednesday, March 28, at 1 p.m. Interment Glenwood Cemetery. Friends [were] received on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. As expression of sympathy, donations made to the Canadian Cancer Society in Mr. Miller's

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memory would be thoughtfully remembered by the family. Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 539, Amherst Island, service [was] at the Funeral Home Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

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Thank You Notes

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends, neighbours, and relatives for their many acts of kindness, floral tributes, cards and donations to various memorials in Dad's memory. Special thanks to Ron and Lillian Miller for opening their home to us after the service and for all the ladies who helped with refreshments.

The caring support of our community will always be remembered.

Stuart, Anna, Gwen and families

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My sincere thanks to our family, friends relatives and neighbours for cards, flowers, phone calls, candy and gifts; to Rev. Lindsay McIntyre, Rev. Ken Blaber, and Rev. Darrell Bell for their visits and prayers; to my Loyal Friend for the lovely pink carnations; and since my return home, the PCW and ACW Visiting Committees with their goodies; and for flowers and more treats from friends.

Thanks again to all of you for the love and kindness you have shown to me.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Fleming

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Dave & Fern Willard are very thankful for the overwhelming response to our situation.

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Notices & Announcements

Renovations To Dave Willard's House

Plans are being made to renovate the Willard house to meet Dave's needs on his return from hospital June/July. Help is needed.

Please call Bill Stoker at 389-4680 if you are prepared to contribute skills and/or labour to this project.

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Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Spring Dance

A.I. Public School

May 19th

\$20.00 Per Couple

\$1.50 Drinks

Live Music

Hot Buffet Dinner

Salad Bar

Door Prizes

Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 7 p.m.

A Quieter Space Will Be Available For Cards And Visiting.

Tickets On Sale Now!

Glenn's Store, Susan McGinn, Betty Wemp, Andy Richardson

Don't Miss It!

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Bike Rally

The South Frontenac District Cubs will be cycling around the Foot on Saturday, May 12th. Motorists please be aware that there will be approximately 75 young cyclists on the road that morning.

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Ham Dinner

sponsored by The Women's Institute

Where- Amherst Island Public School

When- Saturday May 12th from 5 - 7 p.m.

Prices- Adults... \$5.50

Children \$3.00... (12 & under)

Preschoolers... Free

Tickets- Glenn's Store, Anna Hitchins, Marion Glenn & Diane Gavlas

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Ontario Hydro

Combustion Turbine Units Environmental Assessment Study

(from a letter to the Township)

Ontario Hydro is looking for "two sites for installation of gas-fired electricity generators called Combustion Turbine Units". Lennox and Addington Generating Station is one of the six possible sites.

"To this end, we have reserved the South Fredericksburgh Community Centre for a

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public information centre to be held on Tuesday, April 17, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm and from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm". Ontario Hydro is looking for "public input from the communities which surround each site, and any others who have a stake in the decision".

During the Public Meeting last month, it was explained that these turbines will be used to supply peak load. This is what Lennox and Addington was originally designed to do, so it seems that we may have a better than even chance to have these units installed here. If you want to express your opinion, Hydro is waiting to listen.

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CPR Course

The Island now has 16 more people trained in CPR. The course which ran on the first weekend in April was a thumping success.

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is used when the heart stops beating which could be from a heart attack or electrocution, or when breathing has been interrupted like drowning or choking. It is an artificial way to continue supplying oxygen to the blood and circulating the blood.

The 16 people now qualified to do CPR are:

Caroline Ackerman... 389-6425

Jeanne Baker... 389-0676

Lynann Clapham... 384-5027

David Fleming... 389-0210

George Gavlas... 389-3199

Chris Kennedy... 389-0554 & 389-3444

Bob Marshall... 389-4070

Dianne Marshall... 389-4070

Marnie Mathews... 389-4023

Graeme McDonald... 389-6725

Shirley Miller... 389-2588

Ian Murray... 389-3802 & 389-3444

Diane Pearce... 389-6725 & 389-3393

Andrew Richardson... 382-????

Steven Street... 384-6855

Don Tubb... 389-3802 & 389-3444

The Township Office and Irene Glenn will have a copy of this list and you can cut it out of here and post it by your other emergency numbers.

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Amherst Island Slow Pitch Mixed League

I know it is early to be thinking of playing softball but it is time to start organizing for the new year.

Our league hopes to have three mixed teams and play twice a week like last year. Probably on Wednesday's and Sunday's at 8:00 p.m.

Our rules are listed below:

1. No stealing bases.
2. No sliding.
3. No bunting.
4. Do not touch home plate when scoring just run to the scoring line drawn to the right of home plate.
5. Catcher will call foul balls if we only have one umpire.
6. 10 players on the field defensively with 2 women.
7. When batting the whole line-up will bat but just goes through the line-up once.
8. When a hit ball goes off of the pitcher then the ball is dead and not in play.
9. Foul balls along the fences or between the fence and the light poles are out of play.
10. Home team coach should make sure that we have an umpire.

If you did not play last year and wish to play this year please sign your name to the list in Glenn's store and we will get you onto a team.

If you played last year but cannot this year please sign the list stating that or give me a call at 389-5767.

Come on sign up and lets have some fun and exercise this summer I know I sure need it. None of us can make all of the games with work and vacations but it is still fun playing even if only for a few of the games.

Team captains this year will be:

Warren Kilpatrick 389-4078

Duncan Ashley 389-4327

Brian Ward 389-5767

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## Awards

Vegetable Of The Month goes to George Bush, The President Of The United States Of America, who has finally shed his image as a wimp. World-wide headlines screamed the news, 'Brazen Bush Boldly Bashes Broccoli' and 'Bush Bans Bletchy Broccoli'. He declared at a recent news conference, "I do not like broccoli and I haven't liked it since I was a little kid and my mother made me eat it. And I'm president of the United States, and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli!."

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Harold Ballard has died but to help keep his memory alive we give him the Cheapskate Of The Month Award. Some time ago when Maple Leaf Gardens was

being painted, Harold took down the Toronto Maple Leaf's Championship Banners which hung up in the rafters and used them for drop cloths. The banners have just been put back in place in a vain attempt to inspire the Maples Laughs.

Check this column next month for more memories of Pal Hal.

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The Most Boring Hockey Award goes to the Montreal Canadiens and the Buffalo Sabres. Never have 4 more boring games been broadcast ever! Ever!! Ever!!!. It really is a tragedy to see the Canadiens reduced to less than a shadow of their former greatness. These two teams think offence is icing the puck. The only way one, team gets the puck into the other's end is for the defensive team to cough it up in front of their goal.

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to Barb MacDonald who is now a M. Ed. having successfully defended her thesis April 6th. Rumour has it that she saw the movie 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles' so she could practise up on her hip vocabulary and martial arts. As it turned out only verbal thrusts and pareas were needed.

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Congratulations to Dianne Marshall who won the First Semi-Annual Lamb Number Lottery. Graeme MacDonald wanted a recount because he wasn't satisfied with his second prize - the honour of sewing up a prolapsed ewe. Dianne's prize is still to be presented.

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CPR needs to be updated yearly and we need lots of practice. To that end we issue the following Warning To The General Public. Don't fall asleep anywhere but in your own bed or you may find someone pulling your ears or hair, trying to give you Artificial Respiration or even trying out some chest compressions.

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Congratulations to Michael Jordon who scored 69 points in a basketball game at the end of March. He is the most prolific scorer in basketball right now and 69 points is the 4th highest total ever in an NBA game. However we feel it important to put this in perspective - Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points back in 1962. Jordon has also scored 60 or more points twice before which ranks him with Elgin Baylor for second place on the list of 60 point plus games. Once again, we must put

this into perspective - Wilt has 32 (that's thirty-two) 60 point plus games which is 15 More Games Than The Whole Rest Of The NBA. Or to put it another way - Michael, at his present pace, will catch Wilt in another 41 years for top spot. Michael may be good but he still has heights to reach.

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While not a congratulation, we continue in our sporting vein to point out that His Wayneship still has records to break. Would you believe it - The Great One is only tied with Mike Bossy for the most 60-plus goal seasons at 5.

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#### Confessions Of An Addict

- DT

This is a confession. I announce for all to hear that I am an addict. Yes, and I also know that self recognition of the problem is the first step on the long road to controlling this insidious beast within me.

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It all started with an unexpected glance at others doing it. Then intrigued with their pleasure, I sampled it in secret. You know, I could have walked away at that point but I couldn't see its dangers, so I continued sampling late at night after the others had gone to bed. Eventually I was caught and my obsession was out in the open. It was kept hidden from the children and friends so as to spare me and them the embarrassment. But even with the threat of public exposure, I couldn't quit.

How I hated it! Lost days, lost evenings, lost nights. I was ruined for work for days on end, if I went at all.

Finally after two days completely devoted, I won the Super Mario game on Jacob's and Kyle's Nintendo. At that moment I got up and walked away from it, realizing that I wasn't addicted but merely obsessed with that particular game. So having leapt over, stomped on and fireballed Little Goombas, Koopa Troopas, Koopa Paratroopas, Buzzy Beetles, the Hammer Brothers, Spiny's, Spiny's eggs, Lakitus, Pirana plants, Cheep-cheeps, Bullet Bill, Bloobers, Podoboos and Bowser (King of the Koopa), I am now free.

Take my advice, good people. Don't let yourself be challenged by something as insignificant as a kid's game. You too may letting yourself in for lost days and for what - proving yourself better than a piece of magnetic tape? Its not worth it!

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Quickies

#### Road Watch

Work continues on the extension of Sir John A MacDonald Blvd to the 401. At present, the bridge over the railway tracks is being constructed. My guess is that it will be open in the fall which means another way to get to Dalton Ave. Maybe next year they'll do the connection to the 401.

The latest road maps of Kingston show that Kingston Twp is planning to extend Centennial Drive up to Taylor-Kidd. That is, it will go from the Frontenac Mall to the entrance to Waterloo Village. Don't hold your breath because there are two expensive bridges to build, one over the railroad tracks and the other over the Little Cataraqui River.

Flashing lights have been installed on the Stop signs at the intersection of Taylor-Kidd and County Rd 6. This should help make what is a very dangerous intersection somewhat safer.

Last but not least is that work has started again on the Bath Road. This week a Bailey bridge is being installed beside the bridge over Collins Creek. I don't know whether they are replacing or repairing the existing bridge but whatever they are doing its going to make Taylor-Kidd look even better.

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#### North Channel Ice Is Gone

March 19th saw the breakup of the ice in the North Channel. It shifted on the 17th blocking the ferry channel which caused some minor disruption in the service.

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#### Channel Freezes Over Islanders Panic

The North Channel froze during the night of April 7th making this past summer the shortest and coldest on record. Farmers have been flooding the Crop Insurance companies with claims because they couldn't get their hay and corn off before the freeze-up. The only bright spot in all of this was the lack of line-ups for the ferry during the summer.

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#### Last And Certainly Least

The Toronto Blue Jays are expected to break baseball's single season attendance record having a full year in the Sky Dome. The present record stands at 3.4 million - to date (and the season is only a couple days old) the Blue Jays have sold 2.9 million tickets. That leaves only another half million to go. Not bad for a fifth place team.

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For Sale / Wanted / Recycled

For Sale on Amherst Island Full Set Of Haying  
Equipment:

1 New Idea baler (4'x5')

1 MF 2751 tractor and loader

1 New Holland 479 baler.

All in good condition.

Call: Marius Schuetz at 548-8122

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Housework - Will do housework for summer months,  
afternoons only. Please phone Lily Browne, mornings at  
389-3057.

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Babysitter Needed during the month of May.

Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please call Janine 384-8858

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House Sitting y. le P

House - Plants - Animals & Other

Reliable caring person will look after your needs during  
your short or long term absence. Will liv

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#### Beacon Notes

Yes, yes, yes - we're late again. But you know it just doesn't seem to matter that much to a lot of people - so long as we get out. We've got thirty-odd articles written by about 25 people in this issue who have entrusted us with their Thank-Yous, Announcements, News and Letters. There seem to be a lot of people out there with something they want to say in public and we are appreciative that they have chosen us to print their messages. Without them we wouldn't have much to say for ourselves, so in light of the tolerance shown for our tardiness, mistakes and blunders we promise not to get much worse. (Ha! You thought we were going to try and do better. Well, we're realists and we're doing the best we can with what time we have.)

We do have an additional challenge this month in that Leslie has asked us to do the mail-out to our subscribers. I wouldn't be surprised if we folded the paper wrong and get the address on the inside. So if you don't get this issue, don't blame Leslie. We did it all by ourselves.

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#### Dave Willard Fund

An account has been set up to receive donations. Please make your cheques payable to Gayel Willard and Agnes McBride Account # 7038235 and leave them at Glenn's Store or the Township Office.

Thank You For Your Support!

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#### Council Report For May 1, 1990

- Chris Kennedy

All members of council were present, with a small audience. Tom Sylvester and Ian Murray declared conflict of interest on the issue of the shore roads, and Caroline Ackerman declared conflict on ferry crew hiring. Phil Silver spoke to council about the problem of snow falling off the township office roof onto his

property and damaging his boat. Stuart Miller will be asked to look at the best way to cure the problem, and Phil will submit his bill for repairs to his boat.

The following appointments have been made to the ferry crew. Warren Kilpatrick is the new captain; David Fleming is the new mate; and Jim Reid and Brent Wolfreys are the pursers. Bob Marshall and Rob Wemp are the new deckhands. Noel McCormick and Donnie Miller join Andrew Richardson as the part-time deckhands. Lloyd Wolfreys is confirmed as the Senior Captain. Council is still trying to get the Charlevoix for the summer. Council is planning a

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questionnaire to help them decide whether to have a quick-turn-around service this summer. The Captains have decided not to run with the ramps down at all - they must be up and secured.

The township has been allocated \$50,000 for repaving the village. Council discussed the best way to spend the money.

Council received a letter from Caroline Yull pointing out that since Ian Murray and Tom Sylvester were in potential conflict of interest on the subject of the shore roads all motions on the subject were invalid. Tom and Ian left the room and the remaining councillors rescinded all motions on the shore roads. Council did not receive supplementary funding for the survey for the new road so, after a lot of discussion, council decided to maintain the existing road for this year, and to prepare an application for next year to M.T.O. for funds to move the road behind the buildings in the future. This resolution was later tabled until next meeting.

Council will ask a surveyor for estimates to find out exactly where the township has roads reaching right to the water, at the end of MacDonalds Lane, the south ends of the Stella and Emerald forty-foots and so on.

Caroline Ackerman outlined plans for special garbage pickups at the end of the month. Details will be circulated by householder mail. Council is planning to offer a reward for information leading to a conviction for setting fire to the dump.

The Township will request Kingston Township Fire Department to supply a dispatch service for the township. Funding has been received from the province for cagers.

Swimming instruction is planned for the summer. The township clerk will handle registration.

Council has received the auditors report. It is available for review or copying at the township office.

Council has received two more proposals for the

official plan. These were reviewed and discussed at a special meeting on Monday, May 14th. The Dog Control By-law has been finished, finally.

Ducks Unlimited have a proposal for work on the Big Marsh. They want to construct a dyke to raise the water level of about 300 acres. They claim this will benefit all types of marsh wildlife and encourage greater diversity of animal and plant life. There will be a public meeting in June to discuss it.

The only building permit in April was issued to Stewart Reed for a new home. Council is attempting to restrict the number of cattle trucks using the ferry at peak times when cattle are coming to the Community Pasture.

Council adjourned at 11 p.m.

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At the Special Council meeting, May 14th, Council reviewed the various proposals from companies wanting to write our Official Plan. Council accepted the proposal of Robert Mackenzie. His past experience in this field and his current position with Queen's University were the deciding factors in his proposal being accepted. At present he has a Joint Appointment with the School of Regional Planning and the Faculty of Law. Previously he was the Senior Planner for the City of Halifax and a planner with a private firm in Dublin, Ireland.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

For the benefit of anyone who hasn't heard (if there is anyone), our long-awaited Glenn baby has finally arrived. Paul Mitchell (Mitch) was born Easter Monday at Sudbury General Hospital, nearly breaking the scales at 10 lbs even. Congratulations to John, Maureen and Leslie.

In smaller (but just as important) news, Peter and Eleanor Trueman have added a new grandson to their family. Joshua John Albert Trueman was born April 28 in Oakville, weighing 8 lb 6 1/2 oz. Welcome to our new Island residents, Brian and Wendy Burke. Brian and Wendy built the new house next to Shurtleff's. Welcome also to Gary McDonald and family who will soon be permanent residents in the

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new home next to Stratton Reid.

Best wishes to those in hospital this month; Piet Witteveen, Florence McCormack George Mygind and Jean Trueman.

Our condolences to the family of Peachie Eves, who

passed away last week.

Former Island resident Orville Richards who died last winter was interred at Glenwood Cemetery last week.

And finally, a favour. Ron Miller has asked me to extend his heartfelt appreciation to the Dolly Parton Trio who helped celebrate his birthday. Ron also extends his thanks to the chauffeurs for delivering the lovely ladies to his door. It has been suggested, however, that the chauffeurs might be better off if they stick to driving and forget about back-up singing.

Who were the three "local lovelies"? That's supposed to be a secret. They were, however spotted by several village residents, while attempting to make a subtle exit via Ron's front door. If you wish to enter your guess, address it to The Beacon. We will publish the guesses in next month's column.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Jean Baker.

The President, Diane Gavlas, opened the meeting with the Ode and Collect and welcomed our visitor, Helen Miller.

Final arrangements for the Ham Dinner on May 12th and the District Annual on May 16th were made.

Reports were received from the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Convenors of the various Committees. The President then thanked the members for their support over the past year and closed the regular meeting.

Anna Hitchins was chosen Chair for the Annual Meeting which followed. Marion Glenn was chosen as Secretary, and she read the Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting.

The Chair declared all offices vacant and opened the meeting to nominations. The following officers were elected:

President- Phyllis Strain

1st Vice President- Anna Hitchins

2nd Vice President- Jean Baker

Secretary- Marion Glenn

Treasurer- Irene Glenn

Program Co-ordinator- Diane Gavlas

Public Relations- Leslie Gavlas

District Director- Jean Baker

Alternate- Helen Miller

Good Cheer- Irene Glenn

Auditors- Leslie Gavlas & Jean McIntyre

Tweedsmuir Curators- Anna Hitchins &

Genevieve Fleming

The Roll Call, the payment of fees, followed and we



welcomed Helen Miller as a member.

New members are always welcome. The meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and our next regular meeting will be on Wed., June 20th at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Leslie Gavlas.

There will be a planning meeting June 5th at the home of Diane Gavlas at 8 p.m. to set out next year's program.

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The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539

- Jean Tugwell

The monthly meeting was held April 11th 8 p.m. with eleven members present. The opening ceremony was followed by the order of business.

A motion to contribute \$200.00 from the Poppy Fund to The Royal Canadian Legion Charitable Foundation of Ontario was carried. The cheque was presented by the President Tom Miller at the District G Convention, held in Cornwall April 20th -21st. This Fund is distributed by the District, mainly to area hospitals for the purchase of equipment etc..

A motion to contribute \$200.00 from the Poppy Fund to Legion Villa was carried. Legion Villa is a Senior Citizen complex,

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geared to income project, to be built in the Kingston area. This project is sponsored by Zone G1 R.C.L..

A motion to contribute from the General account to the David and Fern Willard Fund was passed.

The meeting closed with the Queen.

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Pitch-In-Week

- Diane Gavlas

It rained but many cheerful kids and staunch drivers braved the weather to pick up the roadsides again this year. Thank-you to all who helped. To Bonnie Baker for chocolate cakes and the Women's Institute for drinks for all. The good news is the roadsides had less garbage than last year. We are doing better. Please remember to bag your garbage on the way to the landfill site.

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Emergency First Response Team

- Lynann Clapham

The Emergency First Response Team program is supported by the Ministry of Health for communities that are more than 15 minutes away from an ambulance. In a nutshell, it involves training a number of people as "emergency first responders", to a level above the standard St. John's First Aid/CPR course.

When someone from the Island calls an ambulance, two of these trained people will be dispatched immediately by pager to the location of the emergency and will provide medical assistance until the ambulance arrives.

The fire department is intending to get involved in this program, however, since not all fire department members will be participating, we will be needing non-fire department members as well. If you are on the fire department and haven't already talked to me about becoming a first responder, or you are not on the department but are interested, please call Lynann at 389-5027.

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Playground

- Sally Bowen

It Is Up. And the kids are pleased - so are a lot of the adults.

On the Friday before construction weekend we had organized two volunteers to help unload the parts from the truck, and 14 showed up! That set the trend for the weekend.

Despite the wintry gale force winds and occasional rain, loads of people came to help. People worked hard, remained cheerful, and stayed longer than they had promised. ISLE hired Gord Groulx, a supervisor from Henderson Playgrounds, to help us put the equipment up, and he managed to keep us all working reasonably efficiently. Kids helped too.

Noel McCormick has backfilled part of the playground with the pea gravel, and will finish the job as soon as it dries up enough to get the equipment across the soaked earth.

Disregarding the mis-announcement in last month's Beacon, the official playground opening will take place as part of the July 1st activities. Come and celebrate.

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Notes from the Rec. Committee

- Annette

Don't forget the Spring Dance this Saturday. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Dancing to follow.

A firm date has not yet been set for swimming lessons, but the Recreation Committee has hired a swim instructor.

Lesley Furter is a 22-year-old Queen's University student who has agreed to do this year's session.

She has worked as a lifeguard and swimming instructor for at least 4 years, and has far too many qualifications to list.

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Cost of the lessons will be the same as last year - \$20 for the first child; \$20 for each additional child. Registration forms will be sent out in June with July 3rd being registration day.

Canada Day games, food and fireworks will kick off with a parade, late afternoon.

Recreation Committee is now accepting donations toward the fireworks. Please leave at the Township Office or at Glenn's Store, or with any Recreation Member.

Also scheduled:

- official opening ceremony for the new playground, and
- Amherst Island's 315th Birthday celebration!

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#### Environmental Concerns

- Caroline Ackerman

There will be a Major Collection of items for the Dump (Landfill Site) - Stoves, mattresses, broken chairs, etc. No household garbage please.

May 22 - the Village, the foot and the Third Concession

May 23 - the rest of the Island

May 24 - if there are still areas that haven't been collected.

All items should be placed at the edge of the road for collection.

Unless it rains from now until mid-May the Road Crew will have built a shed at the Landfill to hold your old newspapers for re-cycling. The shed should be ready by May 19 and the first load of newspapers sent to Tricil (Lappins Lane - if you want to take your own) on May 28th.

Glass Bottles - (with no metal bands or lids and washed) may also be left in boxes or bags to go for recycling at this time. Place them next to the shed. Not loose please.

With the summer season upon us our Island population doubles, so does the demand on our Landfill, which is getting filled up rapidly.

If we all do our bit to Recycle, Reuse and Reduce it will ease some of the pressure, and benefit us all.

Aluminum Cans - there are bins at the store and the Landfill. Please put the cans inside and not leave them in bags.

Newspapers - to the shed at the Landfill.

Glass Bottles/Jars etc.. - in bags beside the shed

Fine Paper - There is a box in the entrance of the Township Offices for computer paper, Fax sheets, photocopies and writing paper. No coloured paper, envelopes, staples or paper clips. No glued or gummed labels.

Household scraps can be composted - all vegetable peels, tea leaves, coffee grounds, grass clippings,

leaves. Anything that has no fat, meat or bone. It's great for the garden and it doesn't smell.

Please help us cut down the waste actually going into the Landfill. Reducing the quantity that goes to the Landfill site will extend the life of the site and in the end will benefit us all.

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#### Scrap & Batteries

- Diane Gavlas

After weeks of wheeling and dealing (my favourite occupation) I have talked a salvage company into taking metal off the Island for free. Other municipalities Pay for theirs to go. The landfill site has a metals area. Please put all aluminum, copper and steel there for pick-up. Batteries (car, truck and tractor) are hard to dispose of. I would like to have a number of places to pick up your old batteries. If we can organize who has them I will come with the salvage man and have him pick them up all on one day. No Money is being offered for them just the chance to get them disposed of them in one job lot for the whole Island. Please call me & say if you have some to go and how many. The day he comes I will phone so they can be set out. If you have scrap aluminum, copper or steel to go he may pick it up or old motors if someone can help load the motors.

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#### Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

We will again be gathering and delivering fresh food from Amherst Island for the Food Bank. Helen Bulch started us off this year, offering frozen food that she preserved last fall. If any of you are cleaning out freezers to get ready for this season, please do not throw the food out. We can deliver it still frozen, and the Food Bank are pleased to use the food in soups and stews served to hungry people daily.

John Hall has once again offered to deliver the food on a weekly basis. He goes on either the 9 or the 10 am ferry every Thursday. Please phone John or me if you plan to deliver food to the ferry, or would like it to be picked up. (The crew doesn't mind if you bring food on an earlier ferry and leave it for John.)

This is good rhubarb season, so if you have extra please get it to John. When you are planning your gardens, it would be a kindness to plant a few extra rows to help feed those who are hungry.

On May 30 the Guides and Brownies of Amherst Island will be co-ordinating a Food Blitz for the Food Bank. A box for you to donate packaged or canned goods will be available at the store from 4 to 7 p.m.

Earlier in the day, donations can be made to any Guide or Brownie. The group will be canvassing the village door-to-door that evening.

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#### Stop At Stella Stop

- Dianne Marshall

Please remember to Stop at the Stella Stop sign. Now that spring and summer are approaching, more children and bicycles are on the roads... No matter how many times our children are cautioned, they sometimes get playing hard and forget to watch out for cars. Please watch out for them and Stop at the Stella Stop sign.

Thank you.

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#### Aerobics

- Linda Wemp

The Island Aerobics Group continues to enjoy its twice weekly work-outs. We are pleased to have acquired Kirsty Hamilton as a part-time instructor, and I am extremely pleased with her ability to put us through our paces, and keep us under control! Kirsty will be assisting us as back-up to our regular instructor Fern Willard.

The Aerobic Group wish to express our love and support to Dave, Fern and their families during the aftermath of Dave's accident when so much courage and strength will be required.

We would welcome anyone interested in a healthier lifestyle to join us Monday and Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. at the Gym for an hour of recreation and fun!

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#### Letters To The Beacon

- Lorna and Jim Barbro, and Louise Seaman

We want to thank all our friends for their support, patience and tolerance during the last few difficult months. Though we have sold our house on the Island, we want to continue to be involved in the community which had become a second home and return what support we can.

Lorna will continue to help out with the organ at the Anglican Church and both Louise and Lorna will try to attend Women's Institute meetings and events, and make frequent visits to family and friends.

It is a privilege to have been accepted into this close-knit community where cooperation and caring concern for others is the rule rather than the exception. Glowing examples are things like the establishment of the David Willard Trust Fund, the successful efforts of the Recreation Committee in building the new playground and providing recreational opportunities for various age groups, the ecumenical Sunday School, the on-going

activities of the PCW, ACW, and Women's Institute in visiting the sick and the

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elderly and sponsoring events for the community as a whole.

Those of you who knew Deb will be interested to know that she is working towards her PhD in English at the University of British Columbia; her husband Steve is working as a cabinet maker. Their wedding reception [was] here just a year ago, at the school Deb attended, and catered by the Women's Institute remains a high point in their lives. Thank-you again, ladies! We still get compliments on the food.

Finally, Jim wishes to thank all those who have inquired for him and sent messages of support. We are all praying he will soon be in a situation where he can get the treatment and rehabilitation he so urgently needs and wants.

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- submitted by Chris Glenn

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune, with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet, and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since I saw you last, and a few changes have come into my life - frankly I have become a frivolous old gal!!

I am seeing five gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me out of bed, then I go to see John, next Charlie Horse comes along, and when he is here he takes a lot of my time and attention.

When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up, and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I'm really tired, and glad to go to bed, with Ben Gay.

What a life!!!

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age, I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him I do that all the time. No matter where I am in the parlour, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I ask myself - "Now what the am I here after?!"

(Sent to Chris by her granddaughter Debbie! Wonder how she meant it?)

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#### Tribute to Peachie

- Sally Bowen

Peachie Eves was a very special person. She lived with her family for many years in what is now the Topsy Frame House. She showed me pictures in her

albums of the house when she moved in and when she left, proud of the many improvements. She planted all the tall pines and spruces in front of our house - a constant reminder of her presence.

She welcomed the crowd of people who moved in next door in her former home, with interest and generosity. She was a delightful neighbour, proudly independent as long as she was able. She welcomed Jacob and Kyle holding fistfuls of lilacs or garden flowers, with which they were shamelessly fishing for cookies.

One of my favourite memories of Peachie was of only a few years ago. My boys arrived a few minutes before I did, and there were all three (Peachie in her late 80's) down on the floor, playing with dominoes.

I deeply admire her youthful spirit and interest in the world, her curiosity about what was happening around her, her dignity and courage.

Jacob patted Peachie's old pear tree in our front yard last evening, saying we now had to take special care of it. Somehow it feels that she is a part of everything here. We loved her.

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#### Thank You Notes

The family of the late Edward McCormick wish to express our sincere thanks to our relatives~ friends and neighbours for their many acts of kindness, cards, calls, prayers and visits. Thank you for all the floral tributes and memorial donations. Special thanks to Dr. Alex Scott, and George Gavlas, also Rev. McIntyre, the crew of Vince McMullin Welding, Annette, Irene

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and all who so kindly helped out on my mail route. Thank you to all those who sent food and helped at the house after the funeral service.

Sincerely

Helen McCormick and Family

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I would like to thank all those who sent me cards, gifts and phone calls while I was in the Hotel Dieu Hospital. To the ladies of both the P.C.W. and A.C.W., many thanks for your kind gifts. Also many thanks to Thelma, Doris and Richard for their thoughtfulness.

Lucille Brown

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Many thanks to the boys on duty the night I had to take my brother away, with a severe heart attack!

You were ready to help if necessary, and were

certainly a great comfort to me!

It is a great advantage for all the crews to have C.P.R. training and I hope all availed themselves of the opportunity, given by the township. We islanders are dependent on the boat crews in so many ways, and they are quick to respond!

Thanks again boys. You know who you are!

Chris Glenn

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#### Notices & Announcements

##### Last Reminder For The Rec Committee

Spring Dance

A.I. Public School

May 19th

\$20.00 Per Couple

\$1.50 Drinks

Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 7 p.m.

Live Music / Hot Buffet Supper / Salad Bar

A Quieter Space Will Be Available for Cards and Visiting.

Tickets on Sale Now!

Glenn's Store, Susan McGinn, Betty Wemp, Andy Richardson

Don't Miss It!

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##### Township Of Amherst Island

Transportation Of Cattle To Community Pasture

Please be advised that the ferry will be transporting cattle trucks to the Island on the following dates between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.:

Wednesday, May 23

Thursday, May 24

Friday, May 25

Tuesday, May 29

Wednesday, May 30

Only one cattle truck will be loaded per trip unless there is no other traffic.

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##### Responsible Anti-Drug Strategy

The Communities United Against Drugs Grant Program is an initiative designed to assist communities across the province to organize and carry out prevention projects. Copies of the Guidelines and Application forms for this funding are available from the Municipal Office. The deadline for applications is May 31, 1990.

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##### Fish Dinner

The A.I. Men's Ball Club is holding an All-You-

Can-Eat Fish Dinner at the Community Centre on June 2nd from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tickets available from:

Glenn's Store,  
Raymond Wemp (389-4435),  
Jack Forester (389-5582), and  
Doug Shurtliffe (384-8001).

Adults... \$8.00

Seniors... \$7.00

Under 12... \$3.50

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#### Notice To Whig-Standard Subscribers

As of Monday, June 4, Douglas Gavlas will be your new carrier. He can be reached at 389-3199.

Jesse and I want to thank all our customers over the last 3 years. It's been a good job for Jesse, and we hope it will be for Douglas also.

Caroline Yull

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#### Public Meeting

There will be a Public Meeting regarding Ducks Unlimited's proposal for the Big Marsh on June 4th at the Municipal Building at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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#### An Invitation

The members of the Anglican Church Women are hosting a pot-luck supper on Tuesday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Amherst Island Public School. Our guest will be Mrs Gena Butcher who will present a slide show on the Pakistani Embroidery Project with examples of the work. We have sent invitations to the various women's organizations on the island but would also be pleased to welcome any interested ladies not associated with these groups.

Leslie Gavlas, Secretary, A.C.W.

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#### Sand Beach Clean-up

On Saturday, June 26th at 1 p.m., the Sand Beach will be undergoing a clean-up by all those whose children are taking part in the swimming lessons. Garbage bags will be supplied.

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#### Chicken Bar-B-Q

The Anglican Church Women are sponsoring a Chicken Bar-B-Q at the Amherst Island Public School on Saturday, July 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets -

\$8.00 Adults

\$4.00 Children 12 and under

Tickets are available from:

Barbara Reid 389-0675

Caroline Ackerman 389-6425

Tickets must be obtained by July 2nd so that the caterers can be advised of numbers. Everyone will be pleased to learn that the same caterer as last year has been hired!

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Safety on the Ferry

Do you and/or your children know where to locate a life jacket on the ferry in case of an emergency?

Do you and/or your children know how to put on a life jacket properly?

Anyone who would like instruction on how to locate and put on a life jacket on the ferry is invited to contact any captain to arrange a time.

Also, please encourage your children to participate and co-operate in safety drills held by the crews on the ferry. Thank you.

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Tom Sylvester, along with the Kingston Velo Club, who have just published the second edition to Loyalist Roots: Cycling Tours of the Kingston Area. In it 21 bicycling tours are laid out with notes describing the terrain, condition of the roads and how busy they are. The tours range from 24 to 124 km in length and through a wide variety of terrain.

A copy has been donated to the Library, so if you want to get some exercise and see the sites give it a look-see. You could even try the Amherst Island tour!

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Congratulations to Eddie Feigner who is celebrating 45 years of playing pro-baseball this year. He has pitching stats which make Nolan Ryan look like a minor-leaguer. Listen to this:

- 200 starts a year for a total of approximately 11,000

pitching starts in some 5,000 cities and towns,

- 16,000 pickoffs, and

- 113,492 strikeouts pitching any way you want -

standard, through his legs, behind his back, from second base and even blind-folded. Of course he has to pitch

well because he only has three other guys on the field and one's his catcher.

Long Live The King And His Court!

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#### An Announcement Of Importance

The Beacon a few months ago settled the age-old question as to which was the stronger force acting on a metal boat - either the pull of the magnetic north pole or sailing south (i.e. downhill). We are proud to announce the definitive proof to another age-old question - the superiority of either woman or man.

The incontrovertible proof was unknowingly offered by the Whig-Standard when on April 17th they gave the results of the Boston Marathon. Rosa Mota won the women's competition with a time of 2:25:24. Inadvertently her name was also included in the man's list along with her time which was 2:25:23, that is one second faster. The conclusion is, of course, that even when unintentionally thought of as a man, she became faster - thus the incontestable proof of the superiority of males. (By the way, she would have placed 43rd in a non-sexist competition.)

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#### Meynard Laltin

I haven't been writing much lately because I haven't been able to find anything worth getting cranked up about. You know I've spent nearly a year looking for some decent music and

I drew a complete blank. Nothin! Zip-all!! It's a wasteland of techno-babble out there. No melodies worth remembering - let alone singing with. Singers with voices so weak, so ineffectual and so very very insignificant. And the lyrics - Ha!!

Being the fair-minded person that I am, I've got to temper this by saying that there is the occasional song that momentarily arrest my attention as it drifts by. Funny I can't think of one right now. Maybe momentary is the operative word.

So a couple a weeks ago, I was sitting around at the Frame House, just totally bummed-out when Don sauntered in from town, slapped a tape in the deck, cranked it up, said 'Listen!' and then left. I really wasn't in the mood for some more 'oldies' which has been his preserve on sanity in this present wilderness of musical sloth, but I was too settled to move.

Well, how do I describe this? There isn't any way I can do it justice with words but I'm going to throw a few at you.

Out of the speakers a pretty, strumming, acoustic guitar chords for a couple of seconds, then a single

chord from a mandolin is laid right over the guitar (not beside it but right over it), more guitar, and then accompanying the second mandolin chord is this untamed fiddle rising right from the middle of the guitar and mandolin up over them to play the opening melody. In crashes a set of drums and at the end of the song's first melody line come this 'Hoot' from the background, sounding for all the world like some guy from the backwoods getting wound up for some raucous party.

That's the first 15 seconds of my introduction to The Waterboys, an Irish band playing the title track to their 3rd album, 'Fisherman's Blues'. The hair had risen on my neck with the fiddle and by the time the singer rolls in with the opening lines I was leaving finger prints in the arms of the chair. Within two minutes I was up jumping around the living room roaring out the chorus that I had never heard before. This went on for 45 minutes - through fast songs, slow ones; sad, happy, angry songs; songs that combine all of the above at once. I was a wreck by the time it was over. Just a puddle on the carpet.

As I said, I can't do it justice. You've got to hear it for yourself. Their recipe for music seems to be - throw a whole pile of instruments into a pot (fiddles, guitars, drums, organs, piano, mandolins, bouzoukis, saxs, etc, etc), season liberally with Irish melodies, heat to a rolling boil and serve steaming hot but still raw.

If you want an adventure in music, give The Waterboys a try. 'Fisherman's Blues' is their latest release. I've heard their two previous tapes and they're okay but lack this one's vitality.

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#### For Sale / Wanted

##### For Hire

Experienced handyman, carpenter, renovator visiting in Stella (with tools) till June 1. Making it a working holiday, so call Chris Yull at 384-4071 for any repair or maintenance job.

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##### For Sale

20' Prowler Tandem Trailer

- Hot Water, Full Bath & Shower, Oven, Awning, Sleeps 8.

- Must See Unit \$6500

Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387

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##### For Sale

24 inch Riding Mower (Toro)

Electric Start, Newly Overhauled.  
New Battery, New Blade, New Belts.  
30 Day Warranty. \$875.00  
Tom Miller 389-0105  
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Wanted  
2 sets of oars  
1 set for 12' boat  
1 pair for 27' boat  
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afternoons only. Please phone Lily Browne, mornings at  
389-3057.  
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For Sale  
Picnic tables - super design.  
Custom made all steel weather vanes.  
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Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433  
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Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172  
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Tracy Hitchins will babysit, early evenings and  
weekends. Call 389-5385  
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Call Tom Miller at 389-0105  
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Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569  
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We have a selection of more than 70 VCR titles.  
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\$10.00 Saturdays  
We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We  
also carry blank tapes.  
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Amherst Island Shirts & Caps  
Whig Standard Cookbook  
Island Telephone Directory  
Emergency Call Cards  
Hunting/Fishing Licences  
Book Exchange  
Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery  
Avon Ordering  
Girl Guide Cookies  
and more  
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#### Beacon Notes

Something different every issue! This month you folks get to see what Sally does best. She's our proofer extraordinaire and being away will not be doing her thing this month. So you can expect this issue to be littered with mistakes, double double words and pathetic punctuation; sentence structure, and etc. Its hard to believe the perverse pleasure she gets from finding our typo's - its just a continual series of snorts of disgust at our incompetence and shouts of glee when she's doing the final proofing.

Summer's here! The heat is on and we've got a hot issue for you this month. We're unveiling our new clip-on graphics. There's reports, news and reviews; there's notices and announcements about a plethora (word of the month) of events; and, and, and, last but not least, our stand-in chef gets a lesson in cooking! I can't stand it - it's all so exciting I might even read it myself!

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#### Council Report For June 5th, 1990

- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present. The minutes of the previous month's meetings were approved.

Don Murphy, the 911 Coordinator for this area, spoke to Council and a small audience. A 911 number should be in operation in the greater Kingston area in about three and a half months. The system is becoming widespread in Ontario, and should soon cover about 80% of the population of Ontario. Each participating municipality contributes to the cost of the system. It would be compatible with using Kingston Township Fire Department dispatch service. The 911 centre acts as a telephone exchange, connecting you to the service (fire, OPP, ambulance and so on) you require. The cost for 1990 would be about \$950, and for 1991, the first full year of service, would be \$1915. Later in the meeting Council approved the 911 service for the

Island.

Lynann Clapham, of the Fire Department, has been making plans for a First Response Team, using the Fire Department as the foundation. This is a group of people of the island trained in First Aid who would help in medical emergencies before the ambulance arrives. Lynann asked Council for money for three more pagers, and some more first aid training, a total of \$1660. This was approved by Council.

Work is proceeding slowly for a new landfill site. A consultant has toured the Island, and her report should be forthcoming soon.

There was a discussion about the shore roads. Jim Whitton proposed tabling all motions until October, to give time for trying to work things out. This was

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carried.

Council is going ahead with plans for fencing the parking lot on the Millhaven dock. There was a discussion about getting the Charlevoix for the summer. It may be hard to find enough engineers with the correct qualifications.

Council approved in principal the Ducks Unlimited proposal for the Big Marsh. A copy of the proposed agreement will be sent to the township lawyer for comments.

Philip Gillesse and Janine Earl wrote to Council about people speeding through the village, and endangering children. Council discussed the possibility of speed bumps, but the legal liability problem is considerable. The O.P.P. have recommended more signs and more enforcement as a start. Council decided to erect "Caution, Children Playing" signs at the entrance to the village, and to request that the O.P.P. come over more frequently, preferably in unmarked cars. Council decided not to erect additional stop signs where McDonald's lane meets the main road in front of the township office, though Jim and Caroline were in favour of the new stop signs.

Council approved the closing of the road for the Fire Department street dance on July 7th. The Recreation committee is planning Canada Day festivities.

The budget estimates for 1990 have been prepared, and are available at the Township Office for anyone who is interested. Council then rearranged the budget estimates as new expenditures, such as the Official Plan and emergency services, were added in. The township, unlike some other levels of government, is not allowed to run a deficit, so to cover the level of service that this council believe people on the Island want, a 17.5% tax



increase may be required. Final negotiations on the quarry access agreement may change this.

There will be a public meeting on the Official Plan on June 25th, 8 p.m. at the school, where the planner, Robert Mackenzie, will be present. Severance applications were approved for Gordon and Lois Bews, Marc and Marilyn Raymond, and, in principle, a lot addition was approved for Lloyd and Elaine Wolfreys.

The building inspector issued six permits in May: to Stuart Miller, for an addition to a barn; to Fern Willard, for an addition to her house; to Bernice Gould for remodelling the old Victoria Hall; to Eldon Willard for demolishing a barn; to Ken Fennel (near Lloyd Wolfreys) for an addition to a building; and to Gerritt vander Zwan, who lives on the South Shore near Ed Chadband, for a new garage.

Council went into closed session to consider the union agreement with the ferry. This has been approved but still needs to be written up.

The meeting was adjourned until June 18th at 8 p.m. when the rest of the agenda will be considered.

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#### Report On The Public Meeting

June 4th, 1990

#### Ducks Unlimited Proposal For The Big Marsh

-Staff

(n.b. Liberally plagiarized from the Clerk's Report)

All members of Council, the Clerk-treasurer and eight members of the public attended this meeting to hear about Ducks Unlimited's proposal for the Big Marsh. The two DU representatives were Evertt Lander, the Area Manager, and Erling Armson, a DU biologist. Also present was George Vance representing the Kingston Field Naturalists.

After a geography lesson which got everyone on the same page as to the location of Wemp's Marsh, Erling Armson gave a slide show illustrating some of the work they have done both on the Island and at other locations in Eastern Ontario.

Ducks Unlimited is proposing that an earthen embankment (similar to the one they built for the Wemp Mash) be built to form an impoundment raising the water level of the marsh to the east of the creek.

Incorporating into the embankment would be a control structure which they could use to manage the water level. In raising the

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water level two to three feet, they hope to provide a wetland which is about half open water and half vegetation. This, they feel, is an ideal habitat for a much larger variety of birds, animals and other more slimy

creatures (reptiles and amphibians, if you want to get technical).

On the west side of the creek, they are proposing to create some open water by digging some channels. This would encourage more ducks to nest here.

Ducks Unlimited want to lease the marsh from the landowners, of which the Township is the largest, for 21 years. During this time they would manage the project providing all necessary management, maintenance and repairs. The lease would not affect the landowners use of the land.

A rough estimate of the cost is \$80-100,000 and if all goes well in getting approval from the Township and other various levels of government, construction would probably begin in 1991. The project would take about a year to construct.

Mr Vance of the Field Naturalists had no initial criticisms of the project but was concerned about disturbing the shoreline. One of the DU representatives explained that their embankment would be constructed well inside the existing shoreline (similar to the one done on the Wemp Marsh).

Ducks Unlimited regard this as a major project and are eager to enhance this marsh as it is one of the few wetlands of this size and quality left in eastern Ontario.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Lots of baby news this month! Congratulations to Penny and Tony deHaan on the birth of their second little girl. A sister for Halley, Melissa Christine was born June 5th at 2:15 a.m., weighing 8lbs 4ozs. Mom and baby are both fine. Grandparents are Helen McCormick and Hans and Hazel deHaan.

Congratulations also to Paul and Cyndy Eves whose beautiful daughter Rebekkah won the baby contest in Kingston last month. Rebekkah will now go to provincial competition in Toronto.

And in baby sports, Amherst Island's own Christopher Varga took first place in the Diaper Dash in Kingston. Congratulations.

Best wishes to all those who have been in hospital this month: Ruth Glenn and Jean Trueman.

Louise Seaman has spent an interesting spring- she recently returned from a trip to Halifax, N.S. where she attended the unveiling of a portrait of her father at Nova Scotia Agricultural College. Her father, John Truemen (Peter's grandfather also) was president of the College at one time. Also while she was there, Louise's son Andrew was presented with a Teacher of the Year Award by the students at St. Mary's University in Halifax. He has been a teacher of English there for many years.

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### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Staff: Dianne is busy this month, so Meynard Laltin is going to stand-in for her. Please note that the Beacon assumes no responsibility for the following.

We've had a microwave around for the last couple months but up until now it's mainly been a over-sized clock. It actually took me nearly 2 weeks before I figured out how to set the time on the stupid thing because there weren't any instructions. Eventually I started using it to heat coffee and which it does very well. The big breakthrough came when we got a microwave cookbook. Now I thought we can really get down and do some serious cooking. So I opened the book at random and chose the first recipe I saw. Luckily it was from my favourite of the 4 major food groups - dessert (the other three being meat, potatoes and vegetables). So below is a recipe for Double Chocolate Fudge.

Just before we get to the cooking part, I've got to say that this stuff is expensive. The ingredients alone cost me \$12.79 which works out to \$0.50 a square not counting transportation, labour (both cooking and shopping), milage for the shopping trip, electricity for cooking and

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refrigerating, hot water for washing up, not even to mention the costs involved in having all the appliances, bowls, etc. I'd guess that each square is worth about \$10 which makes them far too expensive to eat. I think I'll bronze them and use them like those plastic pieces of fruit in a table centre-piece.

The worst part of this whole experience was the shopping. Turn me loose in a grocery store and I'm doomed to wander around and around like in a maze looking for the last item on the list. Most stuff was easy to find except for the condensed milk which took three times up and down every aisle. (They hide the cans with the coffee up on the top shelf where nobody ever looks.) Of course, the cookbook was in american ounces and cups while the ingredients where in ml's and g's. Its terrible standing there blocking the aisle with my shopping cart for seemingly hours on end holding a package of chocolate chips staring off into space like someone with less IQ than the package trying to convert from metric through imperial to american. I must have looked really pitiful because twice shelf-stockers actually came over and helped me out - not that they were any good at converting either. So enough

preamble, let's walk you through the recipe.

### Double Chocolate Fudge

(from Betty Crocker's Microwave Cookbook)

- 1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups (12 oz) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 oz unsweetened chocolate
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups chopped nuts

(Makes about 2 lbs of candy)

Butter baking pan, 8x8x2 inches. Stir milk and chocolate chips in 2-quart casserole; add chocolate. Microwave uncovered on high (100%) 1 minute; stir. Microwave until chocolate is melted and mixture can be stirred, about 2 minutes longer.

Stir in vanilla and nuts. Spread mixture evenly in pan. Refrigerate until firm. Cut into 1-inch square.

You know, I thought that microwaves were supposed to add some precision to cooking. I was shocked to see 'about' used with a cooking time - I mean what's the point of having a timer which counts down in seconds if you can't time things that accurately.

Doing the recipe was dead easy and the fudge tasted okay except for the globs of flour I spilt into my mixing bowl. (I'd forgotten the recipe and was just getting out a bunch of standard cooking type stuff - flour, salt, baking soda, etc which as it turned out I didn't need.) Also the flour did turn what should have been that deep chocolate colour into something more like mud but I got everyone to sign a release before eating them so I was covered legally.

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### Environmental Concerns

- Caroline Ackerman

#### Guide To Safer Household Products

The average Canadian household produces 20 litres - 40 litres of hazardous waste each year. Much is dumped into public sewers or landfill sites.

The Ontario Waste Management Corp. in Toronto has produced an EnviroDial, which gives safer disposal methods and a list of non-toxic alternatives for 32 common household products.

The EnviroDial costs \$2.00. Volume discounts are available. Orders can be made by calling OWMC's Communications Department at 416-923-2918, or toll-free 1-800-268-1178. Or write to:  
Ontario Waste Management Corp.,  
2 Bloor St West, 11th Floor,  
Toronto, Ont. M4W 3E2

Here is a sample of the OWMC's suggested substitutes:

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Product Alternatives

Wood polish Mix one part lemon juice to two parts cooking oil, use a soft polishing cloth.

Window or glass cleaner Mix one part vinegar to five parts water, store in a spray bottle

Tub and toilet cleaner Use baking soda or borax bowl with scrub brush. For molds spray tiles with undiluted vinegar, wait 1/2 hour, and scrub with brush and water.

Drain cleaner Open drains with metal snake or plunger. Keep drains clear by rinsing with boiling water twice a week. Pour 125 ml of baking soda followed by 125 ml of vinegar down drain pipe and cover with stopper.

Air fresheners Keep house well ventilated. Boil cinnamon and cloves in water.

Weed killers For lawn, maintain grass at medium length, dig up weeds. For garden, use mulch of woodchips 10 cm - 15 cm thick and hoe regularly. Plant daisies and chives.

Chemical fertilizers Use peat moss, manure, fish or canola seed meal and spread evenly. Use organic compost. Plant white clover.

Please Note:

The New Shed At The Dump Is Now Ready To Receive Your Bundled Newspapers.

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Trees Ontario

(from Queen's Park Report sent to us by Ken Keyes, M.P.P.)

The Ontario Government recently announced the creation of a non-profit foundation, Trees Ontario, to help corporations, groups and individuals who want to plant trees. Trees Ontario will ensure that trees are planted properly and are tended so they will survive.

This new foundation is a co-operative venture involving the Ontario Forestry Association and the Ministry of Natural Resources. The association will provide forestry expertise and administrative support; the ministry will support Trees Ontario until the foundation attracts corporate funding and can become independent. Guiding the foundation will be a board of trustees make up of people drawn from Ontario's leading conservation agencies.

Almost any size of project can be accommodated. The foundation will then help to arrange for enough community volunteers to plant the trees, and afterward, arrange for regular inspections and tending.

This year, the Ministry of Natural Resources has set aside 500,000 trees for planting by Trees Ontario. Within a few years, the foundation should be helping Ontarians plant more than 5 million trees annually.

For further information on the foundation, write or call:

The Ontario Forestry Association  
150 Consumer's Road  
Willowdale, Ontario M2J 1P9  
(416) 493-4565

The Ontario Ministry Of Natural Resources  
Forest Resources Support Group  
258 Queen Street, E.  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 5N5  
(705) 945-6618

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Letters To The Beacon

- from Laurel Nixon

I plead with all Island residents to please slow down and drive with extra caution in the village. I have 2 small boys who sometimes get excited and forget where they are and dart out into the road. The village is full of young kids these days; please slow down and watch for them. One accident will not only ruin a child's life but yours as well. For God's Sake -- Slow Down!

After I had this written and was ready to submit it, a resident was overheard saying "we should be able to drive as fast as we want; you should have more control over your kids" or words to that effect. That has got to be the most ridiculous and back woodsey statement I've ever heard in my life.

First of all, there is a speed limit although nobody seems to follow it and it's common sense to watch out for children in Stella - - since it is now populated with many small children.

I am 1 person with no less than 4 children at my house at one time. I do not have 20 eyes; therefore I'm counting on the wisdom and intelligence of drivers to show some respect for the children in the village.

If something isn't done soon an accident will happen; it's just a matter of time. This is an issue whose time has come. Give our kids a chance to be kids - - to make honest mistakes and to live to tell about it.

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## Girl Guides And Brownies

- Janet Scott

Thank-you to the whole community for your generous support of our Food Bank Blitz held on May 30th. A very special thank-you to the drivers Karen Fleming and Diane Gavlas who drove the girls around collecting and to Laureen Kilpatrick who so kindly delivered a car load of food stuffs to St. Joseph Provincial House for sorting. Thank-you to a welcome visitor Kip Hedges who helped with the collecting and a big thank-you to Irene, Annette and Heather at the store who willingly received donations and supplied a headquarters for our operations. Once more Amherst Island showed just what a caring community it can be.

On Wednesday, June 6th, 1990 the Amherst Island Girl Guides and Brownies held their awards night and closing Pot Luck supper. Mrs. Sue Longhurst, the Deputy-Commissioner of Lakeside District and Mrs. Linda Welbanks, Guider-in-Charge of the 1st Amherstview Pathfinders were the special guests.

Numerous badges, awards and service stars were presented to all the girls in the group with the very special presentations of Brownie Wings to Miss Wendy Fleming and the All-Round Cord to Miss Heidi Hitchins.

A special evening to honour all the cord recipients in Kingston Division will be held on June 14th at Edith Rankin Church, Collins Bay with Mayor Helen Cooper of Kingston and a former cord Guide herself as special guest.

At this ceremony our own Heidi Hitchins will be honoured with her All-Round Cord certificate and Tracy Hitchins and Amy Caughey with their Canada Cord certificates. For a community the size of Amherst Island we have produced 1 of 49 All-Round Cords and 2 of 7 Canada Cords in the whole Kingston Division. Congratulations Girls!!

Please note. Lakeside District Camp will be held August 4-10 for Guides and August 4-6 for Brownies. Join us for a singing time of fun and games. Please let me know at 389-4608 by June 27th if you would like to come.

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## Thank You Notes

This is a Thank You note from South Frontenac District Cubs.

A bike rally was held on May 12th with 58 bikes in attendance.

Our thanks to the Ferry crew and to the

drivers who saw us and pulled over or drove cautiously around us.

A good time was had by all.

Thank you.

Burgess Stevenson

Akela

1st Bath

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## Notices & Announcements

### Township Of Amherst Island

#### Bulk Garbage Pick-Up

- No Household Garbage
- Brush Must Be Bundled
- Please Place Items For Collection At The Edge Of The Road.

June 18-

Stella

North Shore Concession

South Shore Concession

Third Concession

Long Point

June 19-

Concession 1

Concession 2

June 20-

to finish off, if necessary

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### Ferry Questionnaire

#### Quick Turnaround Service

A survey regarding the Quick Turnaround service will be conducted on the ferry on June 15th, 18th and 20th. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire.

Copies of the questionnaire are available at the Township Office and Glenn's Store for anyone who will not be on the ferry on any of the survey days.

In order to provide an accurate count of the responses, please print your name on the questionnaire. Thank You.

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### An Invitation

The members of the Anglican Church Women are hosting a pot-luck supper on Tuesday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Amherst Island Public School. Our guest will be Mrs Gena Butcher who will present a slide show on the Pakistani Embroidery Project with examples of the work. We have sent invitations to the various women's organizations on the island but would also be pleased to welcome any interested ladies not associated with these groups.

Leslie Gavlas, Secretary, A.C.W.

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Township Of Amherst Island  
Official Plan Public Meeting  
Monday, June 25, 1990 8:00 p.m.  
Community Centre Amherst Island P.S.

The Council of the Township of Amherst Island has undertaken the task of preparing an Official Plan for the Township as provided for by the Planning Act, 1989.

An Official Plan is a comprehensive statement of long term goals and objective for the use of land. It is primarily concerned with physical development but has regard for the social, environmental, economic and financial considerations. The Official Plan is a statement of land use policy and serves as a basis for all actions of the Council respecting the use of land. It is implemented by zoning and other regulatory means and through the public works program of the Township.

Changes are taking place on Amherst Island. The rural character is increasingly being recognized as being attractive for residential development. The preparation of an Official Plan provides a process resulting in the adoption of a policy basis for future planning decisions.

Many matters will have to be considered, including:

- a) Protection of soil resources
- b) Environmental sensitive habitat areas
- c) Water availability
- d) Shoreline access and recreational space
- e) Policies respecting new development
- g) Transportation implications.

This Public Meeting is called to introduce the matter of preparing an Official Plan for Amherst Island. Opinions of the residents of Amherst Island are being sought in order to determine the scope of concerns that exist respecting the future use of land on the Island. Input from residents at this early stage will greatly assist the task of preparing an Official Plan which has the support of the residents of Amherst Island.

If you have an interest in helping to shape the future of Amherst Island, come to

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the meeting. Share your opinion with others or just listen to what others are saying. This is the beginning of the process, your insights as residents are valuable.

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#### Sand Beach Clean-Up

On Saturday, June 26th at 1 p.m., the Sand Beach will be undergoing a clean-up by all those whose children are taking part in the swimming lessons. Garbage bags will be supplied.

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#### Canada Day

Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with a Bicycle Parade from the park to the school. Bike Decoration Contest.

Fire Department to demonstrate operation of new truck.

Games for kids at school.

Fireworks

Chips, Pop and Hot Dogs on sale!

Please note: Due to the increased cost of fireworks, and a drop in grant money, the Recreation Committee is asking for small donations to help offset the cost of this event. Donations may be left at Glenn's Store or the Township Office.

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#### Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will begin the first week of July. Registration at the school, Tuesday, July 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost:

\$20.00 per child

\$10.00 each additional family member

Leslie will need transportation to and from the beach. Parents of the first and last swimming classes are asked to please make arrangements for providing this service.

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#### Chicken Bar-B-Q

The Anglican Church Women are sponsoring a Chicken Bar-B-Q at the Amherst Island Public School on Saturday, July 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets must be obtained by July 2nd so that the caterers can be advised of numbers. Everyone will be pleased to learn that the same caterer as last year has been hired!

Tickets -

\$8.00 Adults

\$4.00 Children 12 and under

Tickets are available from:

Barbara Reid 389-0675

Caroline Ackerman 389-6425

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#### Amherst Island Fire Dept.

Street Dance

Saturday July 7th 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Donation To Get In Is Requested

Beer Being Sold

Donations help buy more equipment.

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#### Summer Playgroup

For children 4 to 10 years of age. Tentatively set for

Tuesdays and Thursdays through August, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children are to bring a picnic lunch.

Depending on interest, the Recreation Committee may or may not provide this program, Please leave your name at the store if you would like this program to be offered. Cost not yet established.

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#### St Paul's Presbyterian Church

St. Paul's requires a caretaker to clean the church weekly. No grass cutting required. Price negotiable. Contact Marshall Glenn at 389-5769.

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Notice re Speeding in the Village

Please be advised that Council is determined to take all reasonable measures to stop speeding in the village.

As it was pointed out to Council,

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several animals have been killed or injured in the village in recent months - it could just as easily have been a child.

There is a great tendency to lay on the gas pedal in the hope of getting to the ferry on time. Please - for the sake of the children - allow a few more minutes to get to the ferry slowly and safely.

Children are our heritage - let's protect them.

The Reeve has invited Sgt. Larry Lamoureux of the Napanee O.P.P. to attend a council meeting on June 18th. Everyone is welcome to come and hear what he has to say.

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#### Dave Willard

An account has been set up to receive donations.

Please make cheque payable to:

Gayel Willard and Agnes McBride

Account # 7038235

and leave it at Glenn's Store or the Township Office.

Thanks For Your Support!

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#### Awards

The Mixed Up Priorities Award is given this month to the Ontario Government who have declared selling liquor an essential service. This means that the workers cannot strike.

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#### Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to Sally, Ian, Don and

Chris who managed to plant Sally's longtime-coming Birch tree the right way up. Despite the handicap of seven university degrees, they managed to get it in the ground with the green stuff pointing up.

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#### Meynard Laltin

Just a quick goodbye from me to Ian Brown who has just left the CBC to write a book. He hosted the 4 to 6 radio show, 'Later The Same Day' out of Toronto.

Ian was an extraordinary host particularly considering he had no prior experience hosting a radio show - let alone one in such a major market. Prior to his coming, the show was what's called 'Moan Radio' which is very upbeat and filled with people bitching about something, or getting up on their high horse to shove some particular viewpoint down your throat, or trying to make you Care about something or other. A steady diet of this just drives me crazy!

Ian was different. I vividly remember his first show. I thought I'd tuned in to an Air Farce parody of god knows what. He played 1940's and 50's music, he didn't have much to say, and what he did say was in this melancholy monotone. It was immensely refreshing and relaxing.

After a month or so, he gathered a group of regulars to talk to, and I mean talk to. His political people just sat there and talked - they didn't grind any axes, they didn't expound their own views even though they were politician and reporters. He also had a couple of cabbies who talked about what was being said by their fares. He had someone come in and tell him how to organize his work-life (the amazing 10 file folders). He had limerick contests and crowned 'Later The Same Day' Poet Laureatess for a one year tenure. Ian was also a very good writer and his show-closing pieces were wonderful little bits of day to day frustrations and pleasures.

I could go on and on but I must let me say that I'll miss him and the CBC is much poorer for his leaving. As Ian said with his closing monologue - he thought that he was talking to his friends when on the air - and he was. (NB You may be able to catch Ian subing for Peter Gzosky but it's just not the same as him doing his own show.)

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Amherst Island 1990 Slow Pitch Schedule

Date	Team		Team
June 13	A	vs	B*
June 17	B	vs	C*
June 20	C	vs	A*
June 24	B	vs	A*
June 27	C	vs	B*
July 1	A	vs	C*
July 4	A	vs	B*
July 8	B	vs	C*
July 11	C	vs	A*
July 15	B	vs	A*
July 18	C	vs	B*
July 22	A	vs	C*
July 25	A	vs	B*
July 29	B	vs	C*
Aug 1	C	vs	A*

Aug 5 For Rainouts

\* designates Home Team

Please Note:

All games to start at 8:00 p.m.

Play-off consist of the first place team getting a bye to the Final.

Teams finishing second and third will play a two game total run schedule to see who plays the first place team in the Final.

The Final will also be two games with total runs declaring the champions.

May the best team be the one that has the most fun.

Team A

Duncan Ashley  
Kim deHaan  
Rick Welbanks  
Darrel Miller  
Carey Varga  
Steven Wemp  
Bonnie Fowler  
Laura Wemp  
Jeff Forester

Cheryl Hutchings  
Steven Ward  
Chad Miller  
Tim Glenn  
Hugh Filson  
Jim Bateman  
Dave Bateman  
Glenn Miller  
Sue Shurtliff  
Dale Willard

Team B

Warren Kilpatrick  
Donald Miller  
Judy Miller  
Andrew Richardson  
Sarah McDonald  
Jim Whitton  
Lynann Clapham  
Sherry Ward  
Mike Horth  
Debbie Fleming  
Nick McGinn  
Mike Strain  
Jack Forester  
Reg Hitchins  
Perry McDonald  
Dave Fleming  
Rick Bedford  
Rita Brown  
Garnet Willard  
Jim Reid  
Sandra Shangraw

Team C

Brian Ward  
Dave Wemp  
Betty Wemp  
Rob Wemp  
Heather Young  
Gary Filson  
Susan Sedore  
Hazel deHaan  
Earle Tugwell  
Donnie Miller  
Derek Grange  
Ian Murray  
Jeff deHaan  
Graeme McDonald  
Noel McCormick  
Wayne Fleming  
Chris Kennedy  
Eric Laing  
Barb Laing

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For Sale / Wanted

Wanted

A Birdcage

Cheep Cheep

Call Anne-Marie 389-5385

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Last Chance Offer!

Act Now To Secure Your Very Own Kitty From  
Hazel's Very Last Litter!

After many productive years of bearing and raising fine,  
healthy, capable mousers, Hazel is retiring from the  
business this summer.

There is no finer cat available anywhere!

Call Caroline or Llew at 384-4071

(Hurry - quantities limited!)

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Garage Sale

Sunday July 1st 1 - 5 p.m.

Jean Johnston

"The Old Fowler Place"

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For Sale

A small box trailer (steel) - brand new- \$250

Phone 389-4874

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For Sale

Vanity Top & Basin - (Std 47"x24" beige mottled  
Arborite top, solid beige basin, modern taps and drain  
unit, incl. 12" chrome hook-up pipes) \$40

Bi-Fold Door - (36"x80", pine, top louvred, btm.  
panelled, new - still in carton) \$45

Stainless Steel Sink - (24"x18" with apron back ledge  
with fixtures including spray) \$25

Fireplace Screen - (Wrought iron, steel mesh draw  
curtains, 36"w x 29"h) \$25

Fireplace Screen - (As above, except it's brass) \$25

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For Sale

Avocado Kenmore Mark 2 30" Stove and

Matching Coldspot Refrigerator

Good condition \$450 firm

Phone 389-9869

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For Sale

Compact Sears Dryer hardly used - \$350

Riding Mower - 5hp 36" MTD - \$350

Humidifiers -

Ultrasonic - 3.5 l - \$35 &

nearly new 5 litre - \$50

Dining room table & 4 chairs - white & extra leaf -  
\$399

White laminate desk - 4 drawers 23 1/2"x47 1/2" -  
\$150

Phone 389-6425

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Wanted to Rent

Furnished cottage or other accommodation on Island for  
one week in August.

Phone 389-0386

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General Contracting

New construction & renovations by Island company.

Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387

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Housework - Will do housework for the summer

months, afternoons only. Please phone Lily Browne,  
mornings at 389-3057

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House Sitting

House - Plants - Animals & Other

Reliable caring person will look after your needs during  
your short or long term absence. Will live in or do daily  
checks to suit your needs. References available. Please  
call Nicole anytime at 545-7859.

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For Sale

Picnic tables - super design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller

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General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,  
Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433

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Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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## More For Sale / Wanted

### Babysitting

Tracy Hitchins will babysit, early evenings and weekends. Call 389-5385

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Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

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### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned and painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob North at 389-2916

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### Clothing

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Nintendo Games \$2.50

Kids Movies \$2.00

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We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We also carry blank tapes.

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Also available at Glenn's Store:

Amherst Island Shirts & Caps

Whig Standard Cookbook

Island Telephone Directory

Emergency Call Cards

Hunting/Fishing Licences

Book Exchange

Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery

Avon Ordering

Girl Guide Cookies

and more!

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Beacon Notes

You're absolutely right! It's a new masthead. We think it has a forcefulness to reflect the new improved Beacon. We're throwing off the mantle of mundaneness and becoming a hard hitting newsletter. Yes, we're not going to be shy about naming names! That's right, for the first time anywhere the Beacon will reveal Annette's last name!!

How about a full report of the Last Annual Fire Fighters Street Dance - complete with a blow by blow description? No, we'll leave that episode for the rumour mills. (For Ms K: Shake the radish, then tenderize the minute steak by pounding it, baste it and then bring to a boil, finish by rolling the dough flat.) Sorry about that folks but Ms K is having some trouble reading between the lines.

Of course we have our regular reports and some interesting propaganda from the plastics industry. Also Council Report tells gory and suspenseful details of the second half from last month Council meeting.

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Please Watch For Children Playing

The village is awash with children surging along the roads. Please drive with extra caution this summer. Thank you.

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Council Report For June 18, 1990  
-Don Tubb

Council had adjourned at the end of last month's episode and after giving themselves a couple weeks to recover, the Councillors reassembled on June 18th to

reconvene the meeting.

The first item of business was a quick review of the Ferry Questionnaire concerning the Quick Turnaround service and fenced parking on the mainland. (NB: The next article gives the results of this survey.) There appeared to be such an overwhelming support for the service that the third survey day was cancelled.

Later in the meeting the method of hiring short-term Township employees was modified. A list of potential short-term employees will be gathered and whoever is responsible for hiring will pick from that list. This list has been posted at Glenn's Store to be filled in by anyone who wishes at anytime in the future to work for the Township.

Some considerable time was spent discussing speeding in the village. Janine Earl spoke to Council

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urging them to do something about this situation. She read (but did not present to Council) a petition that had been gathered. Seventy-nine people signed the petition which "simply supports genuinely effective action against speeding in the village". A three-way stop at the Township office, crosswalks and speed bumps were all acceptable possibilities to slow traffic in the village.

Sgt. Larry Lamoureux of the Napanee detachment of the O.P.P. was asked to address Council. Firstly, he couldn't think of any public road that had speed bumps probably because the municipality would be liable for damage to vehicles and accidents. Secondly, he said people obeying a traffic sign depended on two things - enforcement of the sign by the police, and a perceived need for the sign. He seemed to be saying that if a 3-way stop was installed in front of the Township office, it would probably be even less often obeyed than the present one at the Stella 40'.

Sgt. Lamoureux suggested that someone gather some numbers as to how many offenders there are; that complaints be made to the O.P.P. about specific offenders; that 'Children Playing' signs be erected; and that peer pressure be brought to bear on known offenders. He did say that he would raise the question of more patrols coming over to the Island with those that schedule such things.

There were a number of severances which Council approved in principal, some with conditions and some without. (My notes fail me here but none seemed very controversial.)

Council has been informed that we will not be getting the Charlevoix during the summer. The Coast Guard wants it to be a back-up ferry only. Also M.T.O.

seems to have backed away from any fenced parking area on the mainland. Council is going to try to get something done, even if it is only a temporary fence until the work on Hwy 33 gets to the dock. Then they are going to try to get a larger parking area built with permanent fencing.

Tenders by invitation for the paving of the village will be secured over the next month.

Approval for the Ducks Unlimited improvements to the Big Marsh has been tabled until they assure Council there will be public access to the marsh. Right now it appears that there is no public access except by boat.

The Township solicitor, Bill Sirman, will be asked to offer a legal opinion on the ownership of the shoreline on a representative piece of South Shore property. He will be asked to do whatever is necessary to obtain that opinion.

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#### Ferry Questionnaire Results

The survey carried out June 15th and 18th confirmed the belief that ferry users are overwhelmingly in favour of the 'Quick-Turnaround' service.

151 responded in favour of the service while 19 were opposed - that's 89% in favour.

The fenced parking area was the second question. 74 people were in favour of having one while 71 were opposed - that's only 51% in favour.

When it came to asking if the person would use it, the answer was 49 saying yes they would use it and 93 saying they would not — that's 35% saying they would use it. Of course the % is irrelevant because there is no information on what boats these people travel, or how many times a week they would use it, or how big a parking lot would be needed on the Island side, etc. Just for the sake of argument let's say that 18 of the 49 yeasayers use the commuter runs. Well that would mean, in effect, that the one extra boat load of cars could be carried with the present boat which would be like having a quick turnaround service during the school year and a quick-quick turnaround during the summer.

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#### Council Report for July 10, 1990

- Chris Kennedy

Tom Sylvester was absent from Council. The minutes of the previous month's meetings were approved. Council met a week later than usual this month, as nobody felt

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like a meeting immediately after the long weekend. Jim Whitton declared conflict of interest on any matters

relating to the purchase of the Annie Clyde property.

Beth Forester will organize a time in September when the school children can go down to the ferry for a safety drill on the ferry.

Council has been offered \$19,000 by the Provincial government if it spends \$26,000 on enhancing the present dump site, and has also been offered \$10,000 if it spends \$20,000 in searching for a new dump site.

Council discussed the Ducks Unlimited plan for the Big Marsh. Jim Whitton said he thought that D.U. should pay a rental fee, and said he was not in favour of the plan as prepared, but received no support for his views from other councillors.

Council discussed buying the Annie Clyde property (just west of the ferry dock), so that when a new ferry dock is built, the land will be available. After a private discussion with Marius Scheutz, real estate agent, Council put in a conditional offer on the property.

Council decided to give priority rights on the ferry to Royal Bank personnel and to Glenn's store personnel when transporting frozen goods in the summer.

There was further discussion about speeding through the village. Caroline Yull had written to Council making several suggestions about improving visibility in the village. These included trying to reduce the number of cars parked along the road, removing some of the utility poles and improving sidewalks. Part of Caroline's suggestions will appear elsewhere in the Beacon. The Road Superintendent will be asked to report to Council on ways to improve road safety in the village. Council has also received a petition asking for improvements to the roads. Stuart will be asked to put up better "Caution, Children Playing" signs.

There was a short discussion about the quarry access agreement (or disagreement). Council is negotiating with the Kingston Township Fire Department for dispatching service for the fire department.

Five building permits were issued in June: Doug Eves got an occupancy permit; Ron Miller a permit for a deck; Alex Scott for a bathroom; Clive Whitfield (in Charles Eves' cottage next to Royce Eves) for a sunroom; and R.G. Thompson for the demolition of a barn (off the front road).

Council has received two letters about the official plan. Both of these will be passed on to the planner. Six severances were approved for D. Edgar Mooney, Lloyd Wolfreys, Leonard and Doreen Wolfreys, Ken Fennel, and Harry Filson.

Council will look into a tape recorder to help Diane keep better track of what happens at council meetings.

Council received this as part of a letter about traffic in the village from Caroline Yull, and asked that it be published in the Beacon. We are happy to oblige...

A lot has been said lately about the way people drive through the village. Tempers have flared, which has tended to polarize people into two camps, losing sight of the truly important issue here. What follows is a list of your neighbours, children of elementary school age or younger, who either live in the village, spend significant portions of the summer in it, or are dropped off here in the morning to walk/bike to school. Not listed are older children and countless grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbours from around the Island who visit the village. It's a list that's filled with lovely children, each one considered very precious and wonderful by their family and friends. It's not believable that there is anyone in this community who could look at that list and wish harm to any one of those children. Think about them, and drive through their neighbourhood in a way that allows them to live in safety, secure that you respect their need for care and concern enough to preserve their lives.

Anna Smyth  
Peter Glen  
Thomas Glen  
Angela Fleming  
Wendy Fleming  
Mindy Fleming  
Scott Marshall  
Bonnie Marshall  
Jason Hutchings

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Tyler Hutchings  
Corey Hutchings  
Justin Hutchings  
Tanya Glenn  
Sarah Whitton  
Kevin McCormick  
Mark McCormick  
Shawna Phillips  
Sasha Gillesse  
Gabrielle Gillesse  
Ricky Bedford  
Crystal Bedford  
Jason Silver  
Jamie Silver  
Carly Grace  
Cameron Grace  
Christopher Reed  
William Reed  
Helen Bell-Smith  
Jamie Nixon  
Jeffrey Nixon  
and Douglas Gavlas doing the papers.  
31 kids in all!

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#### Library News

- Karen Fleming

It's summer reading club time again, and the theme this year is "Backpack Your Paperback". The club is open to children 6-14. Nine people have signed up so far, but there's plenty of time left for anyone who still wants to join.

Rules are the same as other years:

- all children reading six or more books are eligible for a branch draw,
- all children reading six or more books on "camping" are eligible for a county draw,
- all children reading ten or more books are eligible for a county draw.

In addition to the above County sponsored prizes, the branch will be having a separate draw this year (International Literacy Year) for camping related prizes. Each time a child returns books to the library, their name is entered in a draw to be held Sept. 2 at the library at approx. 2:45. The grand prize for this draw will be a tent, donated by branch 539, Royal Canadian Legion to help promote literacy among our young people. Other prizes will also be available.

Have a fun summer and don't forget to Backpack Your Paperback!

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette Phillips

Congratulations to Lindsay and Jean McIntyre on the birth of their newest grandson. Douglas Allan Graham was born June 26 in Kingston weighing 9 lbs. Douglas is a second son for Doug and Elsie Graham, a brother for Lindsay.

Happy 50th Anniversary to Bob & Catherine McMullen celebrated on June 29th. Speaking of the McMullens, Kitsy received her Canadian Citizenship on July 1st.

Keith Miller had a quiet 50th Birthday on July 13th. We hear that they tried to rent the Skydome but it was booked that night.

Best wishes to Al Caughey recovering from surgery at home.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Leslie Gavlas on June 20th. Our guest speaker was Ms Marlene Kelderman, the Dairy Princess. She gave us an interesting talk on an underrated dairy product, buttermilk. Buttermilk is an excellent food for the diet

conscious being low in calories and cholesterol but high in calcium, phosphorus, riboflavin and protein. In addition it can be used as an ingredient in baking and in the preparation of healthful blender drinks and chilled desserts. To illustrate her point Ms Kelderman served a cinnamon buttermilk-coffee cake which was delicious.

May and June have been busy months for the W.I. In May we served our Annual Mother's Day Ham Dinner, then hosted the W.I. Annual the following week. On Saturday, June 16th we served dinner to members of the Blind Friendship Group of Kingston, another annual event. We were delighted with new sinks in the school and wish to thank the Recreation Committee who

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installed them. Three Cheers and Farewell to broken backs.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Diane Gavlas on Wed., July 18 at 8:00 p.m. Our topic is Education with an emphasis on learning disabilities. We would be pleased to welcome any ladies who would care to join us, and perhaps become members of our group.

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#### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Yes, I'm back with more interesting and tasty recipes for all our Island cooks and Island eaters. No need to name names - you know who you are.

I had the most wonderful surprise waiting for me in the Beacon envelope this month. One recipe for Broccoli Salad from Tena Tugwell and a number of buttermilk recipes from Leslie Gavlas. My thanks to both of you for sharing the following:

#### Broccoli Salad

- 2 large bunches of broccoli
- 1 bunch green onions
- 2 c celery sliced
- 2 c sunflower seeds (unsalted)
- 2 c raisins (optional)
- 4 - 5 slices bacon cooked crisp and crumbled
- 2 c mayonnaise
- 1/2 c white sugar
- 4 tbsp lemon juice

Cut broccoli in small pieces. Chop onions and celery. Mix mayonnaise, sugar, lemon juice together. Add to remaining ingredients. Stir well and refrigerate overnight or at least an hour or two. Yield: ten servings.

#### Cinnamon Buttermilk Coffeecake

- 2 1/3 cups sifted all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 cups firmly packed light brown sugar

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 egg
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Mix 2 cups flour and brown sugar. Cut butter in until mixture resembles coarse meal. Set aside 3/4 cup of this mixture to be used for topping. To remaining mixture, add remaining flour, baking soda and cinnamon. Mix well, then add egg and buttermilk. Mix only until dry ingredients are well moistened. Pour into a greased 9" pan. Mix the 3/4 cup sugar mixture that was set aside and the chopped nuts. Sprinkle over the top. Bake in preheated 350 degree F oven 50-55 minutes. Let cool in the pan and cut. Makes 9 servings.

I, with a great deal of help from Madame Benoit's Lamb Cookbook, have been learning different ways to cook lamb & mutton. One of my favourite ways to cook Roast Leg of Lamb is the following:

#### My Favourite Roast Leg Of Lamb

When lamb is cooked in this manner, "pink" or medium-rare, it is perfect even when you serve it cold, in thin slices. The gravy made with dry Madeira wine gives it a very special taste. (Fresh ginger is available at Oriental food stores; but if you cannot get it, you can replace it with 1 1/2 tsp. powdered ginger.)

- 1 leg of lamb, 4-6 lb.
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 2 tsp fresh grated ginger
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 tsp paprika
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- Juice and rind of 1 lemon

Place meat on platter. Make a paste with the remaining ingredients, and spread all over the leg of lamb. Cover with waxed paper, and let stand at room temperature for 2 to 4 hours.

To cook, remove the paper and place meat in shallow roasting pan. Roast uncovered 10 minutes in an oven which has been preheated to 500 degrees F. Then reduce heat to 325 degrees F, and roast about 12-15 minutes per lb.

To make the gravy, remove leg to hot platter. Place roasting pan over direct heat. Pour 1 can undiluted consomme over

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the drippings, and bring to a fast rolling boil, stirring and scraping the pan to make sure you get the browned bits on the bottom. For a variation, at this point you can

add 2-3 tbsp dry Madeira or port wine. Strain into a hot gravy bowl.

Serve the lamb on very hot plates, a must for all lamb dishes; this prevents the fat from hardening. Serves 6-8.

My thanks to Caroline Ackerman for submitting a newspaper article on Manifold Meals. It appears you could have your dinner simmering while you have a leisurely ferry boat ride home. Once there, everything would be ready and all you would have to do is consume. If anyone is interested in reading the article, please give me a call.

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#### Island Businesses

We begin a new feature on Island businesses. There is quite a variety of small businesses here and we thought we would devote some space to highlighting them. We kick this off with 'Picnics Unlimited' which has just started up this summer. Run by Diane Hieatt, she will be providing picnic meals for those who enjoy good food.

Just as an aside, I hadn't noticed any new entrance requirements for living on the Island but it has not gone unnoticed that there are an abundance of good cooks named Dian(n)e on the Island, namely Gavlas, Marshal, Pearce, and now Hieatt). Ms's Dian(n)es please note the alphabetical order of the names which does not imply any preference or ranking of cooking abilities. You have to be so careful with what you say around cooks, they could very well cut you off from all the goodies. And I'm not implying that they are temperamental. Arrrgg! I'm working myself into a very tight corner here and better quit before I'm cooked in my own juices. So, back to Picnics Unlimited and starting with the back of the flyer:

'On an Island renowned for its good cooks, we are offering yet another dining alternative for the summer. Our commitment is to offer fine food, made from the best ingredients... with fresh garden summer produce, whole grain breads, and sinfully delicious desserts.

Each summer picnic comes complete with napkin, cutlery, and towelette, all packed in a carry-away paper sack.

We prefer you to call ahead to order (48 hours will ensure a choice from the full menu). Also arrange a pickup/dropoff point when you place your order.'

The Menu (in part) is:

Chilled Curried Zucchini Soup with Oatcakes or Rye Bread

Chilled Gazpacho Sour with the same as above,  
Tomatoes in a Pesto Dressing,  
Seasonal Greens in Vinaigrette,

Potted Finnan Haddie with Oatcakes,  
Ploughman's Lunch (Cheddar cheese, selection of breads, pickles, chutney),

Swineherd's Lunch (Ploughman's lunch with Country Ham),

Shrimp Salad on Rice with avocado and grapefruits chunks in a lemon-garlic dressing,

Seasonal Fruits in Champagne with butter shortbread,

Vanilla or Chocolate Cheesecake with natural fruit syrup,

Grand Marnier or Fuzzy Navel Cheesecake with natural fruit syrup,

Carrot Cake, plus

Sunshine Muffins, and Afternoon Tea - Scones and Jam.

There are flyers available at Glenn's Store or you can call 389-9294 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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#### Environmental Concerns

- Diane Gavlas

#### Scrap Scrap Scrap

The scrap dealer will pick up scrap at your door. For one year he will take refrigerators etc. There is no definite date when he will come so if you have a scrap pile you want gone, call Diane at 389-3199. When he has an opportunity to come to the island, I will call you and go with him to pick up so there is not a problem with going on your property.

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#### Recycling At The Landfill Site

The Township is trying to recycle. It is an almost impossible and very very maddening and frustrating job. Please sort your glass and put in glass location. Please put your cans in can locations. Both items need the labels removed. If we all work hard at making it easier, we will succeed. I believe the Township got its last grant because it is trying unlike many other rural communities. Let's give it our best efforts and make it work. Thank-you.

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#### First Response Team

- Lynann Clapham

As mentioned in a previous Beacon, the fire department is in the process of establishing a "First Response Team" to respond to medical emergencies and provide assistance before the ambulance or a doctor arrives. The First Response Team program is funded by the Ministry of Health for small communities which are more than 15 minutes away from an ambulance. We

provide the volunteers - the Ministry provides (free) training, equipment, and sets up a connection between ourselves and the Kingston Ambulance Service.

On July 23rd we will be visited by Mr. Frank Payette from the Ministry of Health and the Captain of the Kingston Ambulance Service, to discuss the program and answer any questions which we might have. This will be held in the Township Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. We currently have 15 volunteers but we can take up to 25 in the course so if you think that you might be interested (either for now or the future) feel free to come along. The actual training will take place early in the fall, and we hope to have everything operating by October. For further information call Lynann at 384-5027.

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#### The Last Street Dance

The Volunteer Firefighters Association wishes to thank those people who made donations and enjoyed themselves at the Street Dance. We also offer our sincere apologies to those innocent bystanders injured in the brawl afterwards. For obvious reasons we will not be sponsoring any street dances in the future. We say this with regret, as they could have been a pleasant time for everyone.

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#### Public Meeting School Issue

Thursday, July 26th, 8:00 p.m.

Don't forget to attend - - meeting of all Amherst Islanders (parents and non-parents) to re-assess the school situation and elect new members to the AIEA committee and the parent committee.

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#### Letters To The Beacon

submitted by A.N. Onymous

There's nothing whatever the matter with me. I'm just as healthy as I can be. I have arthritis in both my knees, and when I talk, I talk with a wheeze. My pulse is weak and my blood is thin - but

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I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in! I think my liver is out of whack and a terrible pain is in my back; my hearing is poor, my sight is dim. Most everything seems to be out of trim, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in! I have arch supports for both my feet or I wouldn't be able to go on the street. Sleeplessness I have night after night, and in the morning I'm just a sight! My memory is failing, my head's in a spin. I'm peacefully living on aspirin. But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm

in.

The moral is, as this tale we unfold, that for you and me who are growing old, it's better to say "I'm fine", with a grin than to let them know the shape we're in.

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#### Thank You Notes

Dear Friends,

Over the past few years we've introduced many of our friends to Amherst Island. While none can deny the beauty and peaceful solitude the island offers, the majority feel unwilling to let their lives be tied to a ferry schedule. We've been fond of pointing out the compensating factors our island affords us in return.

We remind our guests that the car sits in the driveway with the keys always in the ignition. At bedtime we are not careful to lock all the doors leading into our house. This was not necessary in my grandparents time and it is not yet necessary in my children's time - not on Amherst Island. We also mention that we know our neighbours and the people of our community - not just their names - we know them. And of course we relate that Amherst Island is still a community in the traditional sense. And never was that more clearly demonstrated than in the days and weeks following my recent injury.

Our entire family has been deeply touched by the outpouring of genuine concern at the hands of our island friends. We have been assisted morally, financially and practically and we continue to be very grateful and very indebted.

More than ever we are proud and thankful to be blessed to live on such a beautiful island in such a caring community.

We thank our many, many friends.

Dave, Fern, Morgan & Rebekah Willard

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We would like to thank the ferry crew especially Doug Shurtliffe and Earle Willard for keeping the ferry waiting for us while we had an unexpected trip to hospital. We especially would like to express our thanks to Helen Caughey for her thoughtfulness and help.

Thanks again.

Myrtle Veech

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Sincere thanks to our family, friends and neighbours for the cards and calls after the death of a dear mother and grandmother.

Hans & Hazel deHaan & family

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Dearest Loyal Friend

Thank you for your warm wishes and surprise gift. I can't wait until the December Christmas Party.

D.M.

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## Notices & Announcements

Dave Willard

An account has been set up to receive donations.

Please make cheque payable to:

Gayel Willard & Agnes McBride

Account #7038235

and leave it at Glenn's Store or the Township Office.

Thanks For Your Support!

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Township of Amherst Island  
Public Meeting To Discuss  
Official Plan

Agricultural Land Policies

July 17th, 1990 8:15 p.m.

In The Council Chambers

Everyone Welcome To Attend

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The Township Of Amherst Island

The Township of Amherst Island occasionally needs people to do various short term odd jobs, e.g. swimming registration, rabies clinic, deliveries, etc.

If you are interested in being called on for such jobs from time to time, please indicate by signing [the list].

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Everyone Welcome To A Jack & Jill Party For

Steve Wemp & Bonnie Fowler

Saturday, August 11, 1990

Amherst Island Public School

Dancing 6:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Cash Bar

Tickets \$5.00 per couple

For tickets see Eric or Janice McGinn

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Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

An A.A. member is available for information at 389-3548.

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Awards

This month we give the 'Ever Sharp Blade' Award

to Lawnboy. In an apparent effort to design a blade that never needs sharpening, Lawnboy put the cutting edge on the backside of the blade with offset alignment holes meaning it can only go on one way! So for the last 3 or 4 years, Don and Chris have been noisily gumming their grass to death.

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An award to ourselves for the 'The Best Excuse For Screwing up' Award for the disappearance of an article by Caroline Ackerman about Ken Keyes' visit to the Island. The RCMP's conclusion, after a lengthy investigation, was that our security system was breached and that an 'unfriendly foreign power' is now in possession of this 'sensitive' document. Dianne, a.k.a. Red Di, was briefly under suspicion because of her red hair (that's the colour of their hair, you know) but was cleared when it was ascertained that no communist country knew where Canada was, let alone that we had any secrets.

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Congratulations

Firstly to Kitsy McMullen who earned her Canadian citizenship on July 1st by knowing how to spell Hnatyshyn, (Psst - We think he's our Governor General unless it's still George Vanier.)

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Secondly to Trudy Strain who ended her high school career with a 92.3% average in her final year. She is planning to take physio-therapy at Queen's.

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Thirdly to Tyler Hutchings for being the long jump champ in the Junior Boys (Open Class) at the L & A County Public School Track & Field Meet.

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Probably Plastics Propaganda

(Staff: John Hall sent us a copy of a newsletter from the Environment & Plastics Institute of Canada from which we recycle the following information.)

The Public Believes That... Plastics waste 30% of Canada's non-renewable energy.

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Fact Is That... Just 2% of this country's oil and gas is used to make all plastics.

The Public Believes That... Plastics can't be recycled.

Fact Is That... Plastics are recyclable. Industry has always recycled its own scrap and the technology exists to recycle post-consumer plastics.



The Public Believes That... Plastics comprise 25% of all municipal solid waste.

Fact Is That... It's 7 per cent. The components of municipal solid waste are: paper and paperboard (36%); yard waste (20%); metals (10%); food waste (9%); glass (8%); plastics (7%); and other material (10%).

The Public Believes That... Mountains of fast-food packaging account for 20-30% of the plastics in the municipal solid waste stream.

Fact Is That... Fast-food packaging accounts for one-quarter of one per cent of landfill waste.

The Public Believes That... Biodegradability in landfills is the solution to the solid waste 'crisis'.

Fact Is That... Landfills are managed so that little, if any, degradation actually occurs. Materials which must be landfilled should be physically stable, non-degradable, and not contribute to ground-water contamination or gas generation. Plastics meet these criteria.

The Public Believes That... Paper grocery bags are more environmentally friendly than plastic bags.

Fact Is That... A paper bag requires more than 5 times the energy needed to produce a plastic bag. If land-filled, the paper bag occupies roughly 10 times more space than the polyethylene bag. 50,000 paper grocery bags require 8,000 lbs of wood; 50,000 plastic bags need only 1,000 lbs of polyethylene. To make those bags, paper mills produce 80-230 kg of sulphur emissions, whereas the plastic bags result in only 17 kg. The Public Believes That... Plastic packaging could be eliminated with little environmental impact. The world would be a better place.

Fact Is That... It would be worse. The volume of packaging waste would increase 256%, the tonnage of packaging waste would increase 423%, energy consumption would increase 201%, and packaging costs would increase 211%.

(and there's much more but you get the idea. It's okay to have another viewpoint but let's not forget the essential fact that there is too much packaging both paper and plastic.)

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#### Beacon Market Penetration Survey Results

An exhaustive survey of our Beacon subscribers was conducted for the May issue. We have crunched the numbers and the results have been tabulated.

Our total print run was 275 with 128 being mailed to our subscribers and 147 for sale at Glenn's Store. We sold all but 2 of the newsstand ones which means we sold 99.3% of our total run.

The 128 subscribers are scattered world-wide:

113 in Canada

11 in the USA

2 in England (not Liz or Maggie)

1 in Mexico

1 in the British West Indies

The Canadian subscribers live from sea to shining sea:

1 in Nova Scotia

2 in British Columbia

1 in Quebec

1 in Saskatewan

108 in Ontari-ari-ario

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(We have just picked up another subscriber in the N.W. Territories! Our reputation spreads far and wide, if a little thin and unevenly!!)

60 in the Amherst Island Metropolitan Area (Kingston, Napanee, Bath, etc),

7 on the Island,

15 blanketing the rest of Eastern Ontario,

7 in the big TO,

19 spreading the word from Peterborough to Thunder Bay.

So what does all this mean - well, I think we can easily say that:

- we outsell all the rest of the world's newspapers combined on Amherst Island;

- we dwarf the sales of the New York Times Book Supplement in Bath, and

- we have blown the Toronto Telegram right out of the Toronto market.

From this strong base, we will continue to spread outwards and upwards to our next goal - outselling Pravda in Ompah!

Thank you all for your support and hopefully we'll continue to inform and amuse you.

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P. J. O'Rourke

(Well we've got the space so why don't we end with a little quote from P.J. This is one paragraph from a long article in the latest Rolling Stone Magazine entitled Manuregate which is about farm subsidies in the U.S. of A.)

During the mid-1980's, the dairy industry had its own plan to limit production, the Dairy (Production) Termination Program, or "whole-herd buyout." Dairy farmers decided there was too much cheap milk at the supermarket. Hell, even homeless welfare babies were drinking moo juice. So the government bought and slaughtered 1.6 million cows. How come the government never does anything like this with lawyers?

(The man can put a knife in and twist it 'till it hurts.  
And this isn't even his wicked stuff - just, one  
paragraph for one small point.)

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For Sale / Wanted

For Sale

One Findlay Vega Cook Stove for sale, and  
One wringer washer to give away.

Phone 389-5942

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For Sale

Vanity Top & Basin -(Std 47"x24" beige mottled  
Arborite top, solid beige basin, modern taps and drain  
unit, md. 12" chrome hook-up pipes) \$40

Bi-fold Door -(36"x80", pine, top louvred, btm.  
panelled, new - still in carton) \$45

Stainless Steel Sink -(24"x18" with apron back ledge  
with fixtures including spray) \$25

Fireplace Screen -(Wrought iron, steel mesh draw  
curtains, 36"w x 29"h) \$25

Fireplace Screen -(As above, except it's brass) \$25

Call John Or Mary Hall at 389-6553

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General Contracting

New Construction & Renovations by an Amherst Island  
company.

Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387

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Housework - Will do housework for the summer  
months, afternoons only. Please phone Lily Browne,  
mornings at 389-3057

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House Sitting

House - Plants - Animals & Other Reliable caring  
person will look after your needs during your short or  
long term absence. Will live in or do daily checks to suit  
your needs. References available. Please call Nicole  
anytime at 545-7859.

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For Sale

Picnic tables - super design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,  
Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433

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Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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Babysitting

Tracy Hitchins will babysit, early evenings and  
weekends. Call 389-5385

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Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden  
tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

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Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and  
painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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New Releases \$3.00

Nintendo Games \$2.50

Kids Movies \$2.00

VCR Rentals \$6.00 Weekdays and \$10.00 Saturdays

We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We also carry blank tapes.

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Also available at Glenn's Store:

Amherst Island Shirts & Caps

Whig Standard Cookbook

Island Telephone Directory

Emergency Call Cards

Hunting/Fishing Licences

Book Exchange

Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery

Avon Ordering

Girl Guide Cookies and more!

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#### Beacon Notes

As the summer draws to a close the parents start to look forward to their vacation in September. Judging by the slenderness of the Beacon file, it certainly looks as if everyone is exhausted. Ah well, we'll dig deep into the 'save for skinny Beacon' file. Are you ready for more trivial information than can be digested in a single ferry ride?

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#### Council Report For August 7, 1990

- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present. Caroline Yull questioned whether the Council should have purchased the Annie Clyde property at a time when property taxes were already being raised 23%. Ray and Ethel Duncan have written to Council expressing concern at the tax increases over the past two years. Jim and Tom replied to them, giving some of the reasons for the increases. Ray then amplified some of his points, asking whether all the studies and the new fire equipment were needed. Ray suggested some of the problem may be caused by lack of communications.

Howard Welbanks has applied to Council for priority on the ferry when transporting fish on ice. Council debated this at some length. Steven proposed that the 'priority granted last month to Glenn's store when transporting ice cream etc be rescinded. In a recorded vote this was defeated, only Steven and the Reeve voting in favour of it. Howard was not granted priority, it being limited to the bank personnel carrying money, the store and emergency vehicles at this time. Only Steven voted in favour of Howard.

There was an incident last month on the ferry when the police were called and failed to appear. The O.P.P. have apologized and said that in future all calls will be

taken very seriously, and responded to.

The Recreation Committee has been offered, free of charge from Bath Institution, flood lights for the outside skating rink. The Recreation Committee will look after putting them up. A pay-phone will be installed in the school.

Council discussed the wage increases of non-union employees. These are tied to the

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raises negotiated in the Ferry Union agreement.

Council has received a donation of \$10,000 from Albert Ameriks in memory of his friend Reeve Frank Fleming. Council sent a letter of thanks and has put the money in a reserve fund until an appropriate use is found for it.

John Luscombe had a severance approved. Ducks Unlimited are proceeding with plans for the water control structure in the Big Marsh. Council will ask M.T.O. what they think Zebra Mussels will do to the ferry bubble system.

Five building permits and one demolition permit were issued in July. Dave Hieatt had the fire fighters demolish a house, which they did with a match and a little gasoline. Then they worked heroically to save the surrounding trees. It provided a good training exercise, and an excellent picnic, for the fire department. Peter Trueman got a permit for steps to the lake, Jimmie Reid for an addition to a dwelling, Mr Harrison (in Peachie Eves' old house), a new deck, Alan Kidd is renovating his house, or at least Jim Bateman is, and Liz Hogeboom is having a new garage built.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Ooops! I made a mistake last month in announcing the McIntyre's new grandson. Douglas is the first son for Doug and Elsie Graham. Their first child, Lindsay, is a girl.

Roger and Susan (Hall) Banting recently introduced us to their beautiful new daughter. Erin Elizabeth was born in Toronto July 10 at 4:30 p.m. This makes the fourth grandchild for John and Mary Hall. Congratulations.

Gary and Leslie McDonald (Front Road, new house) have also added a new baby to their household. Caitlin Morgan was born July 8 at 7:15 a.m.; 8 lb 10 oz. This is Gary and Leslie's fourth child. The McDonalds' expect to be full-time residents by the end of the summer.

To even things out, a baby boy born last week to Howard and Anne (Willard) Donovan. Benjamin Nathan was born in Kingston at 4 lb 11 oz, August 10. Benjamin is the first grandchild for Elmer Willard.

A warm welcome home to Dave Willard after an extensive stay in hospital.

Welcome also to Doug and Helen Lamb (Harry & Barbara Filson's) who are now full-time residents.

Happy 80th Birthday to Francis Welbanks. Ted and Heather celebrated with a family party for Francis at their home.

Many thanks to Janet Scott and Karen Fleming for braving the elements and the children and taking all the Guides and Brownies to camp.

A tremendous thanks to all those who have donated clothes and baby items for our impending new arrival: Rosemary Vrooman, Maria Glenn, Coralie Marshall, Laurene Kilpatrick and Maureen Glenn.

Many thanks also to Ardis Shurtleff for helping us to find Shawna a replacement for her dog.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Diane Gavlas on Wednesday, July 18. The topic for the evening was Education. Our speaker was Diane Hieatt, a teacher of children with Learning Disabilities in North York. Learning Disabilities are defined as neurological disabilities. Diane compared the brain's ability to process information to that of a computer - in the case of a learning disability some of the wires are not properly connected. Children with learning disabilities are of average or above average intelligence, but because of their disability they do poorly in their school work. It is important for parents and teachers, faced with apparently intelligent children who operate well below their age level, to have these children assessed for learning disabilities. By means of the many tests available physical problems, such as poor sight or hearing, can be ruled out and the source of the problem can be pin-pointed. Disabilities can range from inability to tell left from right to an

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extreme inability to communicate. These children need support and appropriate training to learn strategies for coping with their problems. With this sort of help their true potential will develop. Both Churchill and Einstein are examples of prominent people who overcame learning disabilities. Unfortunately many of these children do not receive the help they need and end up frustrated and subject to many sociological and

psychological problems. About 10% of the children in the average school population can be subject to disabilities of this type. Diane's presentation was followed by a very interesting discussion as several of the people at the meeting had had experience dealing with children with learning disabilities.

There will be no meeting in August as the members will take a field trip to visit the Babcock Mill and, after lunch in Napanee, the Napanee Museum.

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Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

I checked to see if the collectors of food for the Oka Reserve were accepting fresh food. They are not. I was interested in sending a donation, and thought others might be, but they are still unable to guarantee delivery through the police lines, and there are delays in their other routes of delivery.

However, the Kingston Food Bank still very much needs and wants our help. The great majority of people they assist only need food donations for awhile, but they need it greatly.

If you have any extras in your garden, please donate the produce. John Hall will take food every Thursday morning (usually the 10 am boat, but check with him). We have a volunteer, Erie Jackson, who lives in Bath, and who will pick up food from the boat, any other day. It is easy. Just phone me at 389-3444.

If you have freezer food to go, or last year's pickles, the soup kitchens are glad to accept them.

If you need help with picking or delivery, please let me know.

Thank you to those who donated food last month. It is slower than last year though. Could we please have some more this month?

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Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Summer Tuna Salad Mould

French Apple Crumb Cake

No Bake Cake

Another pleasant surprise awaited me in the Beacon envelope this month. Tena Tugwell has submitted a recipe for Summer Tuna Salad Mould. Many thanks from all of us.

Summer Tuna Salad Mould

2 envelopes unflavoured gelatin

1 1/2 cups milk (I use skim)

3/4 tsp salt (I cut that in half)

2 - 6 1/2 ounce cans drained flaked tuna (again I use tuna in water)

1 1/2 cups 2% cottage cheese  
 1 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing  
 1/2 cup bottled Italian salad dressing (I used calorie wise)  
 1/2 cup finely chopped celery  
 1/2 cup finely chopped green pepper  
 1/3 cup finely chopped green onion

Sprinkle gelatin over milk in a sauce pan. Let stand 10 minutes to soften. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until gelatin has dissolved. Cool. Stir in salt. Chill until mixture mounds from a spoon. Fold tuna, cottage cheese, mayonnaise, Italian salad dressing, celery, green pepper, and green onion into gelatin mixture. Spoon into a 6 cup (1.5 L) mould. Chill until firm.

Makes 6 servings.

Whoever donated the Nurses Cookbook to the Garden Party, thank you. I have spent many enjoyable hours reading recipes and even trying a few. The following French Apple Crumb Cake received a hearty house seal of approval. It's even better with a scoop of ice cream on top.

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#### French Apple Crumb Cake

1 1/2 cups sifted flour  
 1 cup sugar  
 1 1/2 tsp baking powder  
 1 1/2 tsp salt  
 3 tbsp vegetable shortening  
 2 eggs, well beaten  
 2 cups sweetened applesauce

Temperature: 300 degrees F

Baking time: 45 minutes

Standing time: 30 minutes

Mix and sift dry ingredients in a bowl. Cut in shortening until it looks like crumbs. Add beaten eggs. Press half the mixture in the bottom of an oblong pan or deep pie plate (approx. 8 x 8). Spread the applesauce on this mixture and sprinkle cinnamon and nutmeg over it. Then press in the balance of the dough and lightly sprinkle with brown sugar. Bake and when brown on top and bottom turn off oven and leave cake in oven with door open about an inch for 30 minutes. When using an electric mixer, beat eggs well and then put in all the dry ingredients and shortening at once.

Scott Marshall has decided that a Junior Cook's Corner is a necessary addition to the Beacon. His first submitted recipe is for:

#### No Bake Cake

24 chocolate chip cookies

3/4 cup uncooked oatmeal  
 1/2 cup melted butter  
 1/2 gallon ice cream (You can use 2 different flavours if you like.)

1 plastic bag  
 Rolling pin  
 Bowl  
 Forks, spoons and a knife  
 9 1/2 inch springform pan

#### Decorations

(Try using grapes, berries, almonds, chocolate chips, coloured sprinkles, smarties, jelly beans and other candies.)

Put the ice cream in the fridge to soften slightly while you complete the following steps.

Put 16 cookies in a plastic bag and crush them well with the rolling tin.

Put the crushed cookies in a bowl and add 1/2 cup oatmeal.

Add 1/4 cup melted butter and stir.

Press this mixture evenly into the bottom of the pan.

Scoop out half the ice cream and smooth down on top of the crust with a metal spoon.

Now crush the rest of the cookies in the bag and mix with the remaining oatmeal and butter in a bowl.

Spread this mixture over the ice cream, and then add the rest of the ice cream to the pan.

Decorate the cake any way you like.

Freeze overnight. Before serving, run a knife around the edge of the pan and then remove the sides.

This cake serves about 12 people.

We would like to thank the Beacon's editor for his kind comments on the cooking capabilities of the 4 Dian(n)es. Perhaps it has something to do with living on the North Shore! However, we feel it important to let the rest of the world know that we do have our off days and occasionally you will find us chowing down on hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. We have let out this secret in order that we may continue to enjoy tasting the culinary delights of our friends and neighbours.

The Dian(n)e's of Amherst Island

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#### Letters To The Beacon

(ED: This item submitted by Chris Glenn is a combined submission to us being at the same time a letter, a thank-you, and an advertisement.)

#### Never Too Old To Learn!

Several people told me that it is tricky to have a dock where I now live on the north shore.

However being a sea lover, I didn't give up without trying for myself! Seeing floating docks advertised in the paper I thought - Ah! That's the answer!

Experience teaches fools, they say! It was in just two days and then we had a strong north east wind.

From my bedroom I could hear the boat banging and jumping along with the dock.

Thank you Tim and Maria Glenn for coming

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out of a warm bed to get the boat to safety at 5 a.m. and to Allan, Cathie and Shelley for taking out the dock the next day!

Hence! A dock for sale. Anyone interested call 389-2647 Chris Glenn.

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(submitted by Chris Glenn)

This poem was taken from a book of memoirs of Josie Munro (an islander) written in her own hand at age 83. Printed May 1975 after her death! This is really the ode to the dollar bill since the introduction of Loonies.

The Ode To The Dollar Bill  
I'm just a crumpled dollar bill  
Old and wrinkled and torn  
They keep me on the go until  
I wish I had never been born  
I've been around a bit I say  
And I've seen a thing or two  
And I guess I've seen a better day  
For I feel I am almost through

I've been in purses lined in silk  
and wallets lined with grime  
I've paid the bill for baby's milk  
I've been the cause of crime

I like to mingle here or there  
but I never seem to stay  
They always seek me when in despair  
and then I am on my way.

There's one place I would like to go  
and I am ever on the search  
Until I find some man I know  
who'll take me to his church  
And when I see down either isle  
the collectors so sedate  
I hope to nestle there awhile  
On the velvet on that plate

And then my life will be complete  
I'll enjoy a double feature  
I'll come to rest, near the mercy seat

And for the first time see a Preacher.

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(submitted by Caroline Yull and edited for length so if it doesn't read perfectly, that's our fault -Ed.)

Early this spring, I received in the mail a catalogue from the Canadian Woolgrowers' Cooperative. In it there was a notice about the Pittsburgh Township Sheepdog Trials, to be held at Grass Creek Park Aug. 11 & 12.

By some miracle, I actually remembered the event on the day before it was to take place, and we talked about the possibility of going. On Saturday morning, we got up and decided to go, still not sure we felt committed to this event, and promising each other that if it got too boring, we could always do a little auction-hopping (a favorite weekend activity at our house). On a bright morning in August, driving leisurely out Highway 2 to the park seems like a pretty good thing to do. This park is a lovely open rolling hillside, with a small beach at the river's edge and several areas where different activities had been set up. The actual trials were at the west side of the park, in a field running down to the water's edge, with the sheep penned at the top, a fence to contain them along the side, three small sets of bleachers, and a temporary tent for the scoreboard, commentators, etc. In another area, nicely separated from the trials, were food concessions, craft stalls, and demonstrations of sheep-related skills. Also real bathrooms, a definite plus.

The crowd was scattered along the fence, on blankets and lawnchairs, some with coolers, little kids, dogs, strollers, wheelchairs, and all the usual family picnic paraphernalia. Not having come prepared, we climbed up in the bleachers and settled down to watch the handler and dog just taking the field. "Way to me, Maggie. Sssssschew!" he said, sending his dog in a long looping run to the right, and circling around behind the group of 6 sheep standing about 4 football-fields away. As the dog reached a position directly behind the sheep, the handler blew a shrill whistle to signal her, and she began to move them down and through the course, guided by more whistled commands from the handler.

This involves bringing the sheep through several gates, around some obstacles, and back into a very small pen which none of them seemed to want to enter, all with as few variations as possible in direction,

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speed, etc. The handler is allowed to whistle, verbally instruct his dog, manipulate the gate of this pen using a 6-foot rope, and to wave his stock-handler's cane

around, even thwack it on the ground. He (or she) may not touch the dog or the sheep, or cause the gate to touch them.

Once the sheep are successfully penned, the handler and dog bring them out into the shedding ring, a 40-foot wide close-mown circle in the grass, where they work together to separate the last sheep from the bunch. This is complicated by the fact that every time they change direction (often) the sheep that was the last sheep becomes the lead sheep, and vice versa. The whole course is to be done in no more than 12 minutes.

Maggie and her handler were having a good run - reasonably calm movement, fairly direct between points of the course, and with a minimum of fuss. That is, until they got to the pen. There, man, sheep and dog hung in balanced limbo, each trying to figure out how to outsmart the other, with every tiny flicker of movement signifying something to the other.

A sheep starts to move past the handler, an experienced older Ohioan. He calmly lifts his stick and the sheep reconsiders. Another sheep starts to break around the other side of the pen, one of those wicked white-faced ones who are so uncooperative. The dog, without seeming to actually unfold its legs, rises from its flattened posture on the ground, scooches over 2 feet and lies down again, nose pointing directly into the face of the offending sheep. A staring match ensues, each trying to intimidate the other into giving way.

This particular ewe decides she's had enough of this not particularly amusing game, and advances on the dog, stamping her feet and lowering her head in a (somewhat empty) threat. The dog refuses to give ground, urged on by the constantly changing whistled or spoken commands of her handler. She rises, and stalks slowly, almost catlike, towards the sheep. She, unwilling to admit defeat, retreats literally one inch at a time, stomping each foot as she puts it down, as if to say "I protest! The Nerve!" The dogs backs her right to the edge of the small group, who are still hovering near the opening into the pen. After a lot more manoeuvring by dog, sheep, handler, stick and gate, the sheep are successfully penned, the gate shut, and the crowd applauds.

Interestingly, the running commentary, provided mostly by Amanda Milliken (yes, Peter's sister) is also very supportive in nature, both of her competitors and of the crowd. Most of us were not too sure what we were seeing some of the time, and her calm explanations lent a great deal to the understanding and enjoyment of the thing. Amanda, a relative newcomer to these competitions, is our host on this weekend, having organized almost singlehandedly the running of the 4th annual trials here. That is not to take anything away from the Pittsburgh Township Council and parks staff,

who had obviously done a great deal of work setting up the facilities, providing the PA system with speakers all along the fence so we could all hear, etc.

After watching several more handlers and their dogs, we marvelled at the incredible interaction between human and dog and fluid grace with which the dogs switched gear in mid-stride, now following this command, now another, as the sheep react to the first move. Although they aren't particularly beautiful dogs, and there seems to be no standard of breed appearance, they are poetry in motion, now streaking along, now flattened on the ground eye-balling the sheep, now creeping up more like a cat on a mouse than any dog I've ever seen. As Llew commented, they have a very foxy look to them, and the way they act is also foxy, making it almost seem as if they'd been cross-bred in some far-distant time. Who knows? Maybe they were.

As noon approached, we heard the occasional experimental skirl as the Rob Roy pipe band and dancers warmed up for a lunchtime show on a small stage near the food concessions. We wandered over to taste some delicious lamb kebabs and drink something cold (anything cold!) and to take a look at the "sheep-to-shawl" competition.

Helen and I watched the women of the 4 teams card and spin the fleece, putting it on bobbins for the weavers. We moved over to a loom to watch the weaving for a while, and had stood beside her for quite a few minutes before we realised that the weaver in front of us was none other than Georgie

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Allison! She gave us the \$2 demonstration, and I confess to being amazed she had the patience. In under a dark green tent on a very hot day with a whole lot of unwashed fleeces can get aromatic, to say the least. The idea of this contest is to see which team of several spinners and a weaver can take a fleece all the way through the process to completed shawl in the one day, and produce the best product. I would have been frantic trying to get along faster, but Georgie and all the weavers just calmly worked away, coping with broken threads or whatever came up as it there were all the time in the world. I begin to see the appeal of this weaving thing.

By the end of the afternoon, with Helen playing in the adventure playground, occasionally zooming for a ring or money for a drink, we were all tired and sort of "sunned out" (I even burned my lips, a whole new frontier for me). We left for home thoroughly impressed with the superior intelligence at these dogs (sometimes they seemed to know more about the sheep mentality than their owners). It's hard to describe how people who



don't enjoy watching spectator sports could get so wrapped up in an event, but we couldn't stop talking about the things we'd seen. Both Llew and I sort of wanted to come back the next day, but didn't suggest it, each thinking the other wouldn't likely want to invest 2 whole days in it. Helen settled it on the ferry home, saying in her decisive little way "We're going back there tomorrow!"

Amazingly enough, that's exactly what we did. This time I got no a little earlier and packed some lunch and sensible take-alongs (sunglasses, hats and yes, sunblock, so I could forget to put it on and re-burn my poor old lips). Sunday, there were even more people there, seemingly all of them from the Island.

We ran into Georgie and Norman and some of their children and grandchildren, virtually all of the the Topsy Farmers, Jim and Lynann, Alan and Bonny an Helen Caughey, and heard rumors that the Sylvesters had also been seen. And of course, we can't forget the biggest contingent from the Island, 200 of "the girls" from Topsy. That's right, I had to go all the way to Grass Creek to watch these naughty things act up all over the field. Because they aren't used to being handled in such small groups (200 or so being more like it), the girls were feisty, and challenged the dogs to really stretch themselves to control them.

After the day's competition and before the running-off of the champions, there was an auction of the shawls made in Saturday's competition (mercifully washed overnight) and some other sheep and dog related articles, with proceeds going to the Fern and Dave Willard fund. Dave, of course, is well known to people in the sheep and shearing community far and wide, and was missed at Sunday's shearing competition. Llew can't go to an auction without buying something, and we came home the proud new owners at a beautiful hand-woven shawl made by Georgie (we thought it belonged here).

It was a full weekend, with lots to remember and several new friends met. The relaxed pace, the "everybody wins" attitude, the charming harmony between owners and dogs, the amazing feeling of going somewhere else and being able to be as relaxed about letting Helen run free as we are on the island - all combined to make a wonderful experience. I know I haven't done it justice. You'll just have to go yourselves next year and see. Perhaps if Topsy sheep are going to be participants again next year, we can expect a notice in the Beacon ahead of time.

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Thank You Notes

Dear Loyal Friend.

The colour was right  
The size was too  
But dear loyal Friend  
Who are you?

D.M.

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The Recreation Committee wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to Ardis Shurtleff for her kindness and generosity in letting us use her pool for swimming lessons.

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Several times over the 4 week swimming period the beach was too rough for lessons. Ardis kindly encouraged the use of her pool for several full days of lessons.

Thank you!

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#### Notices & Announcements

Dave Willard

An account has been set up to receive donations. Please make cheque payable to:

Gayel Willard & Agnes McBride

Account # 7038235

and leave it at Glenn's Store or the Township Office.

Thanks For Your Support!

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Jim Reid and Sandra Shangraw cordially invite you to attend their wedding dance on Saturday, September 8, 1990 at Amherst Island Community Centre.

Dancing 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Brian and Marie Ward are happy to announce the graduation of their son Steven from Napanee and Frontenac Secondary Schools. Steven achieved a final average of 86%, earning an Ontario Scholarship and will be attending Queen's University in the fall to study History and English in preparation for a career in teaching.

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#### Back To School Bawl

The annual ISLE dinner and dance, will take place Saturday, September 22 (just before the start of hunting season). Tickets available at the store or from ISLE members.

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Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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## Awards

'First Tomato' Award goes to Lorraine Burton.

Eaten on July 15th.

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Lifesaver Of The Month goes to the unknown Cherry Pie maker whose single piece of pie bought at the Garden Party gave this person more than sufficient reason to continue living. A hard day's baling where perseverance rather than accomplishment was the watchword was made bearable by just thinking about that piece of pie waiting in the truck (actually only half a piece because it was shared). And the eating was as good as the expectation of the eating. Not only does the 'unknown pie maker' deserve this award, but all the cooks and bakers at the Garden Party should share it, whose sinfully good products have surely tempted more palates than the devil has souls.

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Flat Tire Of The Month goes to Perry McDonald who reduced 28 inches (diameter) worth of rubber and steel on one of Topsy's haywagons to a mere 7" worth of mangled steel in a couple of miles.

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Rumour Of The Month cannot be credited because its source is unknown, however, we cannot let something this good pass unnoticed. It is said that we at Topsy blew the engine in our Allis tractor because we never put oil in it. This is absolutely, positively and completely untrue - we know exactly where to put the oil and we use lots of it. It goes up at the front of the tractor in the thingy that's like a thick screen - you know - with the propeller behind it, right?! Ha!, showed them, eh?!

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Sheep Flock Of The Month goes to the 200 ewes from Topsy Farms lent to the Pittsburg Township Sheep Dog Trials. They certainly separated the dogs from the puppies. After being herded by coyotes for a month or so, a single border collie and its master were a piece of cake to handle. Nice going girls! And as a reward we'll let you have some extra good pasture!

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## Odds & Ends

A very unique time occurred a few days ago (for those of you interested in numbers, that is). At 34 minutes and 56 seconds after 12 p.m. on August 8th, 1990, your cable tv screen would have shown the time as: 12:34:56 7/8/90.

The last time this consecutively rising numbers occurred was 23 minutes and 45 seconds after 1 a.m. on July 6th, 1989 when the time would have been: 01:23:45 6/7/89.

Now that you have all have stopped gasping in amazement, you will be disappointed to learn that this consecutive rise in the numbers won't occur again for exactly 100 years. Something to tell your grandchildren about though.

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We receive the Queen's Park Report from Ken Keyes office several times a month. This month there was an item on recommended changes to Ontario's 23 Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology. Among the initiatives proposed was one which read as follows: "re-orienting the curriculum of the colleges to include a greater emphasis on general education (e.g., world events and the environment) and generic skills (e.g., math, learning and thinking skills, basic technology literacy, etc.), that will assist students in their individual development and enhance their long-term employability"

Am I missing something here or isn't this a pretty good definition of a high school education? If high school graduates can't think for themselves yet, why do they have the vote? Sounds to me as if the government has given up on providing good secondary education and is concentrating on those few going on to college.

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Topsy Farms gets the oddest pieces of mail. A few months ago, we got something called the "Canadian Business Lists", catalogue for people who do mailouts. This company gathers lists of businesses, organizations, associations, etc and will supply you with their addresses in various forms for a price. So if you wanted to send an advertisement to all of the companies which sell used adding machines, they would provide you with a list of 38 companies.

Being an unrepentant list reader, I found this fascinating. You know what's coming next don't you. Well, without further delay... did you know that there are in Canada:

40634 Chartered Accountants,

41859 Lawyers (1 for every 597 people),  
51171 Doctors (1 for every 488 people),  
23765 Beauty Salons  
31 Personality schools,  
26 Productivity consultants,  
41 Motivation consultants,  
1272 Oysters Wholesale,  
29346 Organizations (1 for every 852 people - men,  
women and children),  
18826 Clubs of all kinds,  
9344 Banks & Trust Companies.

Perhaps a more relevant question was, "Did you care?" But it is interesting to consider the effect on the country if there were as many productivity consultants as there are oyster wholesalers.

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John Hall sent up a copy 'The Rotarian' which has an article in it entitled, 101 Ways You Can Help Preserve Planet Earth from which we will pick out a few which you may not have thought of before:

13. Buy unbleached coffee filters. Better yet, use a long-lasting cloth or metal coffee filter.
15. Use cloth towels, not paper towels, for spills.
23. Buy reusable, not disposable products. (In the U.S. alone, more than two billion plastic razors are thrown away every year.) (Ed: Better yet grow a beard.)
34. Where possible, replace incandescent lights with energy-efficient fluorescent lights. Compact fluorescent light bulbs cost more, but they last much longer than incandescent bulbs and use about one-third of the energy.
46. Insulate your water heater with a prefab "blanket". This can cut energy consumption by seven to eight percent.
48. Clean the condenser coils on the back or bottom of your refrigerator once a year.
100. Plant a tree. Because they absorb carbon dioxide in the process of growing, trees help clean up the air and reduce global warming.

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For Sale / Wanted

For Sale  
Dill available.  
Phone Leslie at 384-2807  
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Basil for sale  
Phone Sally at 389-3444  
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One floating dock.  
Phone Chris Glenn at 389-2647  
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Organic tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers.  
\$2.50 per basket  
Phone Lorraine Burton at 384-685  
(the old Babcock & Bauer place)  
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Every Saturday or until sold out! Aug 11th -Sept 1st 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
single, 3/4, double, day & camp beds; several washstands; small cupboards; dressers; chairs; hall tree; maple syrup boiler; electric heater; mirrors; lamps; drop leaf table; Victorian sofa; night tables; etc... (some antiques)

For information call Jeanne Johnstone at 389-5599 (the 'Fowler Place')  
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Ford Fairlane 1964 V8 for parts \$50  
Chevrolet Chevelle 1969 W for parts \$500  
Phone 389-0643  
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Picnic tables - super design.  
Custom made all steel weather vanes.  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588  
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Wanted to Buy  
1 or 2 chests of drawers  
1 baby change table  
Phone 389-0417  
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General Contracting  
New Construction & Renovations by an Amherst Island company.  
Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387  
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Housework - Will do housework for the summer months, afternoons only. Please phone Lily Browne, mornings at 389-3057  
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General Contracting  
Renovations & Restorations, New construction, Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.  
Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433  
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#### Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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#### Babysitting

Tracy Hitchins will babysit, early evenings and weekends. Call 389-5385

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Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

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#### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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#### Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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Cisterns Filled Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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#### Glenn's Store

We have a selection of more than 70 VCR titles.

Movies \$2.50

New Releases \$3.00

Nintendo Games \$2.50

Kids Movies \$2.00

VCR Rentals \$6.00 Weekdays and \$10.00 Saturdays

We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We also carry blank tapes. Also available at Glenn's Store:

Amherst Island Shirts & Caps

Whig Standard cookbook

Emergency Call Cards

Hunting/Fishing Licences

Book Exchange

Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery

Avon Ordering

Girl Guide Cookies and more!

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Beacon Notes

A collective sigh of relief was heard on the morning of September 4th as the children went back to school. Only to be replaced by a collective gasp a few days later as we realized that we'd just elected a NDP government. Two warnings are in order: firstly, the school buses are back on the road again, and secondly, watch out for sky high NDP supporters drifting by with the winds - they'll be crashing to earth when they hear that the economy is kaput and they won't be able to make Ontario over into Shangri-la!

We've got the Island election results! We guessed right that the Liberals were done like dinner, but we guessed wrong at who would win. Oh well, I suppose that's one less MPP we'll have to entertain over here.

Personally I think the pundits were wrong when they said the voters were just being grumpy in trashing the Liberals like they just did. This fully qualifies as a major temper tantrum. Well anyway, we at the Beacon hope you're feeling better now.

We also have an Exclusive Report from a Cairo newspaper explaining the real reason behind the Iran crisis. It's interesting reading as someone has an unusual slant on world events. Of course, we've got all our regular features which nicely segues into...

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The Island Vote

A total of 290 people were eligible to vote of which 204 (70.3%) exercised their franchise.

Goodchild (PC)	89	43.6%
Keyes (Lib)	68	33.3%
Wilson (NDP)	43	21.1%
Jackson (FCP)	1	0.5%
spoiled ballots	3	1.5%

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Council Report For September 4, 1990

- Don Tubb

Councillor Whitton was away for this meeting but all other members of Council were present. No members of the public were present to witness this extraordinarily short meeting. (Everyone must have stayed home debating the merits of voting either NDP or Conservative as a protest against the provincial election. More on the election later.) Of course, Diane and Judy were there to record Council's every word and implement its every whim.

After the usual adoptions, disclosures and receivings, Council discussed a

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large number of ongoing matters, some of which are briefly summarized below:

1. The search for a new landfill site begins in earnest as proposals are due by the end of the month from interested consultants.
2. Shore road relocation will come out of hibernation and will be rearing its ugly head again at next month's meeting as a long-tabled recommendation will be dealt with. It basically says that the roads will be maintained in their present location at virtually any cost, and that an application for funding to survey a line for a relocated road be sent to MTO.
3. Some preliminary steps towards a fenced parking area on the Millhaven side have been undertaken with an 'application of encroachment' sent off to MTO.
4. Ferry safety drills will be held during September for the AI Public School students.
5. Diane and Judy will be clarifying the procedure for renting the Community Centre by drawing up a flow chart.
6. Mr Sirman, the Township lawyer, is continuing to research the ownership of the shorefront.
7. Council is waiting to get an answer from the Fire Marshall's office as to whether the Township is allowed to post a reward for information on dump fires.

A survey of afternoon ferry users was authorized in

order to find out if they wished the 4-7 p.m. quick turn-around to be continued later into the fall. This was done over two days and an overwhelming 80% of the respondents approving its continuance. Council has authorized the service to continue as long as possible.

MTO will be looking to see if the Zebra mussels will have any effect on the bubble system.

There was some muttering around the Council table about continuing problems with speeding in Stella. The Reeve, once again, asked that complaints be brought directly to him explaining that no complaints suggests to him that there is no problem.

There was more muttering a while later but this time about the dump. It seems that every time the dump is mentioned the talk turns to limiting the hours it's open and having an attendant present. This month's discussion was about the scrap metal man trading garbage at our dump. Also, the many dump truck loads of material from renovations and new buildings. This reporter would not be surprised to see some limitations placed on access to the dump fairly soon.

Council moved on to a more positive matter - that of getting 911 in place. We should be in step with the rest of the area when it comes into service later this year.

Information has also been received that the Workers' Compensation Board is going to extend coverage to all members of the First Response Team regardless of their membership in the Fire Department.

I don't think that there has been any official announcement or notification to date but the Island has bought the Annie Clyde property (adjacent to the existing ferry parking lot and running up behind McCormick's). The Reeve is going to meet with the appraiser and someone from MTO to discuss the specifications for the appraisal. This apparently has something to do with possibly severing the land into two sections with the Island retaining only that portion needed for an extension to the

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#### Iraq Crisis Explained

The Beacon is proud to be the first newspaper in Canada with The inside story on the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Our intrepid foreign correspondent has learnt from Al-Ahrar, the Cairo newspaper published by the Islamic Liberal Social Democratic Alliance, all the details of the matter. It is all a "Zionist plot, devised by Raisa Gorbachev assisted by the Soviet Foreign Minister Edward Shevardnadze, who are both Jewish". They schemed that Saddam Hussein should become the supreme ruler of the region, with George Bush helping

him by "occupying the oil fields and establishing military bases in Arabia". We hear some weird rumours here at the Beacon offices, but believe this to be the wackiest so far.

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park and parking lot. The remaining section would be sold off to reduce the final cost of what is felt that is really needed.

Ontario Hydro made only the feeblest attempts to inform Islanders of the scheduled power outage a couple of weeks ago. They were installing a new pole where our wires change from aerial to buried on the mainland. Council has requested Diane to ask Hydro to inform the township office if they ever schedule another outage.

Finally a little something for your calendar - some of the village roads will be paved towards the end of the month (tentatively scheduled for the 25th and 26th) which will cause disruption to traffic and to the ferry service. With all the trucks and equipment moving back and forth, the capacity of the ferry will be considerably reduced, so you might consider not going to the mainland those days.

After dealing with other items, some of which will be mentioned later in the Beacon, Council adjourned (are you ready for this) Early - to be specific, at 10:22 p.m.

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#### New O.P.P. Phone Number

According to Constable Russell, of the Napanee, O.P.P., if you need a police officer, please call 1-800-267-7444 which is a direct line to the 24 hour O.P.P. Communications Centre in Belleville. Your message will be dispatched immediately to a O.P.P. car in this area.

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#### County Re-Organization

- Don Tubb

The October 2nd meeting of Council will begin at 7:00 p.m. to allow a County committee to make a presentation on a very wide-ranging and important study of County government. They will also be trying to "obtain comments, ideas, general input from municipal representatives and citizens" concerning this likely reorganization of all levels of government in the County. This study is expected to take years to complete and implement and this visit is largely to appraise us of its timetable, scope and procedures for input.

Some information from the County has been made

available from which I will liberally quote. This information seems to be saying that this committee intends to wipe the County clean of municipal boundaries, all levels of government (county and municipal) and their responsibilities, and then start over trying to achieve a more rational and equitable distribution of powers, responsibilities and boundaries. They will be addressing the following areas:

1. Socio-economic outlook which appears to be an assessment of present and future population settlement patterns, where people work, and other related information.
2. Municipal Services which means things like roads, waste management, fire, water and sewers, etc. Also they will be studying "the financial and administrative effects of municipal boundary adjustments" along with recommendations "on the division of responsibilities between the County, and the local municipalities".
3. County-Local Municipal Structure which is an examination of the "alternatives to the present county and local municipal structure".

As we will be the second municipality visited, and, as this study has potentially perilous implications for the continued existence of this Township, it behooves me to invite you to consider our place in the county and present your ideas to the visiting delegation. We, Islanders, have a reputation on the mainland for being - how can I put this in a family newsletter - feisty and independent. This reputation has made the mainland municipalities somewhat leery of having us as part of their territory. It just may be that we can avoid being grudgingly adopted by the mainland if we can present a case for remaining independent. Of course, I am expressing my personal view point that the Island is better off as a separate Township rather than an unwanted adjunct to a mainland

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municipality. You may have other opinions which could be expressed to the visiting delegation.

I can see it now - ignored and unwanted by the mainland, eventually having our anchor chain cut leaving us adrift in this cruel world, pin-balling off the 1000 Islands until we reach the sea where we would drift unwanted like that garbage scow from New York that couldn't find a place to dump its cargo a couple of years ago. A little fanciful perhaps but it's never too early to raise the spectre of nightmarish scenarios.

It is possible that this study will come to naught as it was a Liberal initiative which may go down the tubes like they did. However, the County appears to be quite serious about this so we should not ignore them.

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## The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to those who are, or who have been, in hospital this month: Jack Kerr, Norm Allison, Alan Kidd, Lorna Barbro and Anna Smythe.

A warm welcome to the McDonald family, now permanent residents. While Gary has been here several months already, wife Leslie and their four children settled in permanently just before the start of school.

Welcome also to Richard and Margaret Thornhill who have moved to the South Shore for an indefinite stay. Richard and Margaret are Kelvin's parents.

Many congratulations to Laura Wemp who has won an estimated 29 Ribbons this summer with her brand new horse Joey (a.k.a. Captain Morgan). This is Joey's first season jumping - he was trained last winter by Laura. Their awards included two First Place ribbons and one Gold Medal in equitation; eight 2nd place wins and many other assorted prizes.

Congratulations to Jim and Sandra Reid on their recent wedding; also to Steve and Bonnie Wemp who will be married by the time the Beacon is out.

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## Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

On Thursday, August 23, members of the Women's Institute set out to visit some local historical attractions. In the morning we toured the Babcock Mill in Odessa. This large limestone mill was built as a grist mill but the builder ran into financial difficulty and some years later it was developed to produce "Better Baskets by Babcock". Our guides, Steven Willard and Michael Strain, were very obliging and well prepared to answer all our questions. The baskets made and sold on the premises, range in size from market baskets and covered picnic baskets, to clothes baskets and hampers. These are very sturdy and practical, and also quite beautiful. Steven then explained the operation of the turbines which power the mill. These are on the site of the original sawmill which was demolished as a fire hazard before the mill was restored. There is a small museum on the third floor where historical pictures and artifacts are displayed. We learned the Babcock Mill once produced the electricity for Odessa. Also on display were some excellent models of historic buildings in Odessa and Napanee which had been built by local elementary school students. These were remarkable for the care and detail of construction and the ingenuity of the students in achieving such effects as limestone walls and worn wooden flooring.

Our next visit was to the Hope and Anchor in Napanee for a delightful lunch, then a short visit to the Napanee Museum to enjoy its display of local historical

artifacts. The museum will be mounting a display of historical quilts in September.

Our next meeting will be Wed., Sept 19th, at the home of Phyllis Strain with a program on Canadian Industries. We are looking forward to a celebration of our 90th Anniversary at 8:00 on Oct. 19th at the Amherst Island Community Centre. We issue an invitation to all to come and help us celebrate and enjoy the program to be presented.

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#### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

#### Revenge Of The Four Dian(n)es

Seeing as the 4 Dian(n)es have been receiving such wonderful free press lately, I have decided to feature them in this month's Cooks Corner.

Our first recipe comes from (in alphabetical order) Diane G. who calls this the 3D Pie which stands for Decadent and Delicious from a Diane (Chocolate Raspberry Cream Pie). The recipe comes with several Island Pie Of Approval awards and Diane G. will be happy to supply references.

1 9" baked pie shell

In medium saucepan combine

1 Tbsp cornstarch

3 Tbsp sugar

1 pkg. (300g) frozen raspberries.

Cook over medium heat till thickened. Cool. Spread over bottom of crust. In medium bowl beat until fluffy

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese

1/3 c sugar

1/2 tsp. vanilla or almond extract.

Fold in 1/2 c. whipped cream (whipped). Spread carefully over raspberries and refrigerate until firm. (1 hour) Melt 2 squares semi-sweet chocolate and 3 Tbsp. butter. Stir till smooth. Pour over cream cheese on pie. Spread to edges. Refrigerate to set layers. It can be garnished with more whipped cream, raspberries or chocolate. Diane's taste testers don't think it's needed).

The next recipe is from Diane Hieatt. Diane H. has so many favourite recipes that she kept me on the phone for ten minutes while trying to decide which recipe to submit. After several mind changes she came up with a wonderful English Trifle recipe. The directions for making the Sponge Cake are also included.

#### Sponge Cake

3 eggs

6 oz. sugar

pinch of salt

4 oz. flour and 1 tsp baking powder (sift 3 times)

2 oz. butter

2 Tbsp boiling water

Beat eggs with a pinch of salt, add sugar and beat until thick and light coloured. Fold in sifted flour and baking powder. Lastly, add butter melted in boiling water.

I greased and lightly cornstarched a 9 X 13 pan and baked 25 to 30 mm. at 375 F.

#### English Trifle

1 sponge cake

raspberry jam

1/2 cup sherry

1 pkg. frozen raspberries, thawed and well drained

Custard (recipe follows)

2 cups whipping cream

4 Tbsp icing sugar

Make and chill the custard first. Cut cake into fingers about 1" by 4", spread each on one side with jam. Place half of cake, jam side up, in serving bowl. Sprinkle with half of sherry. Cover with half of raspberries then half of custard. Whip the cream and sweeten with icing sugar; spread half over custard. Repeat layers. (Pipe some of the cream on top if you wish). Garnish top with toasted almonds and candied fruit. Chill several hours. Makes about 8 servings. Even the leftovers are good).

Custard - Heat 2 cups light cream with 1/4 cup sugar, almost to boiling. Stir heated cream briskly into 4 well-beaten egg yolks. Cook mixture without boiling (use a double boiler or very heavy saucepan over low heat), stirring almost constantly until custard is smooth and slightly thickened (when cooked it will coat a metal spoon). Stir in 1 teaspoon vanilla. Pour into bowl, cover and chill.

The third Dianne (that's me) would like to submit a Vegetable Lasagna recipe (The Lighthearted Cookbook - Anne Lindsay) This is a wonderful light meatless Lasagna that Scott and Bonnie actually liked. I substituted zucchini for the broccoli and actually got the younger Marshalls to eat several vegetables and enjoy it.

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1 Tbsp vegetable oil

1 small onion chopped

3 cloves garlic minced

1 carrot chopped

1 stalk celery chopped

2 cups sliced mushrooms



1 19 oz. can tomatoes  
 1 7 1/2 can tomato sauce  
 1 tsp each dried basil and oregano salt and freshly ground pepper  
 3 cups small broccoli florets  
 9 lasagna noodles  
 1 cup low-fat cottage cheese  
 3 cups shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese  
 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In large saucepan, heat oil over medium heat; add onion and cook until tender. Stir in garlic, carrot, celery and mushrooms; cook, stirring often for 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, breaking up with fork. Stir in tomato sauce, basil, oregano; season with salt and pepper to taste. Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes or until thickened slightly. Let cool; stir in broccoli.

In large pot of boiling water, cook noodles until done.

In lightly greased 13 X 9 in. baking dish, arrange vegetable mixture then half of the cottage cheese. Sprinkle with 1/3 of the mozzarella cheese. Repeat noodle, vegetable mixture, cottage and mozzarella cheese layers once. Arrange remaining noodles over top; sprinkle with remaining mozzarella and parmesan. Bake in 350 F oven for 35 to 45 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

8 servings.

Our fourth Diane (Pearce) has a recipe for Linguine with Tomatoes and Basil. This is an uncooked Pasta Sauce. If you don't have Brie Cheese available, Diane feels that it would also be good with mozzarella cubes.

4 ripe large tomatoes, cut to 1/2 inch cubes  
 1 pound brie cheese, rind removed, torn into irregular pieces  
 1 cup cleaned fresh basil leaves, cut into strips  
 3 garlic cloves, peeled and finely minced  
 1 cup plus 1 Tbsp olive oil  
 2 1/2 tsp salt  
 1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper  
 1 1/2 lbs linguine  
 grated parmesan cheese (optional)

Combine tomatoes, Brie, basil, garlic, 1c olive oil, 1/2 tsp salt and the pepper in a large serving bowl. Prepare at least 2 hours before serving and set aside, covered at room temperature.

Bring 6 quarts water to a boil in a large pot. Add 1 Tbsp. olive oil and remaining salt. Add the linguine and boil until tender but still firm, 8 to 10 minutes. Drain pasta and immediately toss with the tomato sauce. Serve at once, passing the peppermill and Parmesan cheese.

4 to 6 servings

Happy eating from the 4 Dian(n)es

P.S. Contrary to fast flying rumours, there is no 'D' Conspiracy. The fact that Diane H was in Toronto, while Dianne M was at the home of Diane G baking bread supplied by a recipe from Diane P, gives no proof that there is a 'D' Conspiracy on Amherst Island.

Our Junior Cook's Corner features a recipe by Scott Marshall. Strangely enough it's another desert and is called Butterscotch Frosties which should not leave the kitchen too messy once the children are finished with it.

Mix well in medium bowl 1 can of ready-to-serve butterscotch pudding (2 cups) and 1/4 cup of milk.

Put a miniature foil baking cup in each of six muffin cups.

Sprinkle in each foil cup 1/2 teaspoon of multicoloured nonpareils (tiny coloured candies)

Divide the pudding mixture equally among foil cups. Insert wooden skewer or plastic stirring stick in each. Freeze until firm, about 4 hours. Let stand at room temperature 5 minutes before taking off cups.

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Library News

- Staff

The Stella Public Library wrapped up its Summer Reading Club with a draw for prizes. The theme for this summer's club was 'Backpack Your Paperback' and there was a prize for each participant which reflected that outdoors theme.

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Kyle Murray... Tent

Jacob Murray... Portable Radio

Angela Fleming... Canteen

Sarah Scott... Canteen

Ruth Scott... Flashlight

Jessica Gavlas... Flashlight

Wendy Fleming... Wrist Pack

Mindy Fleming ... Wrist Pack

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Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

Three or four times a week, bags and boxes of fresh food are picked up from Amherst Island and delivered to the Partners in Mission Food Bank. The vegetables are redistributed, often the same day, in hampers destined for families whose food budget just can't stretch far enough at the end of the month.

We are still the only community regularly donating fresh food.

It has been made possible by those responsible for transportation: John and Marybeth Hall, who deliver every Thursday morning, and Erie Jackson, a volunteer living near the ferry dock on the mainland, who will pick up and deliver "on call". The ferry crew help a lot too.

Thanks to all the regulars: Leslie Gavlas, Jean and Earle Tugwell, Donna and Ed Chadband, Judy Roberts and Alan Kidd, Headlands, and all the other contributors.

If you have extra food (or last year's preserves or freezer food) just call the Hall's (389-6553) for Thursday morning, or call Sally (389-3444) for any other time. Help with picking and pickups can be arranged.

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Public School  
Our New Intermediate Teacher  
- Caroline Yull

The new teacher in our grade 4-8 classroom is Mary Farrar, a woman with many fascinating experiences to bring to us. Although she's a native of Toronto, and did her training and some early teaching there, Mrs Farrar has lived in the Kingston area for about 20 years. With her geologist husband and her four children (twin sons, 31, a 16 yr-old daughter and a son, 8) she lives just outside Inverary, where she enjoys reading, gardening, windsurfing and other water sports. I think Mrs Farrar must have been a happy island-dweller in an earlier life, because she tells me that she not only doesn't mind the driving and ferry-riding to come here, but actually uses that time for reflection, reading, etc.

During her time in this area, there have been several shifts in Mrs Farrar's career, from teaching with the Kingston Board of Ed, acting as a primary grade consultant in maths and language arts, to teaching at MacArthur College, to training community volunteers to work in the prison system, tutoring inmates towards literacy. Interspersed between stints at all these jobs have been three sabbaticals taken by the Farrar family. Packing up the family, renting out the house, donning backpacks the Farrars have gone to Australia, New Zealand and most recently to China, through Tibet to India, and down through central Africa. Surely the wilds of Amherst Island will be easy to conquer after all that!

When I asked what seemed most interesting or unique about our school, the answer was, not surprisingly, the teaching of such a wide spread of grades/ages. "Although it is demanding, it is also very interesting and challenging," she said, adding "these are very nice kids, with none of the really trying children you sometimes run into. There's an enormous warmth

and intimacy which comes of having such close family groupings in the class. They support one another." Although occasionally feeling a little "assaulted by detail", Mrs Farrar is enjoying working in our school, and says it's far more interesting than working in a more ordinary suburban school setting.

Teaching 23 children in 5 grades is a demanding job, with many curriculum requirements. Along with the standard skills, Mrs Farrar is currently doing a unit on understanding one's own and others' feelings, as a tool towards getting along. A full and busy life is being led in the north-west classroom, and you can observe it and meet Mrs Farrar at the annual school open-house on September 25, 7 - 8 p.m. In

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the meantime, we all welcome a woman of Mary Farrar's many facets, and wish her well for the months to come.

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The Royal Canadian Legion  
- submitted by Irene Glenn

The Royal Canadian Legion's mission is to serve veterans, ex-service persons and their dependents as well as supporting many community activities. Annually the Legion contributes millions of dollars in financial and other assistance to:

Seniors- \$7,100,000

Cadets, Scouts, Guides- \$4,000,000

Youth Sports- \$4,100,000

Geriatric Education- \$250,000

Charitable Organizations- \$15,250,000

Other Agencies- \$12,500,000

The Annual Poppy Campaign which perpetuates the act of remembrance, receives donations to assist veterans, others who served and are in need, and the community in general. The Legion sponsors national literary and poster competitions for youths and provides remembrance material for schools. Over \$3,000,000 is distributed to needy ex-service persons, their dependents and for community services.

The Royal Canadian Legion has 700,000 members, affiliates and Ladies Auxiliary in 1,750 branches in Canada, the U.S. and West Germany.

You are eligible for ordinary membership if you are a veteran, serving or ex- service person of the Regular and Reserve forces or the R.C.M.P. Sons, daughters, spouses, widows and widowers are eligible for associate membership.

If you would like to become a part of this great Canadian family or would like more information, contact a branch in your area: Phone 389-0417

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### St. Alban's 100th Anniversary

On Sunday of Labour Day Weekend, St. Alban's Anglican Church celebrated its 100th anniversary. Bishop Allan Reid joined Rev. Ken Blaber to lead a service attended by members of the Anglican, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic congregations on the Island.

Eleven members of the community were confirmed by the Bishop. Two of those confirmed, Laura Wemp and Sherry Ward, were great-grandchildren of the first person baptised at St. Albans, Mrs. Kathleen (Neilson) Wemp. Mrs Wemp sent warm messages of support.

The Bishop's Lay Reader License was received by the churchwardens for Dr. Harley Smyth, and prayers were offered for his daughter who is seriously ill.

A History of St. Alban's Church was compiled and printed, and contains many fascinating tidbits of events during the last 100 years. Copies may be obtained for \$3 (to recover printing costs) from the rector (352-7464) or from Mrs. Jean Tugwell (389-4636).

Special guests included ex-M.P.P, Ken Keyes who made a special presentation from the government of Ontario, and Dr. Anthony Adamson, great-grandson of the first rector of the church, The Rev. Agar Adamson.

A reception for the congregation was held at the school, organized by the women of St. Alban's and St. John's (the affiliated church from Bath). Laureen Kilpatrick from St. Bartholemew's contributed a special centennial cake.

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### Thank You Notes

We would like to thank all our friends and neighbours for their concerns and best wishes after Alan's recent accident. Alan is now doing quite well and

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from Amherst Island Public School graduates enrolled to attend Queen's University full-time in 1990-91. Please submit your nominations to the Township Office prior to October 1, 1990.

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#### Special Council Meeting

At 7:00 p.m. on October 2, 1990, a Special Council Meeting will be held to hear a presentation from the County Committee studying County Government Reorganization. The public is invited to attend.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

The Women's Institute is hosting a musical evening to celebrate our 90th Anniversary on Friday, October 19th at 8:00 p.m. at the Amherst Island Community Centre. The evening will feature the Bell Ringers, The Jubilante Choir and others. Everyone is welcome. A lunch will be served and a draw for our quilt will follow.

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#### Turkey Supper

The Anglican Church Women will be holding their Annual Turkey Supper and sale at the Amherst Island Community Centre on Saturday, October 27th at 5:00 p.m. Tickets this year - adults \$10.00; school children to age 12, \$5.00; pre-schoolers free.

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#### Sunday School Teachers Needed

It will soon be time to start up Sunday School again (right after Thanksgiving). We are currently looking for a superintendant and some teachers (the possibility of two people team - teaching and alternating Sundays exists). If you want to see Sunday School continue, now is the time to make a commitment to it. Please call: Caroline Yull, 384-4071, with a projected initial meeting in late September.

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#### Township Of Amherst Island Ameriks Donation

The Township of Amherst Island has received a very generous donation from a long time Amherst Island resident and property owner, Mr. Albert Ameriks.

Council wants to ensure that the \$10,000 donation is used in a manner that reflects the Township's appreciation of this gentleman's generosity. To this end, we are soliciting suggestions for the use of these funds. Please forward your ideas to the Township Office on or

before December 1, 1990. Thank you.

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#### Dave Willard

An account has been set up to receive donations. Please make cheque payable to:

Gayel Willard & Agnes McBride

Account # 7038235

and leave it at Glenn's Store or the Township Office

Thanks For Your Support!

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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#### Awards

The 'Mad Scientist of the Month Award' goes to Alan Kidd who in a flawed attempt to test the universality of the law of gravity found that it at least applied to him. The flaw in the experiment was forgetting that after a 25' free-fall test of gravity a landing has to be made.

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'The Most Depressing Letter Award' goes to the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers. It outlines, In Fully Capitalized And Bold Style Print, the collapse of the world wool market. Apparently the Chinese have withdrawn from the market, and many Eastern and Asian countries are experiencing both economic disruptions and credit problems which has reduced the amounts they usually buy. This has caused stockpiles to increase drastically and the price for wool to collapse.

The Wool Growers has severely changed its policy to reflect this situation. They will now accept wool on a consignment basis only. There will be no advance payments for wool received. And final payments will be delayed until they can sell some of the wool they've got on hand already.

The prices we, at Topsy, received for our wool this year was less than half of the cost for the shearing and transporting the wool to Carleton Place. So, this should be a great time to buy that wool sweater and stock up on wool socks because the value of the wool in them is virtually zero.

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#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Sean Gartner, who has just entered the Faculty of Medicine at the University of

Western Ontario. Sean was top student in his class (3rd year Kinesiology) at the University of Waterloo. His long term aspirations are to become an orthopedic surgeon.

Good luck Sean.

Barry & Laura Gartner

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With the coming of fall, we can look forward to another NFL football season and the pleasure of rooting against the Dallas Cowboys. This looks like another banner year as, with any luck, they could do as well as last year (1 win). Ah! the joy of reading the Monday sports and seeing that the Cowboys have been blown off the field again. So we, a little prematurely all-be-it, offer our congratulations to America's Team on finishing last in the league once again this year.

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We offer our congratulations to the Ontario NDP party on their success during the recent election. It is sad, however, to realize that the party will now become dirtied with politics. They will no longer be the party of pure ideas and shining principles. When in opposition they were never restrained by the politics of special interests, or lived in fear of the province's credit rating, or ever had to answer to anyone but themselves.

By the way did you see Bobby on the news the other night, standing there aghast that the Liberals had lied to him about the state of the economy. Where has he been because the newspapers have been full of stories documenting the downturn in the economy for the last 6 months at least? Is he that naive or is he just doing the standard new government ploy of saying things are so bad that they can't fulfill their election promises right away? It doesn't take a virgin government long to get wise to the ways of in-power politics.

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Odds & Ends

Don't forget to get those bird feeders cleaned out and stocked up. Now's the time to start attracting the fall birds, so they in turn will alert the winter ones to your feeder.

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Your magic fact with numbers this month comes courtesy of Peterson's Insect Identification Book.

Did you know that one pair of Pomace Flies can lay 100 eggs and can do this 25 times in one year? If there were no predators or other controls on the population, and if all survived, there would be 10 to the 41st power

flies at the end of one year which is a very big number. To put this another way, if you packed these flies 1,000 to the cubic inch, they would form a ball 96 million miles in diameter which is roughly the distance from the Sun to Earth - a very large ball! The lesson to be learned from this is - Kill Pomace Flies Every Chance You Get!

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Save The Danny Burgess Show!!

The Saturday morning cartoon show hosted by Danny Burgess is going off the air at the end of the month. There's no time to waste! A campaign to save 'the show that time forgot' must be mounted immediately!!

This show is unique in this day of high tech and fast moving cartoon shows. What we have here is a 1950's format with a group of Cubs or Brownies sitting on bleachers being 'interviewed' by Danny. He skilfully interweaves original 'Felix the Cat' cartoons believe it or not. I can't! And the most amazing thing of all is that kids still watch it!!

We shouldn't let this international treasure be stripped from the airwaves. We should write the station and demand that Danny be kept on the air. Write now as he is supposed to sign off at the end of the month. If they won't keep it on the air, ask them to put it into syndication.

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For Sale / Wanted

For Sale

Topsy Farms once again has freezer lambs for sale. Information and order forms can be obtained by calling 389-3444 or 389-0554 (evenings).

The Booklet "The History of St. Alban's Church, Stella Amherst Island (1890—1990)"

Price - \$3.00

From any A.C.W. member or at Glenn's Store.

Christmas is coming! Tuck these in your gifts to friends and relatives.

Organic tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers.

\$2.50 per basket

Phone Lorraine Burton at 384-6855

(the old Babcock & Bauer place)

Picnic tables - super design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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#### Home Needed

I have recently found out that I am allergic to cats and unfortunately must find a new home for our orange house cat, adult male, neutered, clean, affectionate, no known vices.

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Beacon Notes

As usual, it's been another interesting month - the 911 service is now operational, Council is getting into some heavy items, some of the village roads were paved, and fall arrived. We've also been busy putting the finishing touches on a new phone list which is fortuitous because Irene just sold the last copy.

The pace of life here is quickening as the realization slowly dawns on us all that winter is coming and there's been a lot of work put off during the summer that needs doing. The trouble is that it happens while there are so many other important things to do. For starters, there's the NFL, NHL, World Series and NBA.

By the way, was anyone keeping count as to how long it would take until one of Bobby's ministers got into trouble - we think it was 4 days! A new Ontario record! This does have to be qualified a bit in that the evil deed was done in a previous life as an alderman in Toronto. The record keeper can put an asterisk beside his name like they did when Roger Marris broke the Babe's home-run record.

We've also got a dyed-in-the-wool Red Sox (Get it?! - dyed wool & Red Sox - Guess you had to be there.) fan trying to exercise the Boston curse, and failing as all others have done before.

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Council Report For October 2, 1990

-Don Tubb

All of the Councillors were present for this Regular Council meeting. Caroline Yull and I were the only members of the public present.

Prior to the Regular Meeting there was a Special Meeting to consider a rezoning of Part Lot 21, North Shore Concession (Harry and Barbara Filson). This

was passed without objection.

The County Committee studying local government re-organization did not come over. The election of the NDP has cast some doubt as to whether they will see this as a priority, so it is being put on hold until The Word comes down from Toronto.

As usual there was a lot of unfinished business, some of which is:

- suggestions for Mr Ameriks' donation to the

Township are still open. No suggestions have been received to date.

- Mr Sirman is still looking into the shoreline ownership.

- still waiting for word as to whether Council can post a reward for information on dump fires. Diane is going to try another avenue.

The Quick turn-around service will have ended as of October 5th. It was not a great success mainly because there was too much

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traffic going off the Island. This makes it very difficult to gain time on the afternoon runs.

The Reeve talked to MTO about the Clyde property and its potential use by the ferry. MTO's technical people will be looking into this.

The Township will be requesting that the cattle trucks shipping animals to and from the Community Pasture be better bedded. It seems that some yucky stuff was spilling out onto the roads and ferry.

The Township and the quarry owner appear to have reached an agreement. Council approved an agreement which will now be sent back to the owner for his signature. This should settle the problems encountered with access over the summer.

A recommendation to relocate the shore roads which has been hanging around for some considerable time was postponed until more information is available on ownership of the shoreline.

Council took the plunge and hired a consulting firm (Malroz Engineering) to do a hydrogeological investigation of the existing dump, and to look for a site for a new waste disposal facility. The Ministry of the Environment will be asked to approve the winning firm's proposal. Malroz will also be asked to assist in applying for more grants for future work.

Council continued with its grumbling over the existing dump and actually got to the point of asking Caroline Ackerman and Stuart Miller to make recommendations to remedy the problems encountered recently. Things like tippage fees, limited access and

attendants will be addressed during the December Council meeting.

Council has requested that Stuart have a wheel chair ramp built for the Municipal Building. Apparently there is all kinds of information, advice and money available for the asking. There was also mention of a second exit from the building but nothing was decided about this.

The 911 service came into operation on October 1st. The fire department doesn't have its pagers yet but they're apparently coming soon. They have to be modified before they can be used. The Township will be issuing new Emergency Phone Number Cards and is going to approach the school to make sure that the children are taught about its use. The First Response Team is still being trained but should be available for medical emergencies in the not too distant future. They too are waiting for their pagers.

Robert MacKenzie's preliminary Official Plan Policy paper was discussed. (Ed: a report on his presentation follows the Council report.) Tom offered a suggestion for the Official Plan concerning bicycles which Council decided to pass on to Mr MacKenzie for his comments. Council agreed that it agreed in principal with Mr Mackenzie's obviously agreeable ideas including the agreed upon changes from the Official Plan meeting. They requested that he draw up the tentative zones on a map which would be presented to Council at a Special Council meeting.

The lot levy is going to be changed. The proposal is to up the fee from a flat \$500 to 5% of the value. At the time of this article, it wasn't known what value would be used, whether selling or assessed, and whether there would be other provisions like a minimum levy. A By-law will be drawn up for next month's meeting.

At the close of the meeting a severance application was approved for Part Lot 27, Concession 1 (Wayne Belter in trust).

Council adjourned early this month (10:31 p.m.).

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Official Plan Meeting September 25, 1990

-Don Tubb

Another meeting to discuss the Official Plan has come and gone with more interest shown by the public (14 people showed up). All of the Councillors were present except Jim Whitton. Also in attendance were the planner, Robert Mackenzie, and the clerk, Diane Pearce.

The meeting's purpose was to go over a draft of the Official Plan's goals, objectives and policies as prepared by Mr Mackenzie. He was looking for some general indication from Council approving the direction that the plan was taking. After going over the draft, point by point, Council decided to discuss it further

during the next regular Council meeting and form their opinions at that time.

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Just to go over some old ground for a minute so this meeting can be put into perspective. The Official Plan is the philosophy governing land use in a municipality, in this case the Island. It is enforced by the Zoning By-law, the actual rules of the Official Plan. The Plan could say anything from no-one can build or do anything anywhere on the Island; to, anybody can do whatever they want anywhere on the Island. The Councillors, not being able to agree on either of these, decided to occupy the middle ground between these two extremes.

In previous meetings, they suggested to Mr Mackenzie that some areas of the Island should be protected from certain kinds of development while others be set aside for new houses, etc. Mr Mackenzie then held a number of public meetings to find out from both Council and the public what value was placed on various areas of the Island. He compiled this information into a document called, "Official Plan - Draft Goals, Objectives and Policies" which was presented at the meeting on September 25th.

The document has divided the Island into 5 loosely defined areas reflecting the various types of land and land use we have here. These are the good farm land, the unique environmental areas, the village, the shoreline, and whatever is left over which largely consists of the poorer farmland. The first two areas will be protected from development to a large extent while allowing their present use to continue as unhindered as possible. The other three will be the areas where development will be allowed to take place.

In each of these areas, Mr Mackenzie sketches a more specific philosophy. For the agricultural areas he suggests that:

- 1- agriculture be encouraged and farmers be allowed to farm as unhindered as possible,
- 2- the agricultural areas be protected from loss to other uses, and
- 3- the rural character of these areas be preserved.

He goes on to, do this for the other 4 areas which are briefly summarized below:

Natural Environmental Areas be protected because of their biological, botanical or geological importance.

The Village be allowed to grow larger so it can better serve as the service, social and institutional centre of the Island.

The Shoreline Areas to be allowed to develop both for residential use but also for recreational uses. Provisions to ensure adequate public access to the shoreline be



provided.

The Rural Area be also protected from development which would adversely affect farming but allowing houses to be built in greater numbers than would be allowed in the Agricultural Area. Also allowed would be other types of development which would be consistent with a rural environment.

With these loose statements in mind, Mr Mackenzie then tries to define these areas a little more closely and suggest some types of activities which would be permitted. I'm not going to list all the permitted uses because it would take up too many precious Beacon column-inches. However I'm sure that if you are interested Diane or Judy would be willing to provide you with a copy of the draft. It is important to note that there are a number of uses which come as a right to being in that area and some other uses which can be undertaken if Council permits. For example, you can engage in any kind of agricultural activity from market gardening through a battery hen operation in the Agricultural Area as a right, but only with the permission of Council could you open a quarry or a waste disposal site. Even this example is over simplified because this document wants all development to be governed by the Agricultural Code of Practice which specifies adequate distances between people and various types of farming activities. Also other government agencies will be asked for their input, like the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Environment.

Well, I think enough said for now about its specifics. Its very difficult to get anything but the vaguest outline of what we are heading for from this document. It's difficult to know, for example, what uses could be developed in the Natural Environment Area that wouldn't adversely affect it. This use is suggested be given to the landowner as a unrestricted right, that is the landowner doesn't have to come to Council to ask permission. The surface has just been scratched in defining what can and cannot be done on what land.

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I think that the next step will be to see where these areas would fall on the Island. This would give us some idea of how much land is available for development which raises question which Council has not dealt with before. In this document it suggests that enough land be available for development to take care of the prospective growth over the next 10 years (suggesting that less than 100 houses may be built). Mr Mackenzie thought that if double the prospective lots were made available in the various areas that would give people enough selection. The question is - if only 200 lots (maximum) are to be made available which parts of the

potential development areas are closed to development?

After Mr Mackenzie gets the lines drawn a Special Council meeting will be held to present this.

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Ross and Beth (McCullough) Evans, who were married in Odessa October 5. Best Wishes!

Best wishes as well to those who have been injured and/or in hospital this month: Al Caughey; Reta Brown; Frank McMullen; and Duncan Marshall.

Since real news is rather scarce this month, I thought that I would use this space to review the new rural delivery system to take effect 01 January 1991. Most (if not all) rural route customers are aware of these new guidelines - this is just a reminder that mailboxes must be up by December 31.

1. General delivery means those customers who pick up mail at the Post Office. General delivery ends with Earle Willard (south of the village); Vincent Eves (west) and Lorne Veech (east). Everyone else lives at RR#1. Please correct your correspondence accordingly, the Post Office will supply you with change of address cards at your request.

2. Stella Post Office does not have a RR#2, RR#3 or any other route. If you live here, your address is either General Delivery or RR#1.

3. If you live at RR#1. Your primary (and free) mode of mail delivery is by Rural Route Courier (aka; Helen). Should you choose not to have your mail delivered, the cost will be \$50.00 per year to have it held at the Post Office.

4. The \$50.00 fee is payable by 31 December.

A very happy birthday to Violet Wemp, who celebrates her 80th this month. And a happy 2nd to Leslie Glenn.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, September 19th, at the home of Phyllis Strain. The guests, and speakers for the evening, were Sharon McGrath and Linda Sturholme, recently arrived District Administrators for the C.N.I.B. Their presentation was very much enjoyed. They left the materials for our annual canvass on behalf of the C.N.I.B. so we shall soon be approaching the public for donations.

Plans were also completed for our 90th Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 19th at 8:00 p.m. at the Amherst Island Community Centre. The public is invited to join

us, free of charge, for a musical evening. Tickets will be drawn for the quilt so be sure to bring these along. The evening finished with a brown bag auction, much enjoyed by our visitors who entered into the fun, and a delicious lunch.

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#### New Island Business

When was the last time you cleaned your shorewell or checked the foot valve? Its probably well past time you did!

Or better yet, get Warren Kilpatrick to do it for you. He'll pump and clean the well, along with checking the foot valve and its connections. Not bad for \$30. You can call him at 389-4078.

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#### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

##### Happy Tummies Because There's Lamb for Supper

Life on a farm is always busy and interesting. This is especially true in October at Topsy Farms as we're gearing up for our Canadian Lamb Freezer Trade. Never having cooked lamb before, I went to Madame Benoit's Lamb Cookbook and found out it wasn't that difficult.

If you are interested in cooking lamb, I would heartily recommend the following recipes.

#### Lamb Liver Venetian

This recipe can be prepared beforehand and in 4 minutes can be ready to be served.

- 1 lb. lamb liver
- 4 Tbsp. butter
- 2 cups onions, thinly sliced
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 2 Tbsp. white wine or lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp. parsley

Using a very sharp knife, slice the lamb liver as thinly as possible on the bias. Then cut each slice in strips 1/2 inch wide. Melt the butter in a frying pan, and brown the onions. Raise the heat to high. Add the liver all at once, and saute for 3 minutes, stirring all the time. Add salt and pepper, the onions, and the wine or lemon juice. Simmer for 1 minute. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve. Serves 4.

#### Baked Shoulder Chops

This dish when prepared should fall right off the bone.

- 4 shoulder lamb chops, 1 1/2 inch thick

1 peeled grapefruit, thickly sliced

4 onion slices, 1/4 inch thick

4 Tbsp. honey

Salt and pepper to taste

Sprinkle each chop with salt and pepper, and place on a square of roasting film or foil and top with a grapefruit slice, covered with a slice of onion, then 1 tbsp of honey. Wrap each chop, and set in a baking dish and bake in a 350 degree F oven 1 1/2 hours. Serves 4.

Ground Lamb - If you are wondering about uses for ground lamb, I have always substituted ground lamb for any recipe calling for ground beef and have been more than satisfied with the results.

#### Luncheon Lamb Loaf

- 1 1/2 lbs ground lamb
- 2 cups uncooked grated carrots
- 1 1/2 cups soft bread cubes
- 1 egg beaten
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 onion, chopped fine
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 1/2 tsp thyme or basil
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1/2 cup chopped celery leaves
- 1 small onion
- 3 slices bacon

Equally good hot or cold. Perfect for sandwiches.

Combine all ingredients in a bowl, except for small onion and bacon, then mix thoroughly. Press into a 9x5x3-inch well-greased loaf pan. Slice small onion into round slices and break into rings, place on top of loaf, gently pressing them on the meat. Top with the slices of bacon. Bake 1 hour in a 350 degree F. oven. To serve hot, remove drippings and make into a flour thickened sauce. To serve cold, cover top with foil, when removed from oven. Top with something heavy (a can of fruit, a cover, etc) cool, and refrigerate overnight before removing weight.

Serves 6.

If the above recipes have set your mouth to watering, you may want to order your own Canadian Lamb by the whole or half lamb or by the gourmet pack. If you have any questions or would like an order form, please give us a call at Topsy Farms 389-3444 or 389-0554. We will also include a copy of Madame Benoit's "Cooking Lamb For Sheer Pleasure".

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## Aerobics

- Linda Wemp

### Fern Is Back!!

Summer is over, children are back in school and the gardens are nearly cleared. So many of us are getting back to a "set routine" which should include healthy eating, time for ourselves as individuals, and a good exercise program.

We are so very pleased to welcome Fern back as our regular instructor. It is our hope that many of you will come out to welcome her and to reap the benefits of the re-certification program which she is attending. The exercise is so beneficial and you can count on a good laugh or two as well.

I would like to thank Kirsty Hamilton for assisting us as instructor while Fern has been away.

Classes are Monday and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in the gym. A slight increase in the cost per class has been implemented to cover the cost of instructors.

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## 911 Fact Sheet

The 911 Emergency Telephone System for the Greater Kingston Area including Amherst Island became operational as of October 1st. It is dialled when there are emergencies requiring police, fire or ambulance response. The Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Fighters do not have their pagers yet so their response time will be no better than before but should significantly improve when they do come. The 911 number connects the caller to a central dispatching service which can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The service is financed by the 11 participating municipalities and cost \$118,000 to set it up with an operating budget of about \$300,000 for 1991.

There are 34 telephone lines into the Central Emergency Reporting Bureau located at the Kingston Police HQ, and there are 16 lines connecting that to the various Police, Fire and Ambulance services. These lines and their associated equipment all have backups along with emergency generators if there is a power outage. You can still reach each of the emergency agencies by directly dialling their regular numbers.

Once someone calls 911, the operators can maintain control of the line even if the caller hangs up. They can make the caller's phone ring if they've hung up or they can make it howl if the phone has been left off the hook. They can also get Bell Canada to trace the call to get an address which is valuable when the caller is too young to know his or her address or when the call is interrupted.

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## 4H News

- Jessica Gavlas

Well 4-H has started again! This club is about Health and Fitness. We haven't decided on a name yet.

We all voted for our positions:

President- Tracy Hitchins

Vice President- Lori Caughey

Secretary- Amy Caughey

Treasurer- Angela Fleming

Press Reporter- Jessica Gavlas

Phone- Crystal Bedford

Our other members that are not listed are: Kelly Baker, Nikki Banks, and Sarah Scott.

Our leaders are: Anne-Marie Hitchins and Debbie Miller.

Our meetings will be on Monday nights. That's the news on our first meeting! Thank you.

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## Letters To The Beacon

(submitted by Barbara Hopper)

In September 1991, the Bay of Quinte Chapter of the United Empire Loyalist Association will be sponsoring, with the assistance of many descendants, the placing of a commemorative plaque in the churchyard of St. Pauls, Sandhurst. This plaque will be dedicated to the memory of Sarah Kast McGinnis.

The story of her life is one of hardship, deprivation, loss, but most of all, courage. Her experiences were in large measure identical to many of the early

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Loyalists who, because of a choice to stay loyal to a British ruler, were condemned as traitors in their homeland along the Mohawk River, stripped of their possessions, and forced to flee for their lives to the safety of British-held Canada. Safe they were, but for many in middle age, starting all over again in a harsh northern climate proved to be an exhausting endurance test. Sarah's story, however, is singularly unique.

Sarah Kast McGinnis was born in 1713 to German-immigrant parents whose rescue and passage to America had been engineered by Queen Anne of England. It was through her kindness that thousands of politically-dominated Palatine Germans were able to leave poverty-stricken lives and begin anew in the lush farming lands found along the Mohawk River in upper New York state. The Kast family prospered, and entered into the fur trading business with Sir William Johnson. One of the fur-traders, Timothy McGinnis (also known locally as Tedy Magin), met and married Sarah in 1734, and they began raising a family. The first of many disasters struck in 1755, when The Battle

of Lake George left Sarah a widow.

For the next twenty years, Sarah carried on the family trading business herself, eventually bringing her sons-in-law, John and Samuel Thompson, in as active participants in the trade. Throughout this period, her abiding worry was her eldest son, William, a hopeless cripple. Medical knowledge at that time was primitive; mental retardation or physical abnormalities were viewed as devil-sent or even as evidence of witchcraft. The poor boy was confined to the house where he was kept in chains twenty-four hours a day.

When the first stirrings of unrest and revolt began to be felt in the Mohawk Valley, Sarah and her family made it quite clear that their sympathies lay with the King, and not with the "traitors" in Boston.

It was the wrong move. The local Committee of Safety arrested Sarah, and took her away for questioning. However, her eloquent defense convinced her inquisitors that she was at best a feeble widow, and she was released. But the Committee kept its eye on her and eventually arrested her again, imprisoning her, her daughter and a grand-daughter in Fort Dayton. Sarah's spirited defense secured their release yet again, but the harsh prison treatment caused the grand-child's death.

By August 1777, Brigadier Barry St. Leger was leading a British and Six Nations force into the valley's west end. The Committee of Safety immediately attempted to force Sarah to act as their agent to infiltrate the Indians and convince them to join the rebel cause. She refused, and escaped, racing on foot through the night to the safety of British lines and St. Leger. It was literally a life-or-death run, and she left empty-handed. At this point, every mother's nightmare came true: she was forced to leave her poor son, William, behind. When the Americans broke into her house to arrest her, all they found was the chained, raving young man. The house was burned to the ground. William was inside.

With nothing but the clothes on their backs, Sarah and her family walked all the way to Fort Niagara, where they were housed and fed on meager government rations. Later, Sarah moved to the British garrison base on Carleton Island, where her home became a mecca and meeting place for refugee Indians from the Mohawk Valley. She was well-known to them and much admired, for as a child, she had lived among them for months on end, and knew their language and customs well.

Daniel Claus, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, perceived in Sarah an asset that could be used to British advantage. At his request, she and her son George spent the winters of 1777 and 1778 in the Indian villages of the Six Nations, calming the Indians' fears and focusing their allegiance to the crown. Sarah was by this time in her mid-60's, but her loyalty was so strong, she

consented to endure this harsh period to keep the Six Nations strongly allied to England.

Sarah was never paid for her service to the British government, nor has any official recognition ever been granted to her for her significant contributions to the war effort. In an attempt to honour her sacrifice and pay homage to her courage, her descendants have formed a committee to seek formal federal recognition of Sarah's deeds. Our aim is to place an historic

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marker at the church in Sandhurst where her body is believed to be buried. This ceremony will take place in September 1991 at St. Paul's.

Members of the Committee are now deeply involved in planning and preparation, and are actively looking for more descendants of this remarkable woman. We are sure that many Ontarians alive today are unaware of their relationship to this woman who rightly belongs on the list of those who helped found this province.

The McGinnis family was one of the very first to settle on Amherst Island, and we would like to encourage any descendant or interested resident to join us in saluting this grand old Loyalist lady. Her selfless involvement in dangerous work at an age when she should have been enjoying a warm hearth and happy grandchildren deserves a place in the history books of this nation. By placing the historical marker, we hope to initiate the process by which Sarah Kast McGinnis will finally be awarded the honour she has never received but for which she sacrifice so much.

Join us in our plan. We welcome enquiries - and names and addresses of other descendants. Your input is valuable and necessary for the success of our endeavor to obtain for Sarah the formal recognition of her brave services.

Loyally yours,  
Barbara Hopper  
(Kingston Branch, United Empire Loyalist Association)  
108-47 Deerfield Drive  
Nepean, Ontario K2G 3R7  
Tel: 1-613-228-0373

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Thank You Notes

Sincere thanks for cards and phone calls of good wishes received during and following my recent stay in hospital!

Norman Allison  
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Only one Thank You this month, so how about one

from all of us at the Beacon to all of our contributors without whom we would go nuts trying to get enough copy to print. It's a continuing source of amazement and pleasure that people, particularly those scattered around the world, actually read the Beacon. The Island certainly has a continuing power to draw people's thoughts.

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## Notices And Announcements

### MNR Baiting Program

The Ministry of Natural Resources will be dropping vaccinated bait in an effort to control rabies in foxes. This will be carried out between October 10th and 30th. They will dropping the bait from airplanes and will try to keep them away from farm buildings, residential areas and schools. 'Each bait is a cube of chicken-scented beef tallow containing rabies vaccine and is clearly marked "Rabies Vaccine - Do Not Eat" with the ministry telephone number for information on the program.'

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### Amherst Island Women's Institute

The Women's Institute is hosting a musical evening to celebrate our 90th Anniversary on Friday, October 19th at 8:00 p.m. at the Amherst Island Community Centre. The evening will feature the Bell Ringers, The Jubilante Choir and others. Everyone is welcome. A lunch will be served and a draw for our quilt will follow.

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### Turkey Supper

The Anglican Church Women will be holding their Annual Turkey Supper and sale at the Amherst Island Community Centre on Saturday, October 27th at 5:00 p.m. Tickets this year - adults \$10.00; school children to age 12, \$5.00; pre-schoolers free.

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### Township Of Amherst Island

#### Ameriks Donation

The Township of Amherst Island has received a very generous donation from a long time Amherst Island resident and

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property owner, Mr Albert Ameriks.

Council wants to ensure that the \$10,000 donation is used in a manner that reflects the Township's appreciation of this gentleman's generosity. To this end, we are soliciting suggestions for the use of these funds.

Please forward your ideas to the Township Office on or before December 1, 1990. Thank you.

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### Dave Willard

An account has been set up to receive donations. Please make cheque payable to:  
Gayel Willard & Agnes McBride  
Account #7038235  
and leave it at Glenn's Store or the Township Office  
Thanks For Your Support!

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### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.  
If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.  
A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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### Congratulations

I know it's difficult to say anything positive about the Canadian politicians and politics but we're going to try. No, we're not going to congratulate the Senate on running the world's most expensive day-care. This congratulation is for their sense of humour and particularly this month to Michael Wilson who appeared on Peter Gzowski's show recently. Mr Wilson must be sick to death of the GST but he appeared with several other people who had written limericks about this very subject and, they weren't bad at all - a little partisan perhaps. Can you imagine the Bush's economic czar poking fun at himself when he has the world to save, or the Maggies' Chancellor Of The Exchequer doing the same (the name itself forbids humour).

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### Odds & Ends

#### Ms KIA Writes Home

(Staff: This is an excerpt from a long letter post marked from Iraq. We think she's been travelling with P.J. O'Rourke. Whoever she's with, she's certainly having a good time.)

"I've been thinking a lot about the Island while away as is my wont, and I know now what an Islander is. You become an Islander when there's no-one alive who can remember your coming."

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### The Enigma Of Ruth's Sox

(And Other Bits Of Dirty Laundry)

(Ed: This piece was written while the Red Sox still had a chance of winning the pennant. A mathematical chance perhaps but never a real one in this reality. The

last we heard from Iggy was, "Next year? Yes! Next Year! We'll take it all!!")

Once again the season of sleepless nights and manic days are upon me. What great spirit of the cosmos have I offended to be troubled so? For years at this very time the same angst and suffering sear at the core of my being, dragging me down to the bottomless pits of despair. Here at this most wretched and despicable place in my heart sits the mighty 'Babe', gloating and jeering at me with a devilish grin. Cursed, nay, damned am I to have once sworn my allegiance to the Once And Future Kings of the diamond. My friends, it is with no shame that I tell you, I Ignatious P. Longbottom am a loyal fan of the Boston Red Sox.

Prometheus of legend pales by comparison in his endless pains, for as he was punished for delivering fire to the world, so too are the Red Sox for trading the mighty bat of 'Babe' Ruth to the Yankees in 1919. Since that year the Sox have never won a World Series, nor will they until reparations are made and the curse lifted. Perhaps a public apology by the Red Sox owners for the awful mistake made 71 years

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ago, or maybe an exorcism of sorts is required to banish the 'Ruth'less spirits infecting the Sox. Whatever the cure, I make this plea for it to be administered soon or I shall surely expire from grief.

Ruth played with the Red Sox for five years and in those years took them to the World Series four times of which they won three. In 1918 Ruth and the Sox brought the championship back to Boston and it has never returned since. Truly only a fool or a glutton for punishment would become a fan of the Red Sox: I fear I am both. The most pathetic thing one could ever witness is a group (which is hard to come by) of Red Sox fans commiserating the World Series' of '67 and '86. It would not be half as bad of course if Boston never won games, there wouldn't be the build-up to the pennant race, the hope stretching a mile high for the eventual pennant win. At the beginning of every season I say "This is the year, this is the year of the Bo-Sox", and it never is. I suppose another possibility is that it is all a conspiracy to drive me insane. If this be the case, then I am asking - begging - for this cruel joke to end.

Alas, it is no joke, for every time I watch a game upon this hallowed ground, the four numbers on the wall remind me of our transgression. The four greatest Red Sox players (#9 Ted Williams, #4 Joe Cronin, #1 Bobby Doerr, and #8 Yaz) have had their numbers retired and displayed for the faithful to worship. Yet even as I sit in awe of their fabled greatness, the

numbers {one or more words missing} my very eyes the date of the eve of {one or more words missing} triumph - 9/4/18 or September 4, 1918. The curse upon the Sox is real and I along with them am doomed to a life unfulfilled.

I often wonder why I had to be a Red Sox fan, couldn't my parents have warned me? They told me about girls and drugs and my uncle Harold. Would it have been such a big deal for Dad to have said, "Son, stay away from drugs, no girls until you move out, oh and never become a Red Sox fan." There really isn't a lot of use in wishing things were different. I am a Red Sox fan and I will be for the rest of my days which are no doubt shortened due to these autumn stress sessions. So my friends, when you're watching the next Red Sox game, look for me. I'll be the one doing the voodoo purification dance in left field.

Babe, please forgive us.

Iggy Longbottom, Sox fan.

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What Can I Do For The Environment?

(from the Courier Vol. 3, No. 7 Sept 1990)

Give children gifts that encourage their interest in the environment. Consider gardening sets, nature and science books or "rain checks" for excursions to a zoo or nature reserve.

Take toxic substances to a hazardous waste collection centre - don't dump them down the drain or on the garden. If your community doesn't have a hazardous waste collection service, why not help get one started?

Take a regular "nature walk" with reference material that will help you identify birds, plants and trees. Besides keeping you fit, it will give you a broader idea of what we stand to lose and what's worth saving.

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Skeletons in the Closet

There are rumours running rampant around the Island about skeletons coming out of the school closets. A lot of concern has been expressed about the teachers parading these skeletons before the younger students. The older ones aren't a problem as they should have already been exposed to most of the Island's secrets.

Just kidding folks - actually Beth and Mary borrowed a skeleton and some bones from Queen's University for the children have a look at in order to gain some understanding into the body's structure, and possibly as "an impetus for creative writing".

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Words, Words & More Words

Your magic fact with numbers is that in this month's

Beacon, there are 7279 words, that's \$0.0000409 per	384-3689
word - four one hundred thousandth of a dollar per	384-4067
word! Aren't computers wonderful!!	384-4071
***	384-4121
	384-4676
Coming next Month	384-5027
A Guide To Upper Canada (circa 1850).	384-5789
	384-6521
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	384-6855
New Island Telephone List	384-6908
The latest election provided the impetus to do up	384-7866
another telephone list (along with a strong and	384-8001
unfulfilled masochistic drive). You may well ask it	384-8125
there's any reason to buy a new one - well, the last two	384-8858
and a bit years has brought a lot of changes on the	389-0105
Island. A quick count indicates that well over a third of	389-0210
the information is changed - that is people coming,	389-0386
leaving, dying, divorcing, marrying, growing up, etc.	389-0395
After we at Headlands (Chris, Dianne, Don, Ian and	389-0398
Sally) did the best we could we asked others to proof it.	389-0403
Many thanks to Diane (Pearce variety), Annette and	389-0417
Irene for their considerable input. Their contributions	389-0482
along with the previous list, the voter's list and the	389-0511
phone book were our sources which doesn't mean that,	389-0512
we haven't overlooked someone. So we apologize in	389-0554
advance for errors, omissions and coupling the wrong	389-0599
people.	389-0643
This time around the list contains approximately 404	389-0675
people, 18 companies, agencies or whatever, and 286	389-0676
phone numbers. (Your amazing fact of the month is that	389-0811
a majority of the phone numbers end in an odd digit - to	389-0987
be exact 54.4%! Does this indicate a majority of odd	389-1080
people live on the Island or is that an incorrect	389-1081
deduction?)	389-1119
Instead of printing the whole list in the Beacon like	389-1214
we did last time, we're just going to print the telephone	389-1320
numbers, in numeric order. So, if your number isn't	389-1326
there, please give us a call or put a note in the Beacon	389-1403
bag at Glenn's Store. Or if for some reason, you don't	389-1413
want your number included, we'll remove it if asked. Or	389-1470
if you don't have a phone yet and want your name	389-1540
included, we'll even do that.	389-1561
The list probably won't be on sale for a month or so	389-1569
- we'll keep you posted.	389-1579
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For Sale / Wanted

For Sale

1985 SkiDoo Formula Special Snowmobile Liquid cooled. In excellent condition.  
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Anyone interested in saving them for us, it would be appreciated.  
Keith Miller 389-2588  
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Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps checked. \$30  
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Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387  
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Amanda Bateman will babysit early evenings and weekends. Call 389-5387  
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Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We also carry blank tapes.

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#### Beacon Notes

November blew in with a cold wet blast confirming our fears that the winter is nearly upon us. The winds churned up a wonderful chop making for midway-like ferry rides. I'm sure my stomach is still somewhere on the upper deck. Oh yes, one last thing - in the heat of last July, this writer made some disparaging remarks about tractors with cabs - well consider them withdrawn and apologies offered as I have been reminded of their purpose while sitting on our tractors dressed in full winter gear and still cold, Cold, Cold!!

So, what's on tap for this month? The new telephone list is at the printers and should be on sale by the end of the month. Robert Mackenzie, our Official Plan writer, has been making steady progress holding two meetings since last we spoke. The Township now has a Quarry Agreement! The First Response Team is now responding and we're getting a helipad!

No! The rumours are false! We've not sold out to Southam. And we won't - well not until they come to their senses and sweeten their offer - seventeen bucks just wasn't enough. Our asking price was a mere \$1,269,759.37. We're patient. Just because every other paper in the area has changed hands doesn't mean we'll follow the herd. We never have.

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Council Report For November 6, 1990

-Chris Kennedy

Tom Sylvester missed the regular Council meeting. He is said to be bicycling to Florida.

George Gavlas presented his Fire Department report. He said that the main problem is a shortage of volunteers, as often during the day there not enough

people to fight a fire of any size. George and David Fleming have drawn up a grid system to make finding buildings easier. This will be circulated in due course. Various suggestions were put forward to help find recruits, particularly people who will be on the Island during the day.

Lynn Clapham described the organization of the First Response team, which will soon be in operation. She also listed some supplies that she felt were necessary to properly equip the people for a cost of about \$300. Lynn has been approached by the Regional Base Hospital to consider setting up a helicopter pad for the new air ambulance service in Eastern Ontario. All the township has to do is find, lease or buy, a suitable site, and the ambulance service takes care of the rest.

Doug Shurtliffe discussed the problems he is having with obtaining a severance and

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re-zoning for a lot on the south shore. The intricacies of the problem are Byzantine in their complexity, and Council referred the matter to the planner for advice on the interpretation of certain articles in the Zoning By-law.

The Clerk has drawn up a Ferry revenue estimate for next year, which, without an increase in fares leads to a \$10,000 deficit in 1991. Council discussed the problem but put off making a decision until more information is collected.

Council learned last summer that survey pegs had been placed on part of the Long Point road allowance by a surveyor working for the adjacent landowner. It appears that Council has no record of ever having actually acquired this road. Council, therefore, will ask Peter Hopkins to survey it and try to get the matter straightened out.

The Quarry agreement has been finally signed, sealed and delivered, after several year's negotiations. Council cheered and then heaved a collective sigh of relief.

Council discussed the best way to build a wheel chair ramp for the township offices. Council will ask for proposals from all the local contractors.

Malrose Engineering have started the hydrogeological survey for the existing dump, drilling two holes near the dump.

Council will ask Bath and Ernestown Fire Departments if they are interested in providing service for situations beyond our Fire Department's ability.

The Pay Telephone has been installed in the school.

The Recreation Committee is encouraging people to use the school more after hours.

Jim Whitton questioned the manner in which the Annie Clyde property was purchased. In particular, he questioned whether sufficient notice was given for the Special Meeting at which the final offer was made, and asked Council, in future, to be careful how such meetings are called. He also questioned if Council should have committed \$80,000 of township money without any guarantee that the province will subsidize it. The Reeve explained that the decision had to be made while the property was still available, and that the decision to purchase was made at a previously and properly called meeting.

Council decided last year that the Ministry of Revenue reassess, for tax purposes, the value of property on the Island. There will be a Public Meeting on November 27th when the Regional Assessment Commissioner will make a presentation. In a re-assessment the assessed value of each property is meant to be brought more in line with the current market value of the property. The overall assessed value of the island does not change, but some assessments will rise and some will fall.

Council then went into closed session to discuss certain personnel matters, and after about twenty minutes adjourned, somewhat after 11 p.m. without completing the agenda.

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{Council Report will continue after the following short article}

New Hours for the Post Office

Effective November 12, 1990

Monday to Friday

9 to 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Saturday

9 a.m. to 12 noon

Thank you for observing our new schedule. Please be advised that the new hours in no way indicate a move by Canada Post to close this office or to reduce the level of service.

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{Council Report continues}

The regular meeting continued on November 15th at 7 p.m. Council is considering a by-law that will require all landowners to convey 5% of the land or a cash equivalent as a condition for approval for a severance or for building on a vacant lot. This is allowed under the Planning Act, the funds to be used for park or other public recreation purposes. This by-law was tabled until December for further consideration.

Council discussed briefly the ferry rates for 1991, and tabled the discussion again until the December meeting.

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Council considered the ferry committee hiring recommendations, and approved them. Donny Miller (Jr) is the new full time deck hand, and Phil Silver and Ricky Welbanks are the new part-time deckhands.

The meeting ended after about half an hour, and the discussion turned to planning.

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Official Plan Meetings

Oct 30th & Nov 15th

- Don Tubb

One of the reasons why the Beacon is late this month is because of the Special Council Meeting on the 15th. This was the second meeting to discuss the Official Plan since we last went to print. Because the nature of the meetings has changed considerably, I'll try to tell you where we are at this point rather than going into the meeting details. But first the vital statistics.

At the first meeting, Robert MacKenzie was present along with the 4 members of Council (Tom was away), Ms Pearce, 4 members of the public, and this reporter. At the second, there were only two members of Council (Ian and Caroline), Ms Pearce, this same reporter and, of course, Mr MacKenzie. Ian apologised to Mr MacKenzie for the lack of interest in the process.

	Oct 30	Nov 15	Dec ?
Council	4	2	0
Clerk	1	1	1
Public	4	0	0
Planner	1	1	1
Reporter	1	1	1
Total	11	5	3

As you can see from the above chart, there has been a decline in interest from the October 30th meeting (in a word: terrible), to the November 15th meeting (abysmal). These trends have been projected to the next meeting which will be held some time in December. Diane, Robert and I should have a good time shaping the Island' next 10 years or so (personal prejudices aside, of course). Council must find it comforting to know that the general public puts so much trust in them

to decide, for you, what you can do on your land, and what your neighbour can and cannot do. Did you know that no shorewells would be permitted where the road is next to the water? Did you know that Stella's boundaries are being expanded to allow more houses close to the ferry and to provide space for other kinds of development (industrial, commercial, etc)? Did you know that about 95% of the Island is being closed to most development (including houses) without the approval of Council? Perhaps you have some thoughts on these subjects. The Official Plan is taking shape and now is the time for your input. Changes due to oversights which are not discovered until after the Plan comes into effect will require the Ontario Municipal Board's consent, a long, tedious and needlessly expensive procedure.

At the meeting in October, Mr Mackenzie presented a draft Land Use Map showing what areas of the Island would fall into the six types of land use. Yes, six types of land use because he had added another - Open Space and Recreation.

His intention with the Open Space and Recreation is to "provide for public access to the shoreline, environmentally significant areas and areas having significant landscaping and natural features". While development is not strictly prohibited, it must first gain the support of Council before it can begin. This makes this area the second most difficult area to develop, after the Natural Environment areas. Furthermore, it would give notice that the Township would possibly rather buy this land, to preserve it as open space than see it developed.

So what we have at this point is six land use designations or types very roughly comprising the following areas:

1. Natural Environment- basically the marshes and wetlands which also include part of the Field Naturalist's property at the Foot.
2. Recreation/Open Space- this is a catch-all category as you will see:
  - the shore side of all roads that are right by the shore,
  - the rest of the Field Naturalist's land at the Foot,

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- up at the Head from the Bluffs northward to the end of the Front Road,
  - all of the small islands which make up part of the Amherst Archipelago,
  - the end of any Township Road which stops at the water, and
  - the higher land within the Big Marsh.
3. Village- an enlarged area for Stella approximately

bounded by the culvert at the Eves' farm on the west, not quite half way up the Second Concession Road on the south, and about Witteveen's on the east.

4. Shoreline- this too is a very diverse area to describe but here we go:

- west from where the Second Concession Road meets the water (Kay & Dorothy's place) around to the Bluffs,
- from the west end of the Front Road to Stella, either between the shore and the road or one lot back from the shore,
- from the east side of Stella eastward to the Field Naturalist's property,
- all of the South Shore Road,
- most of the Long Point Road including virtually everything between the Big Marsh and the southern shore, and
- everything south of the Third Concession Road westward from the Emerald 40' to where it would hit the west end of the Island.

5. Agricultural- everything else which comprises the vast majority of the Island.

6. Rural- no areas designated rural but someone could apply for this designation if they wanted to have greater flexibility in how they used their land.

There should be some copies of the map at the Township Office and you can spend a happy hour colouring it like I did to make the areas stand out more. If you've got any concerns, then bring them to the attention of Mr Mackenzie or Council.

So, to date, we have a draft document and a draft map. What is needed now is some constructive criticism, both theoretical and practical. For example, the bit about not being able to out a shore well in an Open Space area has been changed but it took someone to think about the practical consequences of the written word.

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Trudy Strain and Shannon Eves, who took six NDSS awards between them at graduation. As well as winning an Ontario Scholarship, Trudy brought home the Ellen Morgan Bursary, the English Writing Award and the Family Studies Award. Shannon won awards for Grade 12 Geography, Biology and the C.D. Fox Award for Middle School. Well done girls!

Condolences to Laurene Kilpatrick, whose father passed away earlier this month, and to Helen Bulch whose brother died this week.

Best wishes to Elaine Wolfreys, recovering at home from surgery. Also to Dorothy Kilpatrick who was in

both Napanee and Kingston hospitals this month.

A rather outstanding year for the Miller Hunt Camp it seems. Much to the dismay of venison-hating wives, the guys managed to bring home 6 deer. Previously, 1 or 2 deer were considered average for the week.

Last, yes, but not least, we offer congratulations and best wishes to Lynann Clapham and Jim Whitton who confirmed rumours that they were married last Friday.

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#### First Response Team

- Lynann Clapham

The Amherst Island First Response Team is now on-call 24 hours a day, with a total of 12 members who work a three shift roster system. We have received training in emergency first aid procedures and the use of emergency medical equipment. The Ministry of Health has provided us with most of the equipment carried by ambulance personnel, for example oxygen and oxygen administering equipment, splints, neck braces, compression and triangular bandages, burn kits, childbirth kits, etc. We operate under the "wing" of the Amherst Island Fire Department, and, for the foreseeable future I (Lynann Clapham) will

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be in charge of the team. With a few exceptions our members are also fire department volunteers (on pagers), and all of the emergency equipment will be kept in the fire department van. Alex Scott will also receive the First Response pager call-out and will respond if he is available.

This is how things work: You need an ambulance. You call 911, tell them you need an ambulance, your location, and the problem. They will immediately dispatch an ambulance to the Island, then they will set off our pagers and tell us what the problem is and where. One member of the shift on duty will take out the van (containing our emergency equipment) the others will proceed straight to the scene. The bottom line is: You will have someone trained in emergency first aid, fully equipped, at your medical emergency within a few minutes of your call to 911. These people will stay and provide emergency care until the ambulance arrives.

#### Remember

You do not need to call us. The Ambulance dispatch calls us immediately after they send an ambulance.

If you have any questions about how the system works, please call me, on 384-5027. Also - we will always be looking for additional members, so if you

want to know how to join I'd be glad to hear from you.

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#### Helicopter Ambulance Service

- Lynann Clapham

If you were out enjoying the unseasonably warm weather last Friday you may have spotted a red helicopter hovering suspiciously around Stella. If you had grabbed your binoculars for a closer look, you may have seen my gleeful face as I enjoyed my first-ever helicopter ride. The buzz around the village, however, was not purely for my benefit. The Ministry of Health is establishing a Helicopter ambulance service for the Eastern Ontario region, and Amherst Island (along with Howe and Wolfe Islands) has been designated a "remote location". What this means is that we will be able to have access to the helicopter ambulance for life-threatening medical emergencies. The helicopter itself is based in Carp, which is about 35 minutes from here, however once the patient is on board the trip to the hospital should only take 5 minutes. This means that the patient could be at the hospital about 45 minutes from the time the call goes in to 911 (compared to now when the time is probably closer to an hour and 15 minutes).

Our 'fly-by' on Friday was to enable the Ministry personnel to check out a number of possible sites for a permanent hospital-helicopter pad. The Ministry pays for the construction of the helipad, which involves laying paving stones and setting in reflective markers so that the helicopter can land day or night. With any luck the helipad and system will be in place by next spring. I'll keep you posted...

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#### 4H News

- Carly Grace

All Grade 7 and 8 Islanders are now involved in a 4-H Club, "Fitness and Health", meeting once a week during school time. The members of our group, and their duties are:

President... Jamie Silver

Vice President... Chris Maleska

Secretary... Ricky Bedford

Treasurer... Kirsty Grange

Phone... Heidi Hitchins

Reporter... Carly Grace

Social Committee... Amanda Bateman

... Kevin McCormick

... Ruth Scott

... Douglas Gavlas

Volunteer Leader... Susie Caughey

So far it has been great fun for us to learn about fitness and health. The name we selected for our Club is "Jump Into It!". On November 2, Fern Willard was our

guest. She told us all about aerobic exercise and lead us through a great work out!

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More 4-H News

- Jessica Gavlas

4-H has changed their meetings to Wednesday nights between 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Achievement night is coming soon. We are all making one, big poster for Health and Fitness. 4-H is really fun! At our last meeting we had pizza and gatorade for a nutritious snack.

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A Bit of History

- Don Tubb

Sally's father was shipping some old books off to various places when she intercepted a few. One was called, 'The Immigrant's Guide or Canada As It Is', written by George Henry. I think that it was written in 1831 or 1832 because he mentions that the Rideau Canal was just about finished.

The book is written in two sections: the first being a rather lengthy introduction and the second a description of Lower and Upper Canada of the times. George Henry certainly was a Canada-booster. He has that optimism which comes when there are no horizons or boundaries - when all is new and can be molded with sweat and a strong back, often other people's.

While the book was published in Lower Canada, it seems that it was probably sold mainly in the British Isles to prospective middle class emigrants. The introduction seems to be aimed at the members of the British Parliament. It's a plea that no tariffs be imposed on Canadian trade with Britain, and for the British to encourage immigration to Canada.

The following is a taste of what work greeted the settler upon taking possession of his land.

'The first step to be taken on arriving, if the land be wild, is to erect a shantee, which is a rough dwelling, composed of logs of wood saddled one on the other at the ends, with a roof, some composed of shingles, some of scoops, that is, halves of the logs of wood, hollowed out, some of slabs, and lastly covered by the bark of the ash-tree. The chinks are well stuffed with moss, in order to render it warm, the house partitioned off into rooms, and a very comfortable dwelling is erected with little trouble. Persons if they choose, might, even at first, build a frame or a stone house, as stone of the first quality for building is to be had almost every where; but it is more prudent to erect the log hut as above described, and for this reason - when you get a burn on your land, you are very likely, from its running, to burn

down the dwelling, and should it be a shantee., the loss will be comparatively nothing. - After the erection, clearing the land must be attended to, commencing to under-brush or cut down all the small trees, not more than six inches in diameter; these should then be collected and piled in heaps. The chopping or cutting down the large trees succeeds, and these are again junked up into lengths of fourteen or fifteen feet each, the tops thrown on the brush heaps. If the land be chopped and underbrushed by contract, the general price is eight dollars an acre; to be chopped, under-brushed, logged-up, burnt, and fenced, sixteen dollars per acre; the best time for underbrushing the land is in the early part of the fall, so that nothing may impede the process of chopping during the winter, for in Canada the ground is covered with snow, generally about eighteen inches deep, from the month of December to the beginning of April: after having chopped the land, it is necessary to wait until the weather becomes dry and warm (which may be expected about the 10th of May,) before the brush-heaps are set on fire, when it will (if properly managed) run regularly through all the land that has been chopped, burning the dry leaves and all the dead vegetable matter accumulated on the surface of the soil, and thereby making a good manure. After the burn is completed, the land should be logged up, by putting the junks of the large trees that have been already cut up, into heaps of about twenty together. This should be done by a yoke of oxen and four men. Oxen will be found of the utmost value to a new farmer, being more tractable and steady amongst the stumps and intricate places, than horses, which are apt to plunge and destroy their harness. After the wood is thus piled, it must be burned, and unless either pot or pearl ashes be made,

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it should be strewn over the ground, as it is an excellent manure.

The choice of the crop depends a great deal on circumstances; - the time when the burn takes place, the nature of the soil, or probably the domestic wants. Should the soil be good, and the logs have happened to be burned about the middle of May - Spring wheat, peas, barley, or oats, may be sown, should either of those kinds of grain be desired; grass seed and clover should be sown with them, as the new settler should always provide himself with pasture land, in order to graze his stock, and cut hay as soon as possible, particularly should he think proper to keep one or more cows. If the soil be rather sandy, and it can be got in order by the 25th of May, Indian corn and pumpkins would be a good crop. The manner of planting the seed

is very simple: drop into the ground four grains of the corn, removing the mould on either side with a hoe, leaving the distance of a yard between each; and at every fourth, plant a pumpkin-seed, leaving a little hillock about two inches deep on each. Corn thrives infinitely better when planted with pumpkins, for they spread so much over the soil, that they protect the roots of the corn from the rays of the sun, thereby securing to them a degree of moisture. Pumpkins here grow very large, and are, in the fall of the year, an excellent food for pigs; Indian corn is not only a good food for pigs, but it is at all times a marketable article; and is of great service in family, affording a light and agreeable meal, when made into a kind of thin pudding called Sepaun; it is made with little trouble, and eaten with milk or maple molasses. Indian meal is also an excellent substitute for wheat flour, and is made into cakes called johnny cakes; when mixed with a portion of flour, it makes a bread, that for delicacy or lightness is not he surpassed. In the winter of 1829, the wheat crop having partially failed, many people substituted the johnny cakes for bread throughout the winter.

Potatoes will do well in a sandy soil, and are more valuable than any other crop to the new farmer, as they will serve both himself and his cattle; the very finest potatoes are raised here, particularly when they grow in a new soil, not being so good where the land has been a few years under cultivation. The returns of the crops that are to be expected, vary according to the soil and manner of its tillage, but the following is the general average. First, spring-wheat seldom gives more than twenty bushels to the acre, winter-wheat from thirty to fifty, barley, in good land about forty, oats thirty to forty, peas about twenty five; Indian corn is the most prolific and gives a return of upwards of four hundred per cent, but being thinly planted it seldom returns more than from thirty to thirty five bushels to the acre: it thrives best in a dry season; forming in its first growth a kind of funnel which retains the moisture of the dew (which is here very heavy) nearly the whole day: it vegetates rapidly, having been known to spring six inches in twenty four hours, and grows to the height of nine or ten feet, and when at its growth, and in bloom, it presents a very beautiful appearance. Mr. Cobbett has informed us, that all the Indian corn he has grown in England, has been the dwarf kind, and it always will be so: for the climate is not congenial to its production. Potatoes, independently of their excellent quality, give a very large return, from two hundred and fifty to three hundred and fifty bushels the acre.'

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Township Office  
- Ian Murray

A few days ago, a former member of Council expressed concern that things were getting out of hand at the Township Office. Not that many years ago the municipal business was conducted by a part-time clerk and a part-time treasurer working out of their kitchens. Now there is a full-time clerk-treasurer and a part-time clerk- treasurer working out of an office equipped with a computer, photo-copier, touch-tone phone and so on.

My experience has been that the office staff works hard and efficiently. Few people realize the great increase in the volume and complexity of the work that must be done by municipal government. Perhaps

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the following summaries from the Township Minute Book will indicate this trend.

#### October 1960 Regular Meeting Oct 4th

7 resolutions passed, including: regular business items (monetary payments, approval of minutes & adjournment); a change in ownership of a parcel of land; that Mr. Madden, a lawyer, be hired if necessary for the November 5 Court of Revision; and that the Engineer finish the side walk as far as the bridge.

#### October 1970 Special Meeting Oct 1st

Met with 3 representatives from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

#### Regular Meeting, October 6th

7 resolutions passed, including: regular business items; and, a request to the OMB to review the equalized assessment of Amherst Island. 1 by-law passed: the Holding By-law which restricted severences for several years.

#### October 1980 Regular Meeting Oct 7th

16 resolutions passed, including: regular business items; a request that the consultants preparing the zoning by-law complete their work; that the question of road relocation at the Head had not yet been decided; that Tom Miller's resignation as Fire Chief be accepted; that the Nut Island Shooting Club dam be approved; and, that the Amherst Island Conservation Club be permitted to lease the Big Marsh for 1980 for \$1.00.

#### Special Meeting Oct 21st

To consider a new ferry agreement.

#### October 1990 Special Meeting Oct 2nd

To consider an amendment to the Zoning By-law for re-zoning a parcel of land.

#### Regular Meeting, October 2nd

7 resolutions passed, one of which was for the



approval of 19 recommendations from the Committee of the Whole including: regular business items; hiring consultants for the land fill site (preparatory work towards closing and searching for a new site); application for a hazardous waste collection day; a decision to proceed with providing wheelchair access to the Municipal Building; updating the emergency phone cards; directing the Fire Committee & the Emergency Plan Committee to consider the JEPP granting guidelines for possible equipment purchases; accepting the Official Plan proposals in principle and instructing the consultant to proceed with the development of a map showing the designated areas; approval of a severance application; directing the Clerk to prepare a new lot levy by-law for recreation purposes. 3 by-laws were also passed: the quarry access agreement; a recommendation to the Land Division Committee; and, the confirming by-law.

Special Meeting Oct 12th

To consider the court action initiated by the Nut Island Hunt Club regarding the Back Beach.

Special Meeting Oct 30th

To discuss the Draft Official Plan Policies.

Special Meeting Oct 30th

To consider matters relating to Back Beach & ferry personnel.

There's a lot more going on today than yesteryear, and a lot of it is pretty serious stuff. This reflects the changing conditions under which the Township has to now operate. We are expected to play by the same rules that Toronto or Ottawa have to use. When we want a new dump we just don't go out and dig a hole somewhere - we have to do it by the book. When we want a new road, there's negotiations, consultants, surveys, environmental impact studies and the like to do. Not only do we have to do more to get something done but we're having to clean up a lot of things that weren't done in the past - like surveying roads when they were built or moved. MTO (MOT or MTC or DHO or whoever) must bear considerable responsibility for that particular mess.

Our staff does a good job keeping us on the straight and narrow in this The Age Of Regulation. It's a complicated world out there and Amherst Island, like it or not, is part of it.

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Thank You Notes

I wish to thank all my friends and relatives for their kind wishes, flowers and visits while I was in hospital

and at home. Special thanks also to the P.C.W., A.C.W. and my very loyal friend for all their kindness.

Thank you

Elaine Wolfreys

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I would like to say a very special thank you to everyone for their cards, visits and best wishes during a summer of illness. Times like these help one appreciate the community of Amherst Island.

Allen Caughey

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I would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions towards the Poppie Fund. Thank you from the Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 539 and your Poppie Chairman, Tena Tugwell.

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The Anglican Church Women wish to thank all those members, and non-members of the parish whose donations and other assistance contributed to the success of our Turkey Supper. We are extremely grateful.

Leslie Gavlas

Secretary

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Notices and Announcements

Township of Amherst Island

Line-Up Rules

(Staff: This is so hot off the press that we cannot supply you, our loyal readers, with the usual Pearce(ing) directness and bureaucratic aplomb to which you are accustomed. Our humble apologies.)

When two cars arrive at the Millhaven dock, and the first one enters the line-up area before proceeding down to the ferry while the second one takes the short-cut down the One Way Exit road and gets in front of the first car. Then the car that took the short cut will be loaded after the car that correctly entered the line-up.

It is illegal to drive the wrong way down a One Way street which is what the upper part of the exit road is.

In summation we end this Notice with the intent of the Ferry Committee and Council: Cheaters never prosper! Na-Na-Na-Na-Na-Na!!

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Township Of Amherst Island

Notice Re Property Assessment

Council has requested the Ministry of Revenue to update the assessment of properties on Amherst Island to 1988 market values. The current assessment is based

on 1980 values.

The Regional Assessment Commissioner will report on the implications of the assessment update by presenting his Reassessment Impact Study at a public meeting on Tuesday, November 27th, 1990 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

You are invited to attend and direct questions to the assessment office representatives.

#### Notice Re Assessment Open House

Thursday, Jan 17/91 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan 18/91 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan 19/91 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity to meet with Assessment Office representatives and ask specific questions about how your property assessment is determined.

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#### Township of Amherst Island

##### Ameriks Donation

The Township of Amherst Island has received a very generous donation from a long time Amherst Island resident and property owner, Mr Albert Ameriks.

Council wants to ensure that the \$10,000 donation is used in a manner that reflects the Township's appreciation of this gentleman's generosity. To this end, we are soliciting suggestions for the use of these funds. Please forward your ideas to the Township Office on or before December 1, 1990. Thank you.

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#### New Year's Dance

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New Year's Dance to the music of Red Rose Express.

Doors open 6:15 p.m.

Roast Beefer dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets available from Harry, Jack and Al.

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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#### Congratulations

We, too, offer our congratulations to Trudy Strain and Shannon Eves on receiving awards recognizing their individual excellence.

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We are also pleased to offer congratulations to those young people participating in the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair: Tracy Hitchins along with two young county men will be representing Lennox and Addington in the National Beef Heifer Show. And three of the six representatives for the county who are participating in the Scotiabank Hays Classic are from the Island: Lori Caughey, Sarah Scott and Amy Caughey.

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The County 4-H Awards night was held recently with Amy Caughey being awarded the Top Junior Dairy Member and Sarah Scott awarded the Top 1st Year Dairy Member.

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#### Awards

The 'Study of the Month' Award goes to Wayne Howard, a University of Guelph agricultural economist, who is launching a study to find out why some agricultural sectors have problems attracting permanent labour. Hopefully his budget is small because it shouldn't take much to discover that low pay, long hours, exposure to chemicals, dust, dangerous machinery and animals, etc, just might have something to do with the lack of enthusiastic employees for the farm sector.

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#### Odds & Ends

(from The South Fred. Recycling News)

The average white pine or white maple contains as much as half a tonne of carbon removed from the atmosphere. The average Canadian produces about four tonnes of carbon a year. Therefore, by planting eight trees a year you clean up the carbon you create. And if you plant those trees strategically near your home, they can save energy by keeping it cool in the summer and acting as a windbreak in winter.

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(also from the Recycling News)

You can save paper (and money) by re-using your envelopes: glue or tape them shut and use address labels. For labels, contact "The Paper Source", Fallbrook, Ont. K0G 1A0. 613-267-7191.

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Instead of throwing out your old paperbacks, give them to the Library or Glenn's Store or even the school (if suitable).

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While Perry MacDonald was here this past summer

he loaned us a China Daily from which we pass on the following TV listings for August 8th.

Channel 21 ends its day at 10:30 with the only American program listed - 'Hunter'.

Highlights for the viewing day on Channel 2 are: Observation and Reflection first thing in the morning followed by Economy 30 Minutes which must be popular because its also shown later in the day on Channel 8. The m

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#### Babysitting

Amanda Bateman will babysit early evenings and weekends.

Call 389-5387

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#### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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#### Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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#### Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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#### Glenn's Store

More than 70 VCR titles available.

Movies \$2.00 to \$3.00

Nintendo Games \$2.50

VCR Rentals

Weekdays \$6.00

Sat \$10.00

We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We also carry blank tapes.

Also available at Glenn's Store:

Amherst Island Shirts & Caps

Whig Standard Cookbook

Emergency Call Cards

Hunting/Fishing Licences

Book Exchange

Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery

Avon Ordering

Girl Guide Cookies and more!

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Happy Holidays And Best Wishes To All Our Readers

If I remember correctly, last month's edition led off with some mention of it being uncomfortably cold. This month has been much a better introduction to winter - we've had some snow that stayed around for a while; some cold, some not so cold and some really cold days which has finally acclimatized me for the next few months. Still, I can't figure why we don't all live south of the frost line - humans must have misplaced their migrating instinct somewhere along the line. If anyone finds mine, send it care of the Beacon. Thanks.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Chris, Dianne, Don, Ian and Sally.

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Council Report For December 4, 1990

-Chris Kennedy

Tom Sylvester has returned from Florida.

Diane has been investigating the problems of a hazardous waste collection for the Island. It seems that it will cost at a minimum \$30,000 to organize, due to all the safety regulations, so Council decided to let the matter drop.

Council debated the by-law on the new ferry rates. The main topic of discussion was whether to eliminate, maintain or raise the present rate (25 cents) for passengers. In a recorded vote Jim Whitton and Caroline Ackerman voted to raise the passenger fee to 50 cents, raise a pass to \$225 and leave the vehicle fee at \$2.00, but this was defeated. After some

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further discussion, it was decided to raise the vehicle fee

to \$2.25, the pass to \$225, and eliminate the passenger fee entirely, with only Jim Whitton dissenting. The other vehicle fees will also be raised slightly.

There was discussion of how best to evaluate probationary staff on the ferry. Written reports will be drawn up after two months, after four months, and after five months of probation. All other Township employees will be evaluated yearly by their immediate superiors. The Reeve and Council will be evaluated next November by all registered voters.

The hydrogeological survey of the present and future dumps is continuing. The company is waiting for enough frost in the ground to carry heavy equipment.

The clerk will investigate by-laws about putting up house numbers, as part of the new grid system which the fire department, the ambulance service and the police will now be using to identify properties. These numbers are likely to be put up by the municipality, so that they are uniform and easily seen, but also discrete and tasteful. Plans are continuing for the helipad.

Jim Whitton reported that the Recreation committee has sets of keys for the school, and has purchased quite a lot of sports equipment for use by any interested groups in the community.

The rates of pay for Fence Viewers, Sheep Valuers, and the Janitor for the Township office have all been raised. Council is requesting that the municipal property assessments be updated.

The Building Inspector reported the only permit issued was to Clinton Kilpatrick for a machinery shed and hay barn. The Council is still pursuing its claim to own the Back Beach. The Hunt Club lawyer and Township lawyer are preparing their cases.

Council considered the draft by-law that provides for the conveyance of 5% of land, or cash in lieu as condition of approval for severance, or for building on vacant lots. Council fine-tuned some of the wording, and they listened for some time to Bill and Beryl Stoker's comments and objections to this by-law. Council tabled the discussion of this by-law to see if there will be more public input. The suggestions for Amerik's donation were discussed. Various suggestions have been put forward, including a scholarship fund for an Island student, a display centre for activities on the Island, a museum and drop-in centre for activities for senior citizens, commemorative photographs of Island dignitaries, and that other historical information be collected. Further suggestions are requested.

Council then realised there were four minutes left until 11 p.m., closing time, so wrapped up the meeting at speed. There

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{The following notice briefly interrupts the Council Report}

#### 1991 Ferry Rates

##### Ferry Pass Rates

Annual... \$225.00

Apr 1 - Dec 31... \$180.00

July 1 - Dec 31... \$121.00

Oct 1 - Dec 31... \$61.00

##### Individual Rates

Auto & Driver... \$2.25

Auto & trailer... \$4.50

Motorcycle & driver... \$1.50

Heavy single-axle truck... \$4.25

Heavy double-axle truck... \$4.50

Farm tractor... \$2.25

Farm tractor & implement... \$4.50

##### Surcharges

An additional surcharge of \$0.50 will apply to all vehicles while the M.V. Charlevoix or other larger replacement vessel is in service.

An additional charge will be made to pass holders for occupying more than one space if the ferry is full and one or more vehicles are left on the dock. The additional charge is the normal charge for the vehicle based on the spaces occupied minus \$2.25 (one space and the driver covered by the pass).

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were no major matters on the agenda not discussed.

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#### Official Plan Meeting December 6, 1990

-Don Tubb

More than 30 Island residents jammed the Council Chamber for this meeting. All Councillors were present but two had to leave before the end of the meeting. The Clerk (Diane) and our consultant, Robert Mackenzie rounded out those in attendance.

The first half hour or so of the meeting was taken up by matters not directly related to the meeting's purpose: whether a plan is needed; the costs involved; the 5% levy on severances; and, the tax increases over the last few years. The crowded room was quick to warm not only from body heat but also from the comments made by various members of the audience.

From the comments, questions and criticisms made during the meeting, I think there's quite a bit of misinformation circulating about the Official Plan. Councillor Willard has written a letter trying to clear up some points which we have printed a little further on in

this issue.

Once these preliminaries were completed, the meeting returned to looking at Mr Mackenzie's latest draft of our Official Plan. I emphasize that this is a draft and that it has not been approved in any way by Council. As a matter of fact, the Councillors have largely gone without commenting on it, either in favour of or against its direction. Of course, the lack of criticism by the Councillors is an indication of approval. Nothing is written in stone yet, but if your concerns are not voiced now, either verbally at a meeting or in writing, it will become increasingly difficult to make changes to the Plan. It would also be a good idea to write if you support any specific area of the plan.

Mr Mackenzie thought it best to try and find those areas of the draft which were causing the most concern. It seems that the Open Space designation was of considerable interest as were the requirements for a second dwelling in the Agricultural area.

The Open Space designation seems to be difficult for people to grasp, particularly the suggestion that the Township might be interested in purchasing some of the land it encloses - more on that point later.

The parts of the Open Space areas most in question were the narrow strips between the shore roads and water's edge. If the designation was left as it stands now, the landowner would not be able to do anything with this area that is not being done on it now. Anything else would require the permission of Council. That is, you couldn't put in a shore well, you couldn't put in a dock, you couldn't build a set of stairs or a boat house - the designation freezes any development of this area without the permission of Council and, of course, any other controlling agencies like the Department of Natural Resources. The Plan does not give any guidelines as to what sort of development could be undertaken in this area which it does do for most other areas.

The other areas included in the Open Space designation are the Bluffs at the Head, most of the Field Naturalist's land at the Foot, the higher land in the Big Marsh, and all of the small islands (Nut, Grape, and the Brother Islands). Only Grape and the Brothers are not really used at present but the other areas are used fairly intensively (some only seasonally like Nut Island) but none-the-less used. Land that is used generally means that some structures will need to be built, even if they're just fences, or permanent watering troughs, or duck blinds, or pheasant pens, or sheep shelters, or styles. As with the shore line areas, none of this would be permitted without the permission of Council which is a designation almost as restrictive as the Natural Environment areas.

The intent of this designation is seemingly to say that these areas have some 'natural' value (like shoreline) but which are not required by the Ontario government to be protected, like the marshes. Also because Council perceives that Islanders want to have more public access to the shoreline, the Official Plan is expressing the Township's interest in potentially buying some of this land to be made into parks. If they are interested in buying

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some of this area, the Township wants as free a choice as possible, so the Plan places extreme limits on what can be done with this land. So, if some of this land became available, the Township could buy it and make it into a park. If the owner came to Council and asked to build a boat house, then Council would have the option of trying to buy it rather than see the boat house built. But if they didn't want to buy it, the land could be redesignated which means the Open Space designation would be eliminated on that property and something else substituted, likely the Shoreline designation. This would allow the boat house to be built. However, there is another possibility which is: after the request for the boat house is made, the Township does not buy the land, does not redesignate the land, and therefore refuses the request to build a boat house. At this point, I think the two parties go see the O.M.B. which, I presume, would side with the landowner unless the Township had a really good reason to refuse the development.

Lastly, it is plainly stated in the Plan that the Open Space designation is a temporary designation. The implication is that once the Township has acquired all the parkland it needs, that it will redesignate the Open Space areas to something less restrictive.

Lastly (this time I mean it) there might be some merit in designating those shoreline areas that are having their ownership questioned as Open Space (parts of the Front Road and the South Shore Road). It does freeze development and it is possible that the Township will end up owning them so why allow any development until the ownership is straightened out.

The other major point of contention with this draft of the Official Plan was its restrictions on accessory dwellings in the Agricultural area. I'm not going to say much about this because I've run on at the keyboard too much already.

In the current draft an accessory dwelling would be allowed only if the primary dwelling was on a lot of 40 hectares, if the accessory dwelling unit "was necessary to the operation and maintenance of the use of the land", and if Council approved. There are a few other

requirements which we did not get to discuss at the meeting but I'll leave those for now.

The Ontario government requires that the Plan protect good agricultural land which, it seems, is what these restrictions are intended to do. However, it was argued that an accessory dwelling should be allowed so the farmer could retire. Also the lot size was considered excessive large. I think that the basic argument against easy approval of accessory dwellings is:

1- once built, there is no control over whether it is used as a dwelling for a son, or to retire into, or for a hired hand, or just to rent out.

2- that once it is no longer needed for the farming operation, a request eventually comes to Council to sever it from the farm which further splits up the farmland making it harder to farm on any scale.

3- allowing more houses which will eventually fall into non-farming hands restricting farming operations nearby.

On the other hand, it was argued that the farmland is not being used now so why protect something that no-one is interested in farming. This was countered by the assertion that just because the land is not being farmed now does not preclude its use in the future which developing does to some extent. It was also argued that a farmer should be allowed to retire onto the land he has farmed. Why should the son, daughter or whoever is taking over the farm have to live away from the farm?

To a large extent, it seems to boil down to what is reasonable protection of the farmland. Here, on Amherst Island, it is more difficult to protect something that isn't being used and something that there is a good chance won't be used in the foreseeable future. Also, the number of farmers that were being argued over were pretty small. I count 11 farmers who would fall into this category with most of the rest of the farms having their houses in another area (generally Shoreline) so we're arguing over a very few houses in a large area. There is a balance somewhere.

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The Neighbourhood

- Staff

Annette cannot do this month's column. She's recently been in hospital rumored to be on one of those super-quick weight loss programs. (Pssst - just between you, me and the wall - she's kinda been let herself go over the last nine months or so.) We hear that she did so well they gave her a prize - a baby girl, Torri Irene Phillips who was born December 11th and weighed 6 lbs 14 1/2 oz. Congratulations. Opps, gotta go cause Sally wants to explain something to me - don't

know what it's about, but she's muttering about the birds and the bees.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlus

The regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Jean McIntyre. The President expressed her thanks to all those who had helped to make our 90th Anniversary Musical Evening such a success. The winning ticket on the quilt draw was held by Mrs. Cuthill.

Congratulations! We were happy to welcome three guests and hope that they will soon become regular members of our group.

Marian Glenn, the Convenor of our recent appeal for the C.N.I.B., reported that she had forwarded \$947 to be used by the C.N.I.B. locally. Congratulations, Amherst Islanders!

Plans were made for the Annual Senior Citizens Dinner to be held this year on Friday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Amherst Island Community Centre. The President gave a report on the W.I. Area Convention. Of particular interest is the Resolution to be forwarded by the W.I. to the government requesting a ban on the release of helium balloons. I know we all enjoy watching these balloons fly away, but this seemingly innocent pastime is really dangerous to birds which try to eat them and can be strangled.

Jane Miller presented an excellent program featuring crafts made from recycled materials. This fitted well with our roll call of the evening - the environmental concern related to excessive packaging.

Our next meeting will be the Christmas Party on December 19th at the home of Anna Hitchins.

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#### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

##### Christmas Treats

So much of our childhood Christmas memories involve food. Our families all had special treats and dinners which are remembered long into our adult years.

I would like to thank Eleanor Truman for her Sultana Caramel recipe.

##### Sultana Caramels

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup walnuts
- 2 tbsp raisins (optional)
- 1 tsp corn starch
- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate (or 2 tsp cocoa)

Combine all but chocolate, nuts and raisins.

Boil gently to soft ball stage or 230 degrees on candy thermometer. Add chocolate towards end of the cooking process.

Beat until nearly firm and add walnuts and raisins. Pour in cake or pie plate and cut into squares while warm.

Several years ago, Liz Hogeboom was Susan Caughey's Loyal Friend. One day these tarts arrived anonymously at the Caughey home. Bruce still raves about them to this day.

##### The Unnamed Tarts

(These tarts go nicely with a cup of tea.)

Fill medium size tart shells with 1/2 teaspoon of raspberry or if you prefer,

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strawberry jam.

##### Topping-

1/2 cup butter

3/4 cup of white sugar

2 eggs

Cream butter and sugar.

Blend in eggs and mix well.

Then add 2 tablespoons of warm water and 1 teaspoon of "Almond Essence".

Mix in 3/4 cup of flour, which you have put in 1 tablespoon of 'baking powder'.

Mix well and put a half tablespoon of the topping on each tart shell and bake at 350 degrees F until golden brown.

What would be Christmas without at least one Christmas Cake recipe? The following recipe came from Keith Miller's mother and probably from her mother.

##### Keith's Mom's Christmas Cake Recipe

Mix together

1 lb. currants

1 lb. seedless raisins

1 lb. dates

2 cups glace cherries

1 pkg. chopped walnuts

1 pkg. slivered almonds

Divide the above into 4 loaf pans.

Cream 3/4 lb. butter and 1 cup sugar.

Add

1 cup light cream

1/4 to 1/2 cup sherry

1 tsp. cinnamon



1 tsp. nutmeg  
1 tsp. mace  
1 tsp. salt  
Plus 1 ground up orange.  
1 tsp. almond flavouring  
1 tsp. vanilla

Dissolve 1 tsp. baking soda into 2 tbsp molasses and add to the above. Stir in 4 cups all purpose flour. Mix well and pour over the fruit mixture. Bake at 300 F. approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours or until done.

Place a pan of hot water in the bottom of the oven.

My thanks to Liz H. who told me she missed my article last month. You made my day.

D.M.

Merry Christmas!

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#### Volunteers At Amherst Island Public School

The Parent Volunteer Committee would like to thank Mr Cherry, Mrs Forester, Mrs Farrar and all the community volunteers who have worked in such a co-operative spirit since the school year began in September.

Volunteers in the primary room included:

Janet Scott, Karen Fleming, Liz Hogeboom, Gwen Bateman, Helen Miller and Madlyn Kerr.

Volunteers in the senior room included: Jack Kerr, Jim Whitton, Sally Bowen, Susie Caughey, Janet Grace and Helen Caughey.

Other voluntary duties were: Library, Diane Gavlas; Bulletin Boards, Caroline Yull; Office Inventory, Myrtle Veech; Equipment repairs, Jack Kerr; and for carpentry, thanks goes to Rick Bedford.

Volunteer drivers to various outings were: Susan McGinn, Laurel Nixon, Janet Scott, Cheryl Hutchings, Diane Gavlas, Karen Fleming, Gwen Bateman and Janet Grace.

In the New Year, we will be seeking additional assistance on a short term basis in several areas:

1. History- our heritage, early settlers, crafts, spinning, weaving, candle making, etc.
2. Science- solutions, force and motion.
3. Basketball- helping to prepare 2 teams for tournaments - practice during noon lunch or after school.
4. A primary study unit on dogs.

We know that many members of our community have other skills that would be of great interest to the students. Such as story writing, journalism, seasonal crafts, etc. The teachers would be interested in incorporating your interests and skills into their programmes.

Let us know how you might like to become involved

in the volunteer program and share your time and talents. If interested, please contact any member of this committee.

Remember that your contribution need not necessarily involve a great expenditure of time. (A couple of afternoons helping students with a craft or project, for example.)

As part of the agreement (Board-

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Tribunal), this volunteer programme is being monitored by administration. They realize that it is working well, but not without hard work and dedication on the part of our teachers and community members.

Thank You!

Your help is appreciated!

Parent Volunteer Committee

Liz Hogeboom 389-8511

Susie Caughey 389-2012

Bill Phillips 389-0512

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#### Come A-Wassailing

-Jim & Lynann

Once again we hope to hold the (one-year old) local tradition of wassailing around the village. Would-be wassailers (both adults and children) should congregate at our home at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 23rd. Carol sheets will be provided. After the door-to-door carol singing, all wassailers are invited back to enjoy hot cider and malted(???) wine.

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#### Are You Prepared?

- Dianne Marshall

On Sunday December 8th, the Red Cross sponsored a free Emergency Training Programme. Seventeen people turned up of which I was one.

Disasters are something we almost never think of as happening to us until a hurricane rips through Barrie or a train derails and leaks toxic material near a town or village. Still we seem to think a disaster will never strike us. However, we are just as vulnerable as anywhere to hurricanes, tornadoes, winter storms, earthquakes and other natural & man made disasters. Even though it is important that we not become 'paranoid', we should at least be prepared.

If a disaster should strike, could we gather food, water, clothing, flashlight, matches, radio, etc, etc in a matter of a few minutes? Before taking the course I would have had to answer no. The Red Cross encourages us to be prepared on an individual level and only then will we be able to help others. Your home

emergency pack could be a laundry basket containing enough water, food & clothing for 3 to 5 days. An adequate first aid kit should be included as well as a working flashlight, candles, rope, nails, shovel, whistle, personal items, a radio & batteries, and a non-electric cooking unit with a safe and sufficient supply of fuel.

Hopefully, we will never need our emergency kit but I know I will always feel a little better knowing that I am prepared in the event of an emergency.

On a municipal level the planning and preparation for emergency is a rather awesome task. Great care must be taken to be ready to supply help to large numbers of people. The amount of work involved in feeding, clothing and finding shelter for large groups of people takes a great deal of time, thought and consideration. Council is presently working on an Emergency Plan that will prepare Amherst Island in the event of a large or small scale emergency. I know I will sleep better in my bed at night knowing this has been done.

Anyone interested in self help advice can write to:  
Public Information Planning  
Services Directorate,  
Emergency Preparedness Canada,  
141 Laurier Avenue West,  
2nd Floor, Gillin Building,  
Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0W6

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Field Naturalists

- Alex and Janet Scott

This year there will be an official Christmas Bird Count on Sunday, December 23. This is the first year that Amherst Island will be counted as a whole and will be one of more than 1500 similar counts to help survey wintering birds in our area.

All Christmas Bird Counts will occur between December 15 and January 3 and will cover an area from Guam and Hawaii to Labrador, and from Alaska to Brazil. This year marks the 91st anniversary of the original Christmas Count held in 1900 in about 25 locations. Observers have grown from 27 to well over 42,000.

The Christmas Count is the biggest organized birding event of the year. Each count area is a circle with a 15 mile diameter or an area of roughly 177 square miles. The centre of our circle is in Lake Ontario and the circle will include only Amherst Island and Nut Island as far as land area goes.

There is no limit to the number of participants. Last year the numbers of observers in a given count varied from 10 to 1050, and the number of species found

varied from 335 in the Panama Canal Zone to 14 birds (all the same species) in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.

Nor is there any limit in expertise. You may be a beginner or an experienced observer. In fact, this is a good way to improve your skills as we already have at least 6 well experienced birders taking part in this count. There is a \$5.00 fee for each official observer to help pay the costs of tallying all the counts which will be published in the Christmas Bird Count Issue of American Birds which can be received for an additional \$15.00 if you're interested.

So please join us. There will be a supper at the Scott's after the count (nothing to bring), and if you can't join us we hope you will cooperate by making your feeders available to those who do. More information may be obtained from contacting Janet or Alex (389-4608) and in any event we and our family join in wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

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Americk's Donation

- Staff

We have had several requests to list the ideas presented so far to Council. They have not made a decision and there is still time to offer your suggestions. It doesn't matter whether it's a great idea because you might just prompt someone else to think of something really worth while for which this donation or \$10,000 to the Township could be used. Maybe you might want to see a 1000 bird houses built and nailed to the fences along the roads, or a flag pole in front of the Municipal Building, or a louder horn for the ferry (to blow those who don't yield the right-of-way right out of the water), or hire someone to assemble historical Island documents. Ideas breed more ideas and eventually Council will find the one that's right. To that end, we list what Council has before it:

- 1- a Trust Fund be set up to help defray the costs of post secondary education for island students.
- 2- that the donation be used as a start to restore the Clyde house so it can be used for a senior citizens drop-in centre and possibly a small museum.
- 3- that a display structure be built to show a large scale map of the Island while the adjoining sections show historical photographs and printed material on the Island and its unique features.
- 4- that photos of past reeves, councils, teachers, students and school board trustees be found and mounted in the appropriate buildings.
- 5- that the tapes from the Oral History project done a few years ago be transcribed and articles prepared and printed in the Beacon.
- 6- that Cathy Wilson, from the Oral History project, be asked for her ideas in preserving the heritage of the

Island.

7- that the Cemetary Committee be asked for ideas of how to preserve the Island cemeteries.

We can't do these ideas justice in a few words but they're only ideas with the details to be worked out later. Think about it and see if you can come up with something before the next Council meeting. I like the big horn for the ferry, myself.

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Letters To The Beacon

A Councillor's Opinion On The Official Plan

-Steven Willard

At a recent public meeting I was concerned by the reaction of some people to the Official Plan being formulated by Council. It is my intention to explain certain actions of Council lately, as I see them. Why is Council pursuing the Official Plan?

In 1988 the former Council found that amendments to the Zoning By-Law were too numerous and suggestive of a problem in the By-Law. Thus an interim policy limiting severances was enacted. In May 1988 the Planning-Steering committee was formed and headed by Councillor John Hall which held a series of meetings with interested members of the public. A Questionnaire was circulated to all resident and non-resident property owners. 58 to 18 respondents favoured restricting growth to 500 people. A majority of 54 to 13 favoured restricting severances until planning policies were directed. In 1989 the present Council was elected and the Quo Vadis committee was formed. This committee was formed of councillors and members of the public. In April 1989 it suggested limits on severances be extended until planning policies be formulated. In July it recommended to Council that it should develop an Official Plan. In January 1990 at a well attended meeting the people had an opportunity to voice their opinions. In my opinion the majority spoke in favour of an Official Plan. Again questionnaires were issued at this meeting to anyone who wanted one. Of 26 people who responded to the direct question "Do you want an Official Plan?" 22 said yes, 3 said no, and 1 was ambivalent. At the following meeting of Council a resolution was passed authorizing the beginning of the official plan process. This was done in the light of the knowledge that at every opportunity the people had said yes to an Official Plan. Council acted because of the polling and discussion that had occurred over a two year period.

How much will the plan cost us?

The completed Pla

tax increases. How many want this? The second option is to use a lot levy. Right now we have a \$500 lot levy fee that thus far will be used to help pay the legal fees for the Back beach. At \$500 a piece it would take 50 severances to pay for the legal fees alone - welcome to Bayridge Islanders. Instead Council is considering levying a 5% fee on lots created. Thus someone selling a \$100,000 lot would pay \$5,000 of their profit to the township they are developing. Now it is up to the people to decide - do you want to pay huge tax bills or make those who are developing the island pay? Council is awaiting your answer.

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#### Girl Guides & Brownies

- Janet Scott

Dear Islanders,

Please bundle your papers in paper bags, cardboard boxes or tie them with string or twine. Do not send them to the land fill site in plastic grocery bags because these are not acceptable at the recycling depot. Please do not include staples or household garbage in the papers you place in the shed. Think about these young girls that have had to sort out diapers, household garbage and cans from the papers.

Our grateful thanks to Stuart Miller for all his patience with us in our attempts to tie papers and load his truck. Many thanks to those wonderful Islanders who have helped us bundle papers, namely: Karen and David Fleming, Alex Scott, Peter Trueman, Marjory Baker, and Diane Gavlas.

The days are getting colder and daylight hours shorter so if you can help make our job easier, we would appreciate it.

Our other environmental project is selling Girl Guide soap which is environmentally friendly, non-allergic and safe even for babies. Try it. Only \$6.00 a box of 3 bars at Glenn's Store.

Thank-you

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#### Thank You Notes

Sincere thanks to the First Response Team when we had to call them, especially Diane Pearce, Dianne Marshall, David Fleming, Dr. Alex Scott and several other members, the Ferry crews, ambulance attendants and my own family.

Thanks again.

Vera Hogeboom

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#### Notices And Announcements

#### Township Of Amherst Island

#### Notice Re Assessment Open House

Council has requested the Ministry of Revenue to update the assessment of properties on Amherst Island to 1988 market values. The current assessment is based on 1980 values.

Thursday, Jan 17/91 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan 18/91 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan 19/91 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity to meet with Assessment Office representatives and ask specific questions about how your property assessment is determined.

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#### Whig-Standard Subscribers

I would like to thank all the Whig-Standard customers on my route for their co-operation. On the weeks December 31/90 to January 12/91, I will be away and Lori Caughey will do my route. If you have any problems, her number is 389-2012.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Douglas Gavlas

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#### New Year's Dance

New Year's Dance to the music of Red Rose Express.

Doors open 6:15 p.m.

Roast Beefer dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets available from Harry, Jack and Al.

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#### Rink Attendant Wanted

The Recreation Committee is looking for a rink attendant to co-ordinate work with the volunteers. A wage of \$5.40 will be paid. Contact Jim Whitton.

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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#### I.S.L.E. Committee

The I.S.L.E. Committee is pleased to announce that we have purchased musical instruments for the entire school. Parents will be delighted to know that the seniors and juniors will probably soon be squeaking their first recorder notes (practicing at home of course). Primaries have received top quality tone blocks (melodious and more expensive xylophones) to accompany their other rhythm instruments. New members and energy is needed on the ISLE Committee.

Anyone interested, please contact Beth or Sally.  
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Ed:

The spacing is a little strange this month but there just aren't enough hours in the day this time of year to get everything done properly. Hopefully things will calm down a bit in the new year. About an hour ago, I was typing copy, 4 people were proofing, and 5 kids were seeming tearing the house apart. Not untypical.

Also the Telephone List is not ready. Last month I mentioned that it was going to the printers. It only needs a couple hours work to be ready but I haven't been able to find it yet. So, we'll try to get it in soon.

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For Sale / Wanted

Christmas Trees For Sale

Pine and Spruce trees for sale. Bring the kids along to help pick out the one you like. Prices vary according to size, etc.

Ray & Linda Wemp at 389-4435

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Nintendo Game for Sale

'Blades of Steel' \$25

Call Jacob at 389-3444

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Picnic Tables- super design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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We use old "TV Weekly" & "TV Times" (Whig Standard variety) to wash cow udders. Anyone interested in saving them for us, it would be appreciated.

Call Keith Miller 389-2588

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Freezer Lambs for sale from Topsy Farms. Information and order forms can be obtained by calling 389-3444 or 389-0554 (evenings).

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The Booklet "The History of St. Alban's Church, Stella Amherst Island (1890-1990)" Price - \$3.00

Also St. Alban's Centennial Plates sketch by Shirley Miller. Price - \$10

From any A.C.W. member or at Glenn's Store.

Christmas is coming!

Tuck these in your gifts to friends and relatives.

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Christmas Is Coming

Decoys and Carving for sale.

Various prices. All handmade.

Call 389-2404

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For Rent

Brand new Santa outfit - eyebrows, whiskers, everything included. \$15 Call Laurene Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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Wanted

6-8 Lightning rods, preferably colored.

Stanley Burke

Contact through Glenn's Store.

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General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction, Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 369-8433

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Shorewells Maintenance

Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps checked. \$30

Call Warren Kilpatrick, at 389-4078

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Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

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Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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General Contracting

New Construction & Renovations by an Amherst Island company.

Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387

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Babysitting

Amanda Bateman will babysit early evenings and weekends.

Call 389-5387

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#### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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#### Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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#### Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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#### Glenn's Store

More than 70 VCR titles available.

Movies... \$2.00 to \$3.00

Nintendo Games... \$2.50

VCR Rentals... Weekdays \$6.00

... Sat \$10.00

We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We also carry blank tapes.

Also available at Glenn's Store:

Amherst Island Shirts & Caps

Whig Standard Cookbook

Emergency Call Cards

Hunting/Fishing Licences

Book Exchange

Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery

Avon Ordering

Girl Guide Cookies and more!

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Beacon Notes

The original opening notes for this month were the usual potpourri of observations and lead-ins, however with start of hostilities in the Middle East it somehow didn't seem quite appropriate to begin without some reference to the war. It's extremely sobering to think that Canada is engaged in an offensive war with another nation and that Canadians are now going about the grisly business of killing their fellow man. Now, we won't dwell on this but we do hope that by the next issue of the Beacon, we can talk about the fighting in the past tense and that we will have a clearer idea of what our future will be like in the coming years.

So how are your New Year's resolutions coming? Mine - you ask? Well, I take the easy way out and only make one: "I resolve to make no other resolutions." It would be nice though if, this year, I could make some new mistakes because repeating the same ones over and over is getting boring. We shall see what the year brings, won't we?

Speaking of mistakes - last month was a little confused when it came to getting the Beacon out. Somehow we managed to proof a newer version than we printed. In the end, there were a number of corrections and deletions that weren't made. How we managed to do this is a mystery as it does appear to be physically impossible. Computers are marvellous at confounding their operators.

What's new? The township is under new management or at least partially so because Judy (Miller) has abandoned us as Assistant Clerk-Treasurer to become the Secretary of Amherstview Public School. Our new Assistant is Ida Gavlas. (Who? See the Notices for more.)

Has anyone else noticed that the days are really

getting longer, and we should be past the coldest day of the year. Think of it - the shining sun and the rising temperatures! Oh joy! (Our pleasures may be small but are celebrated with gusto.)

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Telephone List

Now on Sale At Glenn's Store

After a protracted delay, a new Island Telephone List is finally available for the nominal cost of \$2.00 (no GST is charged).

Certainly there are errors and perhaps omissions but, if you contact us we'll publish corrections next month.

Many thanks to all of the people who helped with this little enterprise.

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Council Report for January 3, 1991

- Chris Kennedy

Council started with a discussion of Ralph Wood's suggestion for the Amerik's donation. Look for further details elsewhere in the Beacon.

The bylaw about five percent of land being deeded to the Township was tabled until the March meeting as Jim Whitton is off to Australia for most of January and February.

Council has received a cheque from the Ministry of Transport for 90% of the cost of the Annie Clyde property, which Council very gratefully acknowledged.

The Road Superintendent has reported that the Township tractor is now 22 years old, and it is becoming uneconomical to keep repairing it. Malrox Engineering is continuing with its hydrogeological study of the present dump and is still looking for a new dumpsite. Council is applying for a grant for an emergency generator to help maintain communications in the event of an emergency.

Judy Miller has resigned as Assistant to the Clerk-Treasurer, to take up a full-time job with the L&A Board of Education. At a meeting on December 28th, Diane Gavlas was hired as her replacement.

The Building Inspector's year end report was received. 28 building permits were issued last year, including 3 new residences, 2 barn additions, 7 home renovations and 9 additions to residences. 4 demolition permits were also issued. Terence and Corinne Laverty had a severance approved in principle. The Back Beach issue is still before the courts, and may be for some time to come.

The children at the public school have all received a

short First Aid course given by St. John's Ambulance. Let us hope they never have to use it.

The Reeve outlined some ideas for Council to consider in 1991. Many of these concerned improvements to the ferry service. They also touched on roads, the gravel pile, the dump and whether an attendant is required. The Township may need a Fax machine, since mail from Napanee can now take 7-10 day to arrive. Council discussed the possibility of having two meetings a month, to give time for more discussion of some topics. Then Council adjourned, about half an hour before the 11 p.m. closing time.

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#### Official Plan Meeting

January 17, 1990

- Don Tubb

An excellent planning meeting was held this evening with good participation from a group of about 20 residents. The discussion was exactly that and most people spoke at one time or another - even the members of Council spoke!

It's extremely difficult to report on a meeting like this because of the numerous points raised which often require considerable explanation. This meeting picked up where the last one left off - with a discussion of the current draft section by section.

The first area that was discussed was the village. There will have to be a lot more work done on this section if the various types of land use are to co-exist peaceably in such a confined area. The Plan will have to be written so as to direct future Councils as to where commercial, industrial, recreational, etc uses can be located. These land uses are the ones which must have the blessing of Council before they can be built or started up. (Things like single family residences and home occupations don't need the approval of Council and, therefore, can be located anywhere in the village.)

There was some discussion about allowing agriculture and forestry as an unrestricted permitted use in village. There seemed to be a consensus that more care should be taken in protecting neighbouring properties from uses which would affect their land and its livability. (If agriculture were removed completely from the village, all existing farming operations would be allowed to continue at their present size or smaller.) Robert MacKenzie will try to write up some definitions for these uses. What does constitute forestry? Is it planting 3 shrubs on your front yard or does it imply a scale of operation, like 10

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acres of densely planted trees? Does this use adversely

affect the neighbouring properties? Similarly with agriculture - does keeping 5 chickens in the back yard constitute agriculture? If it doesn't, then how can one landowner protect himself from nuisance odours and noises, or for that matter, how can he protect his well from increased pollution if, for example, the neighbour has a substantial market garden which is fertilized or sprayed regularly?

The advisability of having some other uses was called into question. For example, group homes could significantly affect the surrounding landowners.

The Shoreline Area was also discussed at length and eventually was combined with a discussion of the Agricultural and Rural Areas. A considerable number of people argued that because the farmland is not being used to its fullest extent at present that the Official Plan should make all of it available for development (that is eliminate the Agricultural Area and make it all Rural). This was left unresolved and will be discussed more at the next meeting which will be on January 31st, probably at the School.

A limited expansion of the Shoreline Area did seemed to meet with general approval. The land side of the shore roads may well be designated Shoreline which would greatly increase the number of non-waterfront lots available. This should lower the cost of the lots both by increasing their number and by the fact that they don't front on the water which, it was hoped, would encourage more people to build here. It was suggested that this expansion would not significantly reduce the amount of farmland and, therefore should be acceptable to the Minister, who must approve the Official Plan.

A couple of paragraphs cannot do justice to three hours of discussion by 25 people. The next meeting will continue discussing the Agricultural, Rural, Open Space and Shoreline Areas.

As I said at the start, this was an excellent meeting - the level of preparedness was good. People had thought about what they wanted to talk about, they came prepared to discuss, and they came prepared to listen.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The December meeting was held at the home of Anna Hitchins on Wednesday, December 23rd. This year the evening started with an enjoyable sit down supper organized by the lunch committee. A short business meeting followed. A welcome was extended to 4 visitors. The members wish to thank all those who donated time and money to the Senior Citizens dinner with special thanks to the ladies of the Legion, who baked pies, and the 4-H girls who helped to serve. The



evening program consisted of an exchange of gifts, games, readings, and the singing of carols.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Irene Glenn on Wednesday, January 16th at 8:00 p.m. We extend an invitation to all interested ladies to join us. Our program will be based on the history of Amherst Island as recorded in our Tweedsmuir History book.

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#### Christmas Concert

- Chris Kennedy

One of the highlights of the Christmas season on the Island is, for many, the Christmas concert at the school. As always this year it was supported by an enthusiastic and partisan crowd. Never again will the actors on the stage have an audience so keen on seeing their success.

Every parent and grand-parent knows, of course, who were the real stars of the evening, and it would be invidious to single out individuals. The junior kindergarten and kindergarten made a magnificent seven reindeer, with fine horns and all with red noses. Beth Forester's primary room put on a fine play about Santa Claus. The senior room put on a humorous revival of The Grinch Who Stole Christmas with a two level stage and some fine acting in the play. Much to the audience's relief, Christmas turns out well

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in the end.

Then the children told us what Christmas meant to them, and it was good to hear that family and friends receive at least as high a rating as presents.

The scenery was very elaborate and well painted this year, and the artists are to be congratulated. Many of the audience heard the new "tone boxes" for the first time, the musical instruments that have been purchased with money raised by I.S.L.E. They are very attractive to hear, and beautifully made, and I hope we will hear much more from them in the years to come.

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#### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

#### Feast Not Fast

Now that the Christmas feasting is over, many people feel that it is now time for the fasting. Fortunately I am one of a growing movement that says "No Way" and to prove it, I have included 2 recipes which have been tucked away for such time as this.

The first recipe is from Kitsy McMullen. This complete menu was eaten at a restaurant and enjoyed so much that Kitsy wants to share it with us.

#### Lamb Loin Medallions

##### The Menu

- Lamb Loin Medallions with Raspberry Sauce
- Cauliflower Mousse
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Steamed Broccoli & Carrot Sticks

##### The Lamb

- Dredge roast in flour, rosemary, etc
- Saute the loin roast enough to brown the outside
- Then slice into 1/4 to 1/8 inch medallions and soak in raspberry sauce (heated).

##### The Raspberry Sauce

- 1 1/2 cup raspberry juice (if sugary, cut down on honey)

- 1 tblsp honey

- 2 tblsp kikkoman sauce

- 3 cups (or less) lamb broth

##### The Cauliflower Mousse

- Blend to mashed potato state the following: steamed cauliflower, sharp cheddar and butter.

Our next recipe is from Caroline Yull and I will leave it for Caroline to speak for herself.

#### Salmon Crepes

Last night I re-discovered an old favourite I hadn't made in years. It's a bit fussy, but well worth it, now that I've tried it again.

- Make up thin crepes, probably about 15.

(1 1/2 cups of pancake mix & what you mix with it.)

Set these crepes aside.

- Cut up small & saute in butter:

a green pepper,

an onion, and

a handful or two of mushrooms.

- Add:

a can of salmon (smished with a fork),

two hard boiled eggs (smished also),

two tbls of cream (any sort except sour)

- Spoon the filling onto crepes & roll 'em up into little doggies (as in git along little...). Snuggle them up together in a 9" by 13" baking pan.

- Pour cheese sauce over them which you made ahead of time and set it aside right next to the crepes. Bake in 325 - 350 degree F oven until hot & bubbly on top. Serves 4-6 people & is quite filling. A nice salad to lighten things up would be good. (P.S. Make the cheese sauce with a nice sharp old cheddar - white).

This recipe was give to me by a friend from Australia, who describes it as "comfort food" - something her mum made for her whenever she was down and needed cheering up. My mother did this much more simply with creamed peas on toast.

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## Bureaucratic Cop-Out #1

You should have seen it when I got it!

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### Recreation Committee Report

- Jim Whitton

Our long-term plan to have a Recreation Committee that is completely self-sufficient in equipment for all groups is nearing completion. We were fortunate in obtaining a larger than usual grant from Tourism and Recreation this year so have been able to do the following:

- 1) sub-divide the skate change room to have a heated equipment room;
- 2) supply posts which can accommodate both volleyball and badminton nets;
- 3) supply the aerobics group with mats and wrist weights;
- 4) supply badminton racquets and birds;
- 5) supply extra volleyball equipment;
- 6) fund replacement equipment for the softball teams;
- 7) supply backboard, basket and balls for basketball (outdoor);
- 8) supply soccer balls;
- 9) install a pay phone in the school (north vestibule) 634-9203; and,
- 10) book a calliope for the 1991 Canada Day festivities.

However, the big success has been to obtain an adequate supply of keys for recreational groups using the gym. No more running around each night to find a key, from now on any group (e.g. aerobics, volleyball, badminton, etc.), will have their own keys, to school and equipment room for the session. And, if you think negotiations over Meech Lake, G.S.T., etc are difficult, try getting extra keys from the Board of Education. Whew!!! Anyhow, things are in place now so we look forward to the different groups making full use of our recreational facilities.

Heather Maleski is heading a sub-committee to organize the Canada Day celebrations. Suggestions (even contributions) to Heather will be welcomed. More about this in a future Beacon.

Any enquiries about recreational facilities should be directed to any committee member.

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### Thank You Notes

My sincere thanks to neighbours, Loyal Friend, Women's Institute and A.C.W. visiting committee, for goodies and cards sent to me, after my misfortune of dislocating a shoulder.

Sincerely - Marian Glenn

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Thanks to all the kind visitors bearing goodies, especially Susie, Beth, Jean, Leslie and Irene. Quite happy to also have visitors not bearing goodies. Thanks for all the good visits.

Caroline Yull

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I would like to thank the Amherst Island Council for accepting my proposal for the Ameriks Donation at the council meeting held on Jan. 2, 1991.

Special appreciation is also tendered to those residents who gave verbal and written support.

Jim Whitton made the motion to accept the proposal and as I understand will be the councillor who will act as the municipal trustee from the council.

The proposal was made with two distinct purposes. Firstly to encourage the young people of the Island to pursue post secondary education. Secondly I hope it will encourage young families to remain as residents of the Island.

I am attaching a complete copy of the proposal to be printed in the Beacon so that all Island residents will be aware of the complete proposal.

(Ed: We have only included those paragraphs of Ralph's letter which actually describe his proposal.)

I am proposing that we continue to build on this pride of academic accomplishments by setting up the Ameriks Fund as a Trust Fund. This would mean that the principal would remain intact but the interest would

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be used by our young people to assist in the expenses of post secondary education. Students who have graduated from high school and who are enrolled or attending college or university could apply to the fund each year of their post secondary education. The only other requirement would be that they must have been a full time resident on the Island for 5 years prior to their entering into post secondary courses. The interest available each year would be divided equally among the successful applicants to the fund. If the fund was not called upon on any one year the interest gained during that year would be added to the principal in the fund.

The trustees of the fund could be one member of council and two members of the community appointed by the council. A public accounting of the fund would be made each year and its status would be published.

Ralph T. Woods

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Obituary

Joseph Edwin Hogeboom  
(Information from the Whig Standard)

Edwin Hogeboom died suddenly at his home on Amherst Island on Wednesday, December 26, 1990. He was predeceased by his two brothers Clarence and Maurice Hogeboom. He is survived by his sister Isabel Scott (Mowen), and also by his nieces, nephews and sisters in law (Vera Hogeboom and Alice Hogeboom). The funeral was held on Friday December 28th at the James Reid Funeral Home and interment was at Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island.

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#### Notices and Announcements

##### Name Change

Diane Ida Helen Gavlas in love and honour of a wonderful grandmother. I have decided to change to my middle name of Ida. It will be interesting to see how many new Ida's move to the Island.

Thanks.

Ida Gavlas

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##### Areobics

Anyone gain some extra pounds over the holidays?? Aerobic classes are still being held and with a sensible diet will assist in losing that unnecessary fat. Fern Willard is still instructing with many years experience. Plan to join us Monday & Thursday 8-9 p.m. at the school.

Linda Wemp

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##### Township Of Amherst Island Planning Meeting

The next meeting to discuss the draft of the Official Plan will be held on Thursday, January 31, 1991 at 8:00 p.m. at Amherst Island Public School (tentative location). Everyone welcome.

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##### St Patrick's Dance!!

Dance Your Winter Blues Away  
Sponsored by Legion Branch 539  
March 9th at the Community Centre  
Doors open at 7 p.m.  
Buffet lunch at 9 p.m.  
Tickets \$18.00 per couple  
Contact Legion Members

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##### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.  
A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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##### Congratulations

Congratulations are offered to the following fire fighters for obtaining their 'D' licences:

Lynann Clapham,  
Graeme MacDonald,  
Dianne Marshall,  
Bill Phillips,  
Alex Scott and  
Sandy Scott.

These people are now able to drive all of the fire trucks which is another step forward in the continuing efforts to improve the Fire Department.

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##### Awards

For service to the Township, above and beyond the call of duty, in refusing to disclose the location of the Amherst Island Land Fill site to a Whig Standard reporter conducting a survey of those in the area, Diane Pearce is hereby awarded The Order Of The Dump. This award is not without its monetary side which consists of the usual free passage on the Amherst Islander on all trips originating from the Island for an indefinite period (the GST will also be paid).

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##### News Flash!

It has just been learned that Council is considering making the dump mobile so as to better keep its location a secret from the mainlanders. Further details next issue.

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Michael Carter, a defensive lineman for the San Francisco '49ers, is the recipient of the Offensive Defensive Lineman Of The Year Award for managing to run 61 yards after catching a deflected pass from the Washington Redskins quarterback. He did have help from his fellow team mates who blocked what seemed to be half the Washington players who succeeded in catching up to him during this lengthy play. As a matter of fact, Carter took so much time to run down the field there was some fear that he would be assessed a Delay Of Game penalty. At 300+ lbs, he was an impressive sight rumbling down the field but I don't think that Walter Payton need fear for his rushing records.

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## Odds And Ends

### The Trials Of Santa Claus

There are many talented people in this world: rocket scientists, poets, farmers and cabinet makers to name a few. There is also a small, but dedicated, group who investigate the common place from an unusual point of view. Like the person whose investigations were recently published in 'Spy' magazine which we are happy to pass on to you (even if the season is a little past).

Excluding non-Christians and bad children, Santa must visit 91.8 million homes within the 31 hours of Christmas Eve darkness afforded by the Earth's rotation.

He must travel at least 116,035,200 kilometers, not counting ocean crossings.

Given his 31-hour time-frame, he must maintain a speed of 1,040 kilometers per second.

Assuming 900 grams (two pounds) of presents for each child, his sleigh must carry a load of 321,300 tonnes, plus a hefty Santa.

The massive sleigh would require 214,200 reindeer to pull it, increasing the total Santa payload to 353,430 tonnes.

The 353,430 tonnes of reindeer and presents traveling at 1,040 km/s would create massive heat and air resistance, with the two lead reindeer absorbing 14.3 quintillion joules of energy a second each, causing them to burst into spectacular, multicolored flames almost instantaneously!

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In the November 3rd edition of the Economist, there is the correct definition of a recession: "When your neighbour loses his job, it's a slowdown: when you lose your own job, it's a recession: when an economist loses his job, it's a depression."

(from the National Citizens' Coalition)

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One of the first appearances in what is sure to become the Issue Of The 90's was spotted the other day - 'Shoe' cartoon in January 12th Toronto Star made mention of a vegetarian restaurant being picketed by a vegetable rights group. Plants are increasingly being recognized as having rights to survival - take the fight over the Redwoods and the 'old growth' forests. Will we be reduced to eating plastic food?

How long will it be before we see mineral rights groups springing up demanding the responsible use of minerals? It is not so far fetched as it may appear.

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A couple of quickies from Hansard:

Percentage of men in Canada between the ages of 20 - 24 who were not married and who were not involved in a common law relationship

in 1981: 72%

in 1986: 79%.

The same for women

in 1981: 52%

in 1986: 61%.

Percentage of Canadians who were 65 or over

in 1950: 7%

in 2025: 19%.

Number of divorces in Canada

in 1979: 59,160

in 1986: 78,160.

Number of marriages in Canada

in 1980: 191,069

in 1987: 182,151.

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Don McGillvray, who writes for Southam News, was describing a new word which has recently appeared in increasingly use: doughnutting which is apparently a Canadian word to describe the circling of an MP speaking in the House by his party members to give the appearance that there are a lot of members present.

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### Movie Review

If you find that you can't sleep, pick up a copy of 'Waiting For The Moon' which Glenn's Store presently has in stock. This is the slowest, the most uninteresting, the dullest movie I have ever seen.

It tells the story (and I use the word 'story' very loosely) of the relationship between Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas. They seem to be two extremely repressed people who cannot bring themselves to raise their voices, even in argument. This relieves the film of any tension (except waiting for it to be over) so we can fully concentrate on the story line, of which there isn't any. The story line isn't even in chronological order which is very confusing because you can't remember what has transpired so the out-of-place events can be put into some sort of context. It has nothing to recommend itself to anyone except if you like to fall asleep to the sound of voices.

(Dissenting voice from an anonymous & unappreciated proof-reader: I liked this movie.)

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### The Golden Rule Of Restaurant Success

Someone in the owner's family must always be

withing 2 arm-lengths of the cash register at all times.  
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A final word for this issue.

I'm sitting here typing this a couple hours after the attacks on Iraq began. Since the beginning of this standoff, I've had a hard time with this whole situation. The Middle East has been fought over for thousands of years with victors expelling the vanquished who then occupy land which is not their 'home' but someone elses. The borders on the maps today were very different a 100 years ago, and different still from 200 years ago, and they will be different yet again a 100 years from now. There is no right and wrong side in this area where peoples have such long memories. We have stepped into the quicksand and we too will have our good intentions dirtied in our attempt to maintain the status quo.

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Quote Of The Week  
(from Time magazine)

"London (ie. the British Government) firmly believes that to enjoy public support, war must be conducted beyond the public's view." While this may be the reality of a war situation, it isn't often that you see it in print. It just goes to prove the old adage, "In time of war the first casualty is truth." (Boake Carter)

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For Sale / Wanted

Radial Arm Saw-  
Craftsman 10" Lightly used for last 6 yrs  
\$250 or best offer  
Orbital Sander (Mastercraft) Good Quality  
\$50 or best offer  
Call Don at 389-3444  
\*\*\*

Picnic Tables- super design.  
Custom made all steel weather vanes.  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588  
\*\*\*

We use old "TV Weekly" & "TV Times" (Whig Standard variety) to wash cow udders.  
Anyone interested in saving them for us, it would be appreciated.  
Call Keith Miller 389-2588  
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Freezer Lambs for sale from Topsy Farms. Information and order forms can be obtained by calling 389-3444 or

389-0554 (evenings).  
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The Booklet "The History Of St. Alban's Church, Stella Amherst Island (1890-1990)"

Price - \$3.00

Also St. Alban's Centennial Plates sketch by Shirley Miller.

Price - \$10

From any A.C.W. member or at Glenn's Store.

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Wanted

6-8 Lightning rods, preferably colored.

Stanley Burke

Contact through Glenn's Store.

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General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction, Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433

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Shorewell Maintenance

Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps checked. \$30

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

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Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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General Contracting

New Construction & Renovations by an Amherst Island company.

Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387

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Babysitting

Amanda Bateman will babysit early evenings and weekends

Call 389-5387

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Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and painting.

Reasonable. References.  
Call Bob Horth at 389-2916  
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Clothing  
If you have a tear, I will repair.  
Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.  
Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569  
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Cisterns Filled  
Competitive Rates.  
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071  
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Glenn's Store  
More than 70 VCR titles available.  
Movies... \$2.00 to \$3.00  
Nintendo Games... \$2.50  
VCR Rentals... Weekdays... \$6.00  
... Sat... \$10.00  
We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We  
also carry blank tapes.  
Also available at Glenn's Store:  
Amherst Island Shirts & Caps  
Whig Standard Cookbook  
Emergency Call Cards  
Hunting/Fishing Licences  
Book Exchange  
Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery  
Avon Ordering  
Girl Guide Cookies  
New A.I. Telephone List and  
much much more!  
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Beacon Notes

The February blaahs have struck with a vengeance but, fear not, we're here with another issue to brighten things up. We're a little thin on material this month but well cover for this with our 'Beacon Holding File'.

Things should return to a closer semblance of normalcy as spring begins to take hold.

This past month saw the usual Council meeting and, what's coming to be, the usual Planning meeting - the essence of which can be found in our Award Winning reports. We've also got some upcoming events which will be of interest to many of our readers.

Hey! We made the Whig last month! It's nice to see that they keen in touch with what's going on over here. Every now and then they see fit to raise their standard of journalistic content with a little quote from us.

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Phone List Changes

The new Phone List is selling like hot cakes. We've some changes and corrections for you and, if anyone has any others, we'll continue to print them. Just leave a note in the Beacon Bag at Glenn's Store or give us a call here at Beacon Central (389-3444).

Bill Bustard... 389-9646

Tracy Filson... 389-9646

Allan & Cathy Glenn... 389-0214

Garry & Lesley McDonald... 384-1456

Amber Putman... 389-9646

Marius Scheutz... 389-0768

Richard & Margaret Thornhill... 389-5795

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Council Report For February 5, 1991

- Chris Kennedy

There was a short meeting before the regular meeting, to rezone a Parcel of land belonging to John Luscombe, Part Lot 25, Concession 1.

Jim Whitton claims he is in sunny and warm Australia on business. At least the postcard had Australian stamps on it. Council is still trying to work out how to make the Township Office wheel-chair accessible. This is apparently a legal requirement for the next municipal election.

Council discussed which road projects M.T.O. would be asked to fund, over and above the usual grants. Stuart Miller, the road superintendent, said he considered paving the rest of the village (about \$60,000) was most important, followed by a loader/backhoe for the Township (about \$50,000). Council also discussed some of

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the road drainage problems towards the east end of the village.

The Ferry Committee recommended that, at the Captain's discretion, the ferry may be operated with one ramp down, with a crew member standing watch at the ramp. The problem of loose asbestos on the ferry is being investigated.

Work is continuing on finding a new landfill site, and a site selection report is due soon.

There is a budget meeting planned for Feb 19th, to discuss the 1991 budget, including fire, dump, and all the other expenses. The Township this year is expected to pay about \$2,500 for dog control to the Napanee dog catcher. Council discussed trying to find an Islander to do the job.

Applications are being requested for the Queen's Bursary, for graduates of A.I.P.S. attending Queen's University.

No Building Permits were issued for January.

Jack Kerr is to be approached about forming an ad-hoc committee to consider long range plans for recreational land use and needs for the Official Plan. Keith Miller will form a similar group to consider agricultural land use. There will be a Planning Meeting on March 7th. There will be a Rabies clinic on April 27th. Council adjourned about 10:30 p.m.

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Howard Welbanks Nets An Award

At the Annual Convention of the Great Lakes Commercial Fisherman's Association held in Toronto this past January, the Ontario Fish Producer's

Association's "Fisherman Of The Year Award" was presented to Howard Welbanks, in recognition of maintaining and exceeding standards of excellence in Commercial Fishing Industry Practices.

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Official Plan Meeting January 31, 1991

-Don Tubb

This meeting marked the 1st anniversary of Official Plan Public Meetings - the first being held on January 23rd, 1990. The anniversary was not marked with any special celebrations but we, the Beacon staff, extend our congratulations to all those who have attended every meeting. We've come a long way from the stated goal of the first meeting which was to get 'some simple statements on the future of the Island' (A.I. Beacon Jan '90). Now we're arguing the need of specific land designations, we're thinking about what sorts of uses each area should include, and we're actually making progress. It's a good thing that the Plan is taking shape because there's an external dead line of sorts in that the Provincial government wants the Plan passed by the end of September.

This meeting, like the previous one, was well attended with about 20 interested participants plus 4 members of Council (with Jim Whitton being away in Australia) and of course Robert MacKenzie and Diane Pearce taking part. Like the previous meetings, I make apologies for my prejudices and inability to summarize in any coherent way the many thousands of words spoken about many ideas, criticisms and suggestions.

The meeting began with a presentation by Mr Ray Valaitis, a representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, who after a short opening statement was questioned more specifically (in fact, until we bled him dry of any and all relevant information and left the carcass for the coyotes). He was able to answer many of the questions that had been popping up with regularity during the previous few meetings. The following are some of the relevant points Mr Valaitis made:

- the Ministry would like to see two land designations for farmland: an Agricultural area for the better land and a Rural area for the poorer land.
- agricultural land on Class 1-4 soils must be protected as we had supposed. To protect this land they would like to see non-agricultural uses restricted as much as possible while still being practical.

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- agriculture on land with Class 5-7 soils has no greater rights than any other usage (residential or industrial or whatever else is permitted in this land designation has

the same right to exist as does agricultural use). This is where they would like to see non-agricultural uses promoted. The Agricultural Code of Practice still does come into play here to protect existing farming operations and, I presume, for the siting of new barns and handling facilities.

- in creating an Agricultural land designation, a broad brush approach should be used. That is to say that when there is a mix of the two soil categories, the Agricultural land designation can take in poorer soils as long as the areas of better soil predominate. Also in defining these areas natural breaks such as roads should be used whenever possible to be the defining lines.

- one interesting thing is that they will allow an area which is big enough within the Agricultural land area to be turned into Rural. He was more than a little fuzzy when it came to defining under what circumstances it would be allowed which suggests that there are no hard and fast rules for this. He suggested that the area to be re-designated had to be fairly large, like maybe 200 acres here on the Island. The person wanting the re-designation would have to show that the land really wasn't Class 1-4 soil. Some weight would also be given to climate, drainage problems, and perhaps even the ferry constraints. He also said that only widely separated or contiguous areas could be re-designated with the reason being that the good land must be maintained for viable farming.

- Retirement housing for farmers in the Agricultural land area is okay by the Ministry's thinking (more a fact of life than a desired situation). There are two ways that this can be done: the first way is to sever a parcel of land (a small lot in most cases) which would be protected by the Agricultural Code of Practice in recognition that the house will probably be sold eventually to someone not associated with the farming operation; and the second way is to build a second house without severing which basically means that it would not be protected by the Code and that it could not be sold. It would probably end up as a rental unit.

- Mr Valaitis was very fuzzy when asked how the Ministry defines a farm or a farming operation. It seems to boil down to the fact that they come out and take a look - they see how large it is (both the size of the land base and the amount being used), they try to find out how long the person has been farming, and they go away and make a decision.

- in the end, Keith Miller was drafted to form an ad-hoc committee to look at the questions raised during the discussion.

The other main area that was examined was Open Space. The group chewed on this section for some time until it became apparent that the emphasis in its definition was not slanted enough towards providing



recreational space for Island use. It was also felt that the property with this designation would be devalued if the present owner ever tried to sell it. Also the process to permit a development of these areas is very lengthy, complicated and potentially expensive. This area was to be protected against development, meaning that virtually no development (any structure from a permanent watering trough upwards) could be undertaken without this complicated process coming into play. Because the Island has no firm idea of what recreational land will be needed for future use, Jack Kerr was asked to form an ad-hoc committee to look into this.

At the next meeting (March 7th), Robert MacKenzie will have a new draft of the Official Plan ready for us to examine. It should incorporate the changes that have been discussed over the past couple of months.

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Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Back To The Basics

It seems that everyone is into using rolled oats in one form or another. Naturally, I prefer to use mine in goodies of one form or another. For this reason, I have included a recipe for Scottish Oat Scones. You can serve them for breakfast, brunch or get togethers. They mix up in seconds & bake in only 12 minutes and are very yummy.

Scottish Oat Scones

(Quaker Oats Whole Grain Cookbook)

2/3 c melted butter or margarine

1/3 c milk

1 egg

1 3/4 c uncooked quick oats

1 1/2 c all-purpose flour

1/4 c sugar

1 tbsp baking powder

1/2 tsp salt

1/2 c raisins or currants.

Add butter, milk & egg to combined oats, flour, sugar, baking powder & salt; mix well. Stir in raisins. Pat mixture out on, lightly floured surface to form 12" X 9" rectangle. Cut dough into 4" X 3" rectangles; cut each rectangle in half to form triangles. Place on greased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated 425 degree F oven about 12 minutes. Serve warm with butter & jelly. Makes 24 scones.

One of my other favourite rolled oats recipes is for Oatmeal pancakes. I like them because they have a

hearty texture and do not have a doughy fluffiness like regular pancakes.

Oatmeal Pancakes

2 c milk

1 1/2 c uncooked oats

1 c flour

2 tbsp sugar

2 1/2 tsp baking powder

1 tsp salt

2 eggs beaten

1/3 c melted or liquid shortening

Pour milk over oats & let stand 5 minutes. Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder & salt. Add dry ingredients, eggs & shortening to oats mixture. Pour 1/4 c batter for each pancake.

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4-H News

- Heidi Hitchins & Lori Caughey

As you know we have a 4-H group at Amherst Island Public school. Susie Caughey is teaching the Grade 7 and 8's in this Breadventure project.

The 4-H group is an organization of young people from ages 10-21. After you join and finish one year, you get a plaque with a sticker that reads your club, what you did, and the year. You keep getting these stickers. When you get a certain number of stickers you get a pen that has a 4-H emblem on it. And you get more awards when you get more stickers.

This is the pledge:

I pledge:

My head to clearer thinking

My heart to greater loyalty

My hands to larger service, and

My health to better living

For my club, my community and my country.

On the first meeting we made white bread. On the second meeting we made pizza bread. On the third meeting we made cinnamon rolls.

We thank the Amherst Island W.I. for the money they donated to our 4-H group. The breads were the best, thanks to Susie.

The officers of the club are as follows:

President - Amy Caughey

Vice president - Jessica Gavlas

Secretary - Sarah Scott

Treasurer - Tracy Hitchins

Telephoner - Kelly Baker

Other members are: Nikki Banks, Crystal Bedford, Jill Caughey, and Angela Fleming.

Leaders: Anne-Marie Hitchins, and Debbie Miller.

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Environmental Concerns  
from the W.I. Home & Country Magazine  
by Frances Downey, Pakenham WI

### The New Three R's

There's a brand new slant on the old three R's,  
For now we're thinking of cans and jars,  
Of factory emissions as well as cars.  
Reduce, reuse or recycle!

For this old earth has requested a break;  
Some drastic changes we have to make,  
Get down to business and cease to fake.  
Reduce, reuse or recycle!

You can buy in bulk for less in price  
And avoid those attractions that look so nice,  
For too much packaging's really a vice.  
Reduce, reuse or recycle!

Return those bags to the grocery store,  
When you have to go and buy some more.  
There are places to take the things you wore.  
Reduce, reuse or recycle!

The oil we burn and the chemical spray  
In quantity give us a price to pay.  
Cut down on their use; 'tis a better way.  
Reduce, reuse or recycle!

We can plant a shrub or maybe a tree--  
More oxygen then for you and me  
And our CO2 will be gobbled free  
To help sustain the ozone.

We're all to blame for the mess we're in;  
Our affluent blindness is really a sin.  
If we pull together, we still might win  
At curbing our pollution.

These duties are part of our stewardship here,  
While we inhabit this beautiful sphere.  
If we fail to respond, we have much to fear.  
Reduce, reuse or recycle!  
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Planting Tip from the Township of South  
Fredericksburgh Council Newsletter (Feb 91, Issue  
#26)

Cardboard Egg Cartons make good seed planting  
trays at this time of year. Saves pocket money too!

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### Notices And Announcements

#### Township Of Amherst Island Dog Licenses

Pursuant to By-law #31-90, every owner of a dog shall,  
on or before the 31st day of March in each and every  
year or upon becoming the owner of a dog after the 15th  
day of March, register such dog with the Township  
Clerk and procure a license and dog tag for each dog  
owned by him/her. Dog licenses are currently available  
at the Municipal Office.

#### Fees

Prior to March 31, 1991:

- for each neutered dog (veterinary certificate or other  
proof of neutering must be presented) - \$10.00
- for each non-neutered dog - \$25.00
- Kennel license fee - \$40.00

After March 31, 1991:

- for each neutered dog - \$15.00
- for each non-neutered dog - \$30.00
- Kennel license fee - \$45.00

By-law #13-90, including the requirement to purchase a  
dog license, will be enforced by the Township of  
Amherst Island By-law Enforcement Officer. If your  
dog is missing and you believe it may have been picked  
up, call John McGinn at 384-3047 or the Community  
Animal Control shelter at 354-5907.

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#### Township Of Amherst Island Official Plan Meeting

Another Planning meeting will be held on March 7,  
1991 (tentatively scheduled for the Lunch Room of  
A.I.P.S.) at 8:00 p.m. to continue discussions on the  
Draft Official Plan. A new draft will be presented at  
that time.

(Staff: Please Note that the acoustics of the Lunch  
Room have been greatly improved - to the point that  
conversation is now possible at distances exceeding 2'.)

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#### Township Of Amherst Island Rabies Clinic

A Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, April 27,  
1991 at the Township Firehall.

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#### "Attention!"

#### Buffet Beef Dinner

St. Alban's A.C.W. are holding their annual "Buffet  
Beef Dinner" on Saturday evening March 23rd at 6

p.m. at Amherst Island Community Centre.

Advance tickets only

Price

- Adults... \$10.00

- Children (4-12)... \$5.00

- pre-school... free

Tickets available from:

Barbara Reid - 389-0675

Tena Tugwell - 389-5569

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#### W.I. Members Please Note

The next meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Wednesday, February 20th, at Jane Miller's.

The Guest speaker will talk about Saudi Arabia.

All are welcome!

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St Alban's Anglican Church

World Day Of Prayer Service

Friday, March 1st at 2 p.m.

Theme is 'On The Journey Together'

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Umbrella's In Church!!!

Attention All Anglicans

It is urgent that we raise \$9,000 for extensive repairs and renovations to the roof and steeple of St. Alban's.

All donations, large or small gratefully accepted. Please address all donations to our treasurer, Jean Tugwell who will issue a registered receipt.

Thank you

The Wardens

Elsie Willard

Tena Tugwell

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St Patrick's Dance

Sponsored By Legion #539

Wile away your winter blues

At the Community Centre

On March 9, 1991

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Music starts at 8:30 p.m.

Buffet Lunch served at 9:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$18/couple

From any Legion Member

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Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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#### Congratulations

Congratulations to the anonymous bureaucrat who did up Issue #26 of the Township Of South Fredericksburgh Council Newsletter. Readable. Interesting. Informative. Well printed.

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#### Awards

The New York Giants and the Buffalo Bills share the 'It's About Time' Award, for staging one of the best Super Bowls ever! It is about time after the 'Super Fiasco Bowls' of the past. Great football, the game in doubt until the final moment, and it would have been as good a story with the Bills winning.

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#### Odds & Ends

##### "News Flash"

The hottest news release so far in 1991 is from Novosti, the Russian news agency. The Church of Our Lady in Slavgorod, near Chernobyl, is to become a cultural monument. The headline read, "Chernobyl Church to Reopen In Three Centuries".

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from the Grain Matters (Sept—Oct 1990)

The Wheat Board receives a lot of enquiries about the farmer's share in the price of some major food items. Here are a few popular retail foods, and an accounting of how much farmers are paid for the grain contained in those items. Retail prices shown here are local prices only. The farmer's return is based on current price quotas, less freight and country handling.

- In a one-liter bottle of canola, priced at \$1.99, there is 61 cents of canola.

- In a bottle of beer (excluding deposit) priced at \$1.10, there is 1 cent of barley.

- A \$1.39 loaf of white bread from a local grocery store contains 6 cents of wheat.

- In a one-lb package of sugar cookies, priced at \$2.99, there is 2 cents of wheat.

- A one-kilogram package of spaghetti, priced at \$1.19, contains 24 cents of durum wheat.

- The farmer's share in a 40-oz., \$27.50 bottle of rye whiskey is 1 cent.

(You know, in looking at the above, it wouldn't make hardly any difference at all if the farmer gave his grain away free!)

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We're coming up to decision time for those who

want to run for Council. To that end we offer the following quote from Dan Needles' one-man play Wingfield's Progress:

'People run for Council when they run out of stupid things to do at their own place.'

We can't end without including his very concise definition of a 'Century Farm':

"A hundred years without a single decent offer for your land."

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## Around & About

from the Township Of South Fredericksburgh Council Newsletter (Feb 1991)

Lennox Generating Station Re: Dual Fuel Conversion Project

Ontario Hydro is initiating studies to examine modifications of the Lennox Thermal Generating Station so that either natural gas or oil can be used as a fuel. The existing station operates on oil and the capability to use natural gas would provide added flexibility in the generation of electricity and environmental advantages.

Studies will shortly be started to assess the environmental implications of converting the station and if undertaken, this project will proceed in accordance with the Environmental Assessment Act.

Members of the Public will be consulted throughout the study and will have an opportunity to review and provide input on the project.

1-9 p.m. February 27, 1991 South Fredericksburgh Community Centre

1-9 p.m. February 28, 1991 Napanee Mall are the times, dates and locations where an information booth will be set up to provide further details to the Community. People will also be on hand to provide details on Agricultural Energy Efficiency Incentives.

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## Spicer Commission

Those persons interested in commenting on the Canadian Government should be aware of the work of the Spicer Commission who will be soliciting the opinions of Canadians and what direction they think Canada should be heading. Kits are available for discussion purposes and may be obtained by calling 1-800-663-6786.

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Beacon Notes

What a week of weather! A warm sun in a very blue sky was a wonderful way to wrap up the early lambing. It was also a parent's dream for March Break.

We've got an exciting month ahead - yes we do. The ice is going to break up (my personal official beginning of spring) and the birds will be back chirping their little hearts out. Not to be out done, Annette is back - our own little Robin of spring has returned.

Council must be feeling the coming of Spring too because they're vigorously chewing their way through the Official Plan. During the past month, they had two special meetings and the regular meeting to discuss it where significant progress was made. And there'll be at least one this month!

Of course, there's our regular articles this month - all the news to keep you up to date.

Finally, we have recently come to a startling realization - The most significant cause of soil erosion is not poor farming practices, not over grazing, and not deforestation but rather little boys tracking mud into the house. We've been using shovels just to keep a pathway clear through the dining room!

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Council Report For March 5, 1991

- Chris Kennedy

Jim Whitton has returned, with a suntan, so all of Council were present. Bill Grant of the M.N.R. spoke to Council concerning the Ministry's policy on quarries and the Aggregate Resources Act.

Ralph Woods spoke on behalf of the Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company about the possibility of the Insurance company erecting a 4'x8' map of the Island at the ferry dock for visitors to the Island.

Council agreed to give permission to the company.

Council then considered the 5% bylaw, which has been tabled for some time to allow public input. This bylaw would require that when a lot is severed or a building permit is issued 5% of the land or the equivalent in money would be donated to the Township for recreational purposes. The land would be valued on the day before the severance was granted. It was decided to table the bylaw until either the Back Beach issue and the ownership of the shoreline is clearer or for six months, whichever is the sooner. Bruce Caughey Sr. requested a recorded vote, and only Steven Willard voted against the tabling.

Malroz Engineering has sent in a report concerning new land fill sites, which Council considered later in camera, as it

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involves possible land purchase. The Ministry of the Environment is writing that the dump (oops! land fill site) only be open at certain times, with an attendant. Stewart Miller recommended two half days a week in winter and three half days in the summer. The exact times will be published next month in the Beacon, and will also be circulated by householder mail. This will start on May 1st. I believe that the 20th century has finally caught up with Amherst Island. There may be certain additional items prohibited and also tipping fees for large loads.

Bruce Caughey discussed the livestock valuer's report on a calf of his, with which he disagreed. The airpicks have arrived for the fire department, who hope they will never have to use them. Council then rapidly disposed of several small items and went into closed session.

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Official Plan Meetings

March 7 & 12, 1991

- Don Tubb

During the past month, Council held two special meetings to consider the Official Plan. During the first meeting there was a good turnout by the public again (about 20 people) and all members of Council were present along with Diane Pearce and Robert MacKenzie.

At the first meeting Council accepted the reports from the two Ad-Hoc committees (Agricultural Areas, and Open Space and Recreational Areas) which they said that would consider at a later date. True to their word a second meeting was held at which these reports

were discussed. Also at the second meeting many other areas of the Official Plan were clarified and modified.

Briefly the following was decided:

- the report from the Open Space and Recreation Area Ad-Hoc committee was adopted largely unchanged. The committee had recommended that this designation be limited to those recreational areas that the Township already owns or would own in the future. This basically means that private land will no longer be encumbered with this designation. (It was felt by many landowners who would have been within this area that it was an unnecessary handicap if they ever wanted to sell or even develop in any way.)

- The report from the Agricultural committee was discussed at length and several points were made. Briefly the report recommended that all agricultural land on the Island fall under the Agricultural Area designation recognizing that even the poorer land is being utilized for active farming (that basically means west of Emerald to the Head). The committee also suggested that a one lot depth be reserved for housing along the roads within this poorer area. Council thought that this would be difficult to implement but Robert MacKenzie is going to try. Council did decide to accept the recommendations allowing an accessory dwelling on active farms when the lot exceeds 30 ha. Any accessory house that is built will have to follow the Agricultural Code's Minimum Separation Distance requirements. Any severance will also have to conform to these distances in the hope of preventing problems further down the road.

- The 'Up-To-5% Development Levy' has been clarified and moved from the Open Space section. The intent of the levy is not to take 5% of everyone's 1/2 ha lot for recreational use but rather to have the option to get a portion of large tracts of land which are severed.

- Council had previously enacted temporary rules stating that a new lot needed to have 60 metres road frontage. This will be rescinded as being unnecessary and too restrictive to allow a diversity of lot sizes and therefore costs. There still will be a minimum size which seems to be set at 1/2 ha (about 1 1/4 acres) and the Health Unit needs to approve septic field locations with respect to water sources, gardens, etc.

There were other changes which were made but were of less interest. After this draft is all fixed up and approved in principle, it will be send it off to the various Ministries for informal comment. While this is happening, Robert is going to write a first draft of the Zoning By-law. When writing the Official Plan, he's been keeping an eye on the present Zoning By-law and the new one should be very similar to the one currently in place.

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## The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Hello again! Although I'm not officially finished with maternity leave, I thought it best to at least attempt some local news for this month's Beacon. (And besides Don was skulking around the store this morning with his "where's your Beacon column?" aura firmly attached. This is a monthly occurrence, the aura changing from sunny yellow around the 10th of the month, to a blue-purple shade by the 14th.) To Don's credit, he did let me slip through December, January and February without so much as a sideways glance.

Since I'm not back at work yet, I have had to rely on hearsay to put together this column. If I've missed or forgotten somebody, please let me know.

As almost everyone knows, John Hall has suffered 2 heart attacks while on vacation in Florida. His condition at the moment is relatively stable, and we are hoping he and Maribeth will have returned to Kingston via Air-Ambulance by the time this Beacon is out. By-pass surgery has not been ruled out.

Three Island—related deaths recently: Mr. Baksa, Teresa Marton's grand-father; Ray Jamieson, son-in-law of Ernest & Gen Fleming (husband of Winnifred); and Jim Harrison who lived in the bungalow that used to be Peachy Eves'. Our condolences to their families.

Welcome to new residents Bill Bustard and Tracey Filson (who aren't really new, but are new residents) and Amber Putman, who is new. Amber is an illustrator - some of her sketches are currently on display at the Store. Welcome also to Fred Werthman and Lisa McCarthy who have recently moved to the apartment over the Bank.

For those who missed them, John, Maureen and the boys spent most of a week here at Christmas. We won't see them again for a while. Seems that John (who tends to work at rather strange jobs in out of the way places anyway) is being sent to the Northwest Territories later this month. The Arctic Circle, to be more precise; to a gold mine in the middle of absolutely nowhere. Apparently the miners there like to breathe while they work - John drills ventilation holes.

Just for the record, and so you read it here before John goes to live in 'no-man's land', rumour has it there may be yet another little Glenn in the not-too-distant future.

(Staff: As we go to press there is more news to report. We wish a speedy get well to Clinton Kilpatrick who fell from his loft and damaged an ankle, and to John Nixon who cut his leg with a power saw.)

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Jane Miller on Wednesday, February 20. Our January meeting had been cancelled due to inclement weather.

It was decided that we would host our Annual Mother's Day Ham dinner on Saturday, May 11 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be Adults - \$6.00, School Children 12 and under - \$3.00 and pre-schoolers - no charge. Details regarding tickets sales will be posted after our March meeting.

The group decided to sponsor a drive initiated by Mrs Bev Coatts of the Staynor W.I., to provide scribblers and pencils (no pens) for school children in Guiana where these supplies are not readily available. Anyone wishing to help can drop such supplies off to Leslie Gavlas.

We anticipated having guest speakers to inform us of life in Saudi Arabia. Unfortunately, due to illness, our guests did not arrive. Anna Hitchins kindly agreed to present the program she had prepared for the January meeting. This was based on Amherst Island history with readings from an article written by Catherine Ann Wilson (our oral historian) dealing with the early Irish immigrants from the Ard region of County Dawn. Anna also provided a very clever contest, based on scrambled names of Islands, won by Ida Gavlas.

Our next meeting will be a Pot Luck supper at Marion Glenn's on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. We hope to be able to welcome our speakers on Saudi Arabia at that time.

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The Budget '91

- Chris Kennedy

Last month Council had its first budget meeting. I did not attend, but Diane Pearce kindly sent up the preliminary figures, so we can have some indication as to what might happen to taxes this year. The first point to remember is that last year only about 35% of your taxes went to the Township. The School Boards took 57% of your donations, and the County 8%, so you can't blame the Township for all the increases.

The Township's part of the taxes this year doesn't look too bad, though there are a couple of uncertainties. The dump may cost more, and the search for a new dump site may require large amounts of cash but the Ministry covers some of the cost. The ownership of the Back Beach is still up in the air and legal fees may add up. Without including the Back Beach it looks as though the Township's increase may be about 6%, and

this includes money for the fire department which is now up to mutual aid standard, though the paperwork remains to be done. The Township has also just heard that the Road Subsidy from the province has been reduced by \$4,200 this year, which doesn't help the local taxes. All these figures are extremely preliminary, and the mil rate cannot be set until the school board figures arrive in June.

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Our School A Reminder

- Jim Whitton

Only a year ago we were all gung-ho about making sure we not only kept our island school functioning but also kept our Grades 7 and 8 here.

The compromise solution arrived at by the "independent" committee gave us a 2-year reprieve - but what will happen then?

What we urgently need is at least one island member on the Board of Trustees and Now is the time to be preparing. Elections will be held in November of this year. We need to put forward one good candidate from the island and as many others as we can throughout the county.

Qualifications required for anyone to stand for elections are that he/she be:

- 1) a Canadian citizen
- 2) of the full age of 18 years
- 3) a resident within the area of jurisdiction of the Board

Think about it!!

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Recycling

- Ian Murray, Reeve

David Malcolm of Malroz, the consultant for our land fill studies, has congratulated the municipality for our recycling efforts. It appears that the local representatives of the Ministry of Environment are impressed that we are trying to reduce our waste products. This certainly should have a positive effect on our sometimes strained relationship with this Ministry.

Thank you very much for your efforts Ida Gavlas and the other members of the Amherst Island Women's Institute.

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Speaking Of Recycling

The Whig on March 4th had the following news item:

"The printed designs and writing on most plastic bags from commercial breads contain lead, which can flake off onto food if you turn the bags inside out and re-use them to store sandwiches or other food, according to a recent study at the U.S. Environmental

and Occupational Health Sciences Institute in New Jersey. This is a special concern if you pack lunches for young children, who are at greatest risk for lead's toxic effects."

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#### How To Stamp Out Junk Mail

(Staff: The following information was gleaned from a newspaper article (I think) from an unknown newspaper by an unknown author some time ago. Now that's what I call giving credit where credit is due.)

If you've ever wanted to stop getting junk mail and phone soliciting, there is now a partial remedy. Some 80% of the people who do these things belong to the Canadian Direct Marketing Association which has adopted a new 'strict code' of ethics. This code requires all of its members "to delete names from lists when requested to do so". All you have to do is write:

The Canadian Direct Marketing Ass.,  
1 Concorde Gate, Suite 607,  
Don Mills, Ontario  
M3C 3N6

This won't stop it all but as the article says that even 80% will "probably make a noticeable difference to our privacy".

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#### Obituary

##### Ray 'Cappy' Jamieson

Funeral service for Ray Jamieson, better known to many people as "Cappy", was held in St. Paul's church on March 1st. Ray passed away peacefully at home on February 26th after a courageous eight months struggle with cancer. He had worked with Correction Services of Canada for twenty-seven years. His work took him from coast to coast and with his family, he had lived in Kingston, Ottawa and Saskatoon. Eleven years ago he returned to Kingston where he hoped to retire in two years. His position at the time of his death was Regional Administrator of Technical and Inmate Support Service for the Ontario Region.

Service was conducted by Rev. Lindsay McIntyre of St. Paul's and Rev. William Duffy of St. Andrew's - Kingston. In his message, Rev. Duffy paid tribute to Ray as a husband, father and grandfather and for the pride he took in his family and his home.

In a eulogy by Ken Payne he spoke of the high regard in which Ray was held and of the many times he and Winnifred had entertained personnel from other regions when they were far from home. He said Ray was a conscientious and dedicated worker and very fair in all his dealings with his fellow workers.

Ray loved the outdoors and spent much of his free time enjoying nature walks, conservation areas and country life on the Island.

Interment was in Glenwood cemetery, adjacent to St. Paul's where Ray and Winnifred were married in 1953.

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#### Thank You Notes

A very special thank you to everyone for cards, letters, flowers, food, phone calls and visits at the time of, and since, the death of our son-in-law Ray Jamieson.

Ernest & Genevieve Fleming

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I would like to thank my family, friends and neighbors for helping me out so much when I fell and broke my shoulder. Thanks to the A.C.W., P.C.W. and all those who brought me so many "goodies" also for the many cards and phone calls I received.

Special thanks to Faye and Dorothy who "babysat" me for the first week or more - God Bless you all

Emily Tugwell

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We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends, neighbours and relatives for your kindness and overwhelming generosity toward our new baby. Thank you for the cards, gifts, food, visits and phone calls. Thanks to the P.C.W., the A.C.W. and the Vrooman family. Thanks especially to Nanny Glenn and Nanny Miller, Mom and Dad, Glenn and Sandra, Sheri and Anne - and Heather, of course.

Bill, Annette, Shawna and Torri

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#### Notices And Announcements

Paul and Candy Eves are happy to announce the arrival of a new baby brother for Rebecca, Matthew Royce, born February 25, 1991, weighing 7 lbs., 4 oz. Proud grand-parents are Barrie and Pat Crampton and Royce and Marilyn Eves.

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Mark and Patti Wolfreys (nee Pennell) are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Dustin James, born February 24, 1991, weighing 5 lbs. 14 ozs., brother for Dallis. Proud grandparents are Helen and Ernie Pennell; MaryLou and Ellis Wolfreys.

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## Township Of Amherst Island

### Dog Licenses

Pursuant to By-law #13-90, every owner of a dog shall, on or before the 31st day of March in each and every year or upon becoming the owner of a dog after the 15th day of March, register such dog with the Township Clerk and procure a license and dog tag for each dog owned by him/her. Dog licenses are currently available at the Municipal Office.

### Fees

Prior to March 31, 1991:

- for each neutered dog (veterinary certificate or other proof of neutering must be presented) - \$10.00
- for each non-neutered dog - \$25.00
- Kennel license fee - \$40.00

After March 31, 1991:

- for each neutered dog - \$15.00
- for each non-neutered dog - \$30.00
- Kennel license fee - \$45.00

By-law #13-90, including the requirement to purchase a dog license, will be enforced by the Township of Amherst Island By-law Enforcement Officer. If your dog is missing and you believe it may have been picked up, call John McGinn at 384-3047 or the Community Animal Control shelter at 354-5907.

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## Township Of Amherst Island

### Rabies Clinic

A Rabies Clinic will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 1991 at the Township Firehall costing \$7/animal.

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### “Attention”

#### Buffet Beef Dinner

St. Alban's A.C.W. are holding their annual Buffet Beef Dinner on Saturday evening March 23rd at 6 p.m. at the Amherst Island Community Centre.

Advance tickets only

#### Price

- Adults... \$10.00
- Children (4-12)... \$5.00
- Pre-schoolers... free

Tickets available from:

Barbara Reid - 389-0675

Tena Tugwell - 389-5569

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## Umbrella's In Church!!!

### Attention All Anglicans

It is urgent that we raise \$9,000 for extensive repairs and renovations to the roof and steeple of St. Alban's.

All donations, large or small gratefully accepted. Please address all donations to our treasurer, Jean Tugwell who will issue a registered receipt.

Thank You

The Wardens

Elsie Willard

Tena Tugwell

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## Bath & District Lions Club Annual Seniors Dinner

South Fredericksburgh Hall

May 1, 1991 at 6:00 p.m. sharp!

Tickets available to April 18th at

Hawley's Barber Shop - Bath

Mrs Emily Tugwell - Amherst Is.

Lion Richard Hicks - Conway

or contact the Dinner Chairman

Lion Ken Blaber 352-5106 or 352-7464

Lion Ernie Wooding 352-5182

Entertainment by:

Kingston Old Tyme Fiddlers

Free To All Seniors In Our District

For a couple, one must be 60 or over.

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## Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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## Coming Soon To This Space

Township Notice re:

Land Fill Site Hours Starting May 1st

Unofficially the hours are as follows:

Wednesday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Sunday 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Also watch out for Posted Notices re:

The Next Official Plan Meeting (which will be held before the next Beacon is printed and the date of which has not yet been set.)

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## Congratulations

Scot and Bonnie Marshall have been initiated into the rites of Beacon collating. With fists a-whaling, the February issue was ably stapled by these our latest helpers. However, let it not be perceived that we only use child labour for this job because, on more than one occasion, Elsie Densem has been pressed into service.

Actually anyone who is unfortunate enough to be around when the Beacon is being collated gets enrolled in the Loyal Order of Collators.

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## Awards

The Good Taste Award goes this month to our loyal subscribers. In February there were more people subscribing to the Beacon than were sold in Glenn's Stone. We have 135 subscribers at the moment.

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The Business As Usual Award goes to Joe Clark and the whole federal Conservative party who announced last week that a limitation by the international community in the sale of arms to the Middle East countries should be invoked, but who in the next breath said that they wouldn't curtail our arms sales to the region.

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## Maynard Laltin

### The Grammy Awards

What an extraordinary show! They had awards for every type of music you could every think of from New Age through Rap, from classical to rock. Totally mind numbing! But judging from the performances last night, the only people making money are the rappers - they had the largest bands and dancers performing(?).

The mood was something else! There we were 5 weeks into a major war and both the audience and performers were relaxed and happy. The messages of support for the troops were spoken with little conviction (sort of like thanking their managers), and there was no flag-waving. Is the attention span of the American public so short that the war has just become another event like a sort of Mid-East Super Bowl.

So what really happened at the show:

- MC Hammer did his thing which reinforces my opinion that there's a 'c' missing from the start of 'rap'.
- 3 of the 5 nominees for Best Male Rock Performance were survivors from the 60's - Neil Young, Eric Clapton and Joe Cocker. Where are the young performers?
- the best performance of the night was Aerosmith doing a re-make of John Lennon's 'Come Together'. Done with total irreverence unlike the mushy induction.
- The women must have been anticipating war rationing because they used the minimum amount of material in their dresses. By the way, Stealth bombers have no technological edge on the designers of Bernadette Peters' gravity defying dress.
- On the good side, the Diet Pepsi commercials were

really the class of the show with MC Hammer showing that he has a really good voice, and, of course, Ray Charles doing his thing so well.

Ah well - another Grammy Show has come and gone with nothing really worth getting excited about. But I can't wait until the Oscars! Love this trash!

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## And Finally

(A quote from Dave Broadfoot seen in the Feb '91 issue of the OFA Member's Digest)

In the USSR it's official, farmers will now be able to own their own land. Canadian farmers are hoping this idea will spread to Canada. (Ed: Ain't it the truth!)

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We thank the Royal Canadian Legion for sending us a press release through Jean Tugwell (Publicity Chairperson Branch 539). We would have printed it in part (it ran to two typed pages), however, we felt the time is past where active support for our Armed Forces personnel is necessary.

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## For Sale / Wanted

### For Sale

3-14" used radial tires Good condition.

Hay at \$1.00 per bale.

Call 389-1080

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Picnic Tables- super design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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We use old "TV Weekly" & "TV Times" (Whig Standard variety) to wash cow udders. Anyone interested in saving them for us, it would be appreciated.

Call Keith Miller 389-2588

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The Booklet "The History of St. Alban's Church, Stella Amherst Island (1890-1990)"

Price - \$3.00

Also St. Alban's Centennial Plates sketch by Shirley Miller.

Price - \$10

From any A.C.W. member or at Glenn's Store.

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Wanted  
6-8 Lightning rods, preferably colored.  
Stanley Burke  
Contact through Glenn's Store.  
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Wanted  
1 set of bunkbeds  
Call Janine at 384-8858  
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Wanted  
A working washing machine.  
An apt. size washer/spinner would do.  
Call Caroline Yull at 384-4071  
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General Contracting  
Renovations & Restorations,  
New Construction, Custom Woodworking, Stairs and  
Drafting Services.  
Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433  
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Shorewell Maintenance  
Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps  
checked. \$30  
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078  
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Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden  
tractors, etc.  
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105  
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Portable Welding  
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172  
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General Contracting  
New Construction & Renovations by an Amherst Island  
company.  
Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387  
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Babysitting  
Amanda Bateman will babysit early evenings and  
weekends.  
Call 389-5387  
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Babysitting  
Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights  
and weekends.

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199  
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Property Maintenance  
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and  
painting.  
Reasonable. References.  
Call Bob Horth at 389-2916  
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Clothing  
If you have a tear, I will repair.  
Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.  
Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569  
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Cisterns Filled  
Competitive Rates.  
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071  
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Glenn's Store  
More than 70 VCR titles available.  
Movies... \$2.00 to \$3.00  
Nintendo Games... \$2.50  
VCR Rentals...  
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    Sat... \$10.00  
We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We  
also carry blank tapes.  
Also available at Glenn's Store:  
Amherst Island Shirts & Caps  
Whig Standard Cookbook  
Emergency Call Cards  
Hunting/Fishing Licences  
Book Exchange  
Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery  
Avon Ordering  
Girl Guide Cookies  
New A.I. Telephone List and much much more!  
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The Beacon date snuck up on us again and despite my best efforts to prepare ahead of time, we're left with the task of rushing this issue to press.

We are printing obituaries for Charlie Howard, Clinton Baker and Margaret Tomkinson who all passed away this past month. We offer our condolences to the families.

We have our usual potpourri of articles this month ranging from the serious to the ridiculous to inform and entertain you - hopefully in that order.

Ah! can summer be far away now that the baseball sign-ups are here again?

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Phone List Change

Phil Silver 384-3188

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For Your Information

You Can Call The 911 Emergency Number From A Pay Phone Without Depositing Any Money.

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Council Report for April 2, 1991

-Don Tubb

Chris was unable to report on this Council meeting so it was left to me to assume the duty. All of the Councillors were present along with the Reeve and the Clerk-Treasurer.

The meeting started with two delegations with the following results:

- the fees for the CPR recertification will be paid by the Township,
- the minor vehicle accident on the ferry on March 22nd

resulted in some damage to Dan McGinn's truck. Council decided to pay for the repairs and issued a cheque on the spot (approximately \$1760).

A set of plans was received by Council for a proposed wheel chair ramp to provide access to the Municipal Office. The plan, drawn up by Rick Bedford, proposed that the ramp provide an entrance along the east side of the building with the door being where the east window is in the Council Chamber. Because it's a new entrance, there are a lot of government regulations to follow which will make this a fairly expensive little project. Grants will be sought to help defray the costs.

The Township is required to abide by the 'Smoking In The Workplace Act' which involves all of the Township employees, buildings and the ferry. Discussions will take place this coming month between the

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Ferry Captains, the Road Superintendent and the Clerk-Treasurer to decide how to bring this legislation into effect.

Caroline Yull had written to Council expressing her concern over the continued runoff which flows over the road in front of Caughey's farm in the village. The Clerk-Treasurer will write to her saying that money has been budgeted for ditching when this section of road is re-paved.

The Township will be bringing over some different types of composters for the public to have a look at. The Township may decide to apply for some grants from the Ministry of the Environment who is subsidizing 50% of the cost in an attempt to reduce the amount of garbage going to the landfill sites. These will be on display at the Township Office sometime.

Just for your information, the cost to the Township of the 911 service is projected to be \$1457 for this year which includes some setup costs. In the future we will be assessed at 0.35% of the total operating cost which will be a little less than this year's payment.

The Cemetery Committee and Vaughan McMullen have signed a two-year contract for cemetery maintenance. Vaughan will be paid an hourly wage and all equipment and materials will be supplied by the committee.

In order to preserve the confidentiality of legal documents, Council decided that they would not be available to the public unless Council expressly permits their release when they officially receive the document at the Council meeting.

A legal opinion has been received by Council about

the right-of-way to Stella Bay. It will be sent to the Recreation Committee for recommendations. It seems that the lawyer, Mr Sirman, agrees that a right-of-way is there but is quite unsure as to its legal status. Basically he doesn't know if the Township can use this as an access to the water. (It took him two densely packed pages to say this.)

In response to a letter from Lance Eves, the Clerk-Treasurer has been directed by Council to investigate the procedures to set up a controlled deer hunt on the Island. Lance expressed concern over the damage to his crops by the increasing deer population.

Council endorsed a resolution sent to them by the Township of St. Vincent. The resolution requests that the Minister of the Environment bring to a speedy conclusion the efforts to improve the procedures and guidelines for establishing waste disposal sites. Also they want the minister to make sure that there is a step-by-step procedure for the municipality to follow. (Basically they want the minister to decide on a set of rules and lay them out so the municipalities don't have to deal with a situation where the rules and procedures keep changing.)

Council declared 'Violets not Violence Week' in support of Interval House in Napanee. The actual declaration is in the Notices section.

Council adjourned at 10:38 after a smoothly run meeting.

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#### Official Plan Meetings April 10, 1991

-Don Tubb

A Special Meeting of Council was held on April 10th to continue the discussions on the Official Plan. All of the members of Council were present (except Steven Willard who was studying for exams) as was Diane Pearce and Robert McKenzie. Six members of the general public attended the meeting. After receiving the latest draft, Council went into Committee of the Whole for the discussion.

This draft completes the last draft by incorporating the recommendations of the two Ad-Hoc Committees and the recommendations of Council from the previous meeting. In large part the recommendations of the two committees were worked into the draft but some questions were left open for further discussion. For example, the whole question of homes for retiring farmers in the Agricultural area has been left for future discussion. Whether to even allow them is still up in the air as doing so discriminates against the rest of the population. Of course this is what the whole Official Plan is set up to do - discriminate between people living within various areas of the Island but this section takes the discrimination one step further in saying that only

long-time farmers can build a second house on their

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land. Also still up for discussion is the question of how to set up a home for a retiring farmer - is it to be on a severed lot or just built on the existing lot and not allow it to ever be severed? Robert McKenzie has tried to define the criteria for this type of home basically saying that a farmer would have had to actively farm for 20 years on that piece of land. If any of you folks have input to these or any other concerns, I am sure that Council would be grateful for the input.

The big change with the Rural area is that it has been significantly reduced in size. It has been limited to the west end of the 2nd Concession road, a bit along the 3rd Concession (east from the water) and one fairly small location along each of the Front, the North Shore and the Emerald 40' roads. The rest of the land which has a land classification of 5 or worse becomes part of the Agricultural area. This in recognition that the majority of the Rural area is being actively farmed and deserves some protection again.

Congratulations to Chad Miller who was selected to try out for what will eventually be the Canadian Olympic Hockey Team in his division. Best of luck!

I would like to take an extra inch here to encourage everyone to buy a ticket to the Recreation Committee's Spring Dance. As you can see (Page 11) in this issue, the Rec Committee has put a lot of hours and a lot of hard work into this community lately. The Spring Dance, and this year a Fish Fry, is the only fund raising event this committee has. Last year the Rec group spent over \$20,000 upgrading and adding to the Island's Recreation Facilities and organizing community events. Less than \$1000 was raised at last year's dance, and in fact some Rec members are questioning the need for this Spring Dance. Please buy a ticket for the dance and please leave your spare change in the Fireworks Fund at Glenn's Store.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The regular monthly meeting took the form of a pot luck dinner at the home of Marian Glenn on Wednesday, March 27. Our guests were Mrs Rita Heaslip and Mrs Marian Van Haaften who gave a talk and a video presentation of life in Saudia Arabia at the time of the beginning of oil production in that country. The presentation was most enjoyable and well received.

The Mother's Day Ham dinner will be at the Amherst Island Community Centre on Sat., May 11 from 5-7 p.m. Tickets will be

Adult - \$6.00,

Children to age 12 - \$3.00, and  
pre-school children - free.

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The members have agreed to collect for the Cancer Society and will be canvassing the islanders shortly with the help of some other volunteers.

Our next meeting will be our Annual Meeting and election of officers at the home of Jean Baker on Wednesday, April 17th at 8:00 p.m. New members would be warmly welcomed.

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#### Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539

- Jean Tugwell

The monthly meeting was held April 11th with 14 members present. Congratulations were extended to Tom Miller on his election as Deputy Zone Commander of Zone G1, 12 branches, Napanee, Amherstview, Bath, Amherst Island, Kingston (2), Sharbot Lake, Sydenham, Verona, North Brook, Arden, and

Tamworth.

Officers by acclamation for 1991-92 were Debbie Miller, President; Phil Silver, Vice-President; Chester Tugwell, 2nd Vice-President; and Audrey Miller, Secretary-Treasurer.

Further literature "Legion Seeks Full Benefits For Gulf Personnel" was discussed - "As it now stands, members of this Force will not be eligible for War Veterans Allowance or for additional benefits equivalent to those who served in World Wars I, II, and Korea".

Unfortunately wars are sometimes necessary to preserve our freedom but the assistance to all those members of The Canadian Armed Forces involved and their families does not end when the war ends.

This is why Branch 539 felt very disappointed when the Beacon did not print even a portion of our literature regarding our support of the Armed Forces and families affected by the war in the Persian Gulf.

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#### In Reply

- Staff

The Beacon did not include the press release from the Legion, which was about sending support to Canadian troops in the Gulf, as the war was over and the troops were coming home by the time we went to press. We did not intend to cause any offence, and are sorry that we upset people.

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#### Letters to the Beacon

I would like to express my disappointment that you could not find space in the Beacon for the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 539, Press Release, as I could not but notice the Beacon was all of 4 pages this past March Issue.

I for one feel that our armed personnel deserve our support at all times, they are there to keep our country free from people like Saddam Hussein.

I grew up during the second world war and our little country Holland was invaded by Germany.

Aggressors have to be stopped, after all if someone walked in to your home and told you this is mine, get out, what would your reaction be.

Some of us have a tendency to say, it is so far away, it does not concern us, well the world is getting smaller every day.

Desert Storm may be over, but Saddam Hussein is killing his own people by the thousands as I write this.

Tena Tugwell

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Dog Catcher? No Need!!!

On Wednesday, March 27, 1991 at 2:30 p.m., many

dogs visited the Amherst Island Public School  
Gymnasium. They came to participate in the Dog  
Contest. This was held, on the suggestion of Helen Bell-  
Smith and her Mom, and was part of the activities that  
the Primary Students have been doing with their "Dog"  
unit. there were mutts, floppy-eared dogs, barking dogs,  
and stuffed dogs! Dogs of all kinds! Prizes were  
awarded in many categories. A 'Super Dog' certificate  
and a bag of Health Food Dogbone biscuits were  
presented to each student and dog. The winners were:  
Tanya Glenn and Bear for the most playful dog, Jessica  
McGinn and Cloe for the best costume, Alison  
McDonald and her fluffy friends for the prettiest twins,  
Andrew McDonald and his Hound for the laziest dog,  
Kyle Murray and Lucky for the prettiest puppy, Brent  
McGinn and Wrinkles for the root-tootiest, Mindy  
Fleming and her Pound Puppppy for the pinkest eyes and  
nose, Helen Bell-Smith and Maggie for the chubbiest  
birthday dog, Helen and Deano for

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the dog with the most spots, John Vrooman and his big  
dog for the dog with the longest ears, Shannon Baker  
and Spike for the best hunter, Ryan McGinn and his  
dog for the best farmer dog, and Peter Vrooman for the  
best Mommy and baby entry.

We wish to thank Mrs. Shurtleff, our judge, for  
giving her time and expertise for this event. We  
acknowledge gratefully, the generous contributions of  
dogbones, made by John Redner, Manager of  
Paulmac's Pet Food Store, K-Mart Plaza, and to  
Caroline Yull for procuring these awards for us. A  
special thank-you to those Moms whose unfailing  
support in gathering the damp canines, and appearing  
promptly, enabled the show to go on!!!

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Aerobics

- Sheri Ward

You Know You Need a Workout When...

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of Christ's Anglican Church at Emerald until its closing when that congregation became a part of the congregation of St. Alban's Church, Stella.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma, nee Glenn and one son, Robert and his wife Valerie of Kingston, as well as numerous cousins and one aunt Mrs. Mabel Tait (Detlor) of Newmarket, Ontario. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ken Blaber at the James Reid Cataragui Chapel on Wednesday, March 20th at 1 p.m. with burial following in the family plot in Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island. Pallbearers were: David Wemp, Benjamin Wemp, Kaye McGinn, Gary Hitchins, Garnet Willard and Dave Yeomens.

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#### Clinton Baker

Clinton Baker was a large, kindly man who loved all animals. His cows would come to him to have their ears rubbed. His little dog was devoted to him and was with him when he died so suddenly. He took great pleasure in feeding and watching the birds.

He was born in Glendale where he went to school. He worked with the C.N.R. until he had a serious back injury. He married Ena Creighton in 1954 and they had two sons, James and Lawrence, and a daughter, Sylvia. They moved to the Island in 1962 when they bought the John Morrow place on the 3rd Concession. They farmed there. Clinton worked on the Roads on the Island until he got a job with Lennox Generating Station while it was being built.

Clinton and Ena were long time members of the Limestone Cat Club. He worked faithfully at all the shows setting up exhibits. He was always ready to lend a hand to anyone in need of assistance. He was a loyal friend and a good neighbour.

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#### Margaret Tomkinson (nee Donson)

On Wednesday, February 27, 1991. The beloved wife of Geoffrey; mother of Hugh and his wife Gisela, and their three boys Geoffrey, Paul and Peter. Margaret followed her father John W. Donson in devotion to worship through the music of the church. She was soprano soloist for 17 years at the Church of the Redeemer before becoming Music Director of St. John's Lutheran Church. In 1950, she founded the Donson Singers whose excellence was widely acknowledged in concert and competition. After ill health caused her retirement from public performance, she continued her devotion to music by teaching children both piano and singing. A memorial service will be held at St. Matthias' Church, LaRose and Royal York Road, Weston on Friday March 1st at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers a donation to the Salvation Army would

be appreciated.

(The Tomkinsons had a cottage next to the Fowler House on the North Shore for about 25 years and were regular summer visitors during that time.)

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#### Thank You Notes

The family of the late Charles B. Howard would like to express our thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind words, letters, cards, flowers, memorial donations, and the many people who attended the funeral service, and the many people who attended the funeral service, and the many people who attended the funeral service.



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I would like to thank friends, relatives and neighbours, A.C.W. & P.C.W. ladies for visits, phone calls and treats when I was laid up with my back & hip this winter.

Special thank you to Eldon Willard for taking me to hospital several times.

Stratton Reid

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During my recent stay in the Kingston General, I received many visitors, well wishing phone calls and get well cards. Collectively I thank each of you and believe that such a kind response could only happen on Amherst Island.

Chester Tugwell

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Thanks, to all, for the cards, flowers, visits, goodies and phone calls, local and to Florida, from our many friends, neighbours and relatives during my recent illness. Visits from the P.C.W. and A.C.W. were warmly welcome.

Maribeth and I want to publicly acknowledge our special appreciation to Irene Glenn, our niece Leslie AnneCox, and Mary and Ed. Mooney for the very practical and timely help in easing the load of settling up paperwork, hospital transfers etc. etc.

The old ticker seems to have settled down and I expect to be out and around soon.

Thank you all.

John Hall

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Laurel Nixon would like to thank everyone who surprised me with a birthday party April 6.

The dinner at Kelsey's was excellent and the decorations the kids did while we were away was terrific. Last but not least, those bottles of wine were a great way to end the evening; right Debbie!!?

Laurel Nixon

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## Notices And Announcements

Township Of Amherst Island  
Rabies Clinic

A Rabies Clinic will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 1991 at the Township Firehall costing \$7/animal.

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Township Of Amherst Island Landfill Site - Restricted

## Hours

Effective May 1, 1991, the landfill site will be closed and locked at all times except the following hours:

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sundays 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

An attendant will be on duty at all times.

## Fee Schedule

Effective May 1, 1991, a fee will be charged to dump the following:

1. Yard waste: sorted leaves, grass cuttings & brush. \$5 per load

2. White goods (appliances) \$5 each

3. Construction / renovation must be sorted.

Half ton truck \$20/load

Dump truck loads: single axle \$125/load  
double axle \$250/load

4. Old metal fencing

Fence posts must be removed \$125/load

5. Tires \$3 each

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The following items are Prohibited from the landfill site.

1. Dead animals

2. Abandoned motorized vehicles

3. Waste oil

4. Septic tank wastes

5. Other hazardous wastes

6. Earth and/or rock fill, except when authorized and supervised by the Township Works Superintendent.

7. Tree stumps.

Remember - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

By reducing the amount of waste that goes to the landfill site, you will reduce the cost of operating the site and make it last longer.

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Township Of Amherst Island

Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP)  
and Emergency Repair Program (ERP)

If you are a low-income, resident- homeowner you may be eligible to receive government money to repair your house.

Contact: Highway # 7, Community Development Corporation, Box 310, Sharbot Lake, K0H 2P0, 613-279-2113.

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Note From Canada Post Head Office

"Rubber bands are classified a source of pollution when dropped on streets, private grounds or lawns.

Damaged rubber bands must be disposed of in a waste paper basket and reusable ones must be isolated/collected and put back into operations."

We have always recycled elastic bands, as well as paper bags and plastic bags. Please bring us yours. Thanks.

Annette & Irene

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A.I. Women's Institute Mother's Day Ham Dinner  
Saturday, May 11, 1991 at the Amherst Island  
Community Centre from 5 - 7 p.m.

Ticket prices are:

Adults... \$6.00

Children up to 12... \$3.00

Preschool... free

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#### Proclamation

It is hereby proclaimed that the Week of May 5 to 12, 1991, is to be Violets Not Violence Week.

I know all the residents of the Township will join me and members of Council in supporting Lennox and Addington Interval House in its work with abused women and children.

Ian Murray, Reeve

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#### Amherst Island Mixed Slow Pitch League For 1991

It is time again to start organizing for our new season of slow pitch softball.

Our league is a mixed league with ages starting at 14 and is open to all people over that age. Last year we had 3 teams and played twice a week on Wednesday & Sunday nights at 8 o'clock.

Again this year we will use last year's team lists to form this year's teams and add or delete names as people indicate they want to play this year or not.

New players: either sign your name to the list in Glenn's Store or phone Brian Ward at 389-5767.

If you played last year but cannot play this year please let me know as well.

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#### 1991 Food Drive

Wednesday, May 29th, 1991

The Girl Guides and Brownies will go door to door between 4 and 6 p.m. Donations may be left at the Store. We need some volunteer drivers!

Can you help?

Call Karen 389-0210 or Janet 389-4608.

Thank you.

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#### Umbrella's In Church!!!

Attention All Anglicans

It is urgent that we raise \$9,000 for extensive repairs and renovations to the roof and steeple of St. Alban's. All donations, large or small gratefully accepted. Please address all donations to our treasurer, Jean Tugwell who will issue a registered receipt.

Thank you from the Wardens

Elsie Willard & Tena Tugwell

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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#### Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to Evelyn Gigantes for resigning as Health Minister. While the punishment may exceed the crime, it's refreshing to see someone take responsibility for their actions.

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#### Awards

The Most Improved Hockey Series has to go to Montreal and Buffalo who played spirited series in contrast with last year(?) when they put the most dedicated fans to sleep with 'the most boring hockey series ever'.

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#### Meynard Laltin

- Ms KIA

It's a dirty job but someone got's to do it! I, little Ms KIA, volunteered to write up the Oscars. With Meynard there, no one else could stay up that late. (Did you see him? - Right behind Madonna - You wonder why she was sat forward in her seat all night? - It wasn't to show off her new found cleavage - Meynard was sent, no expenses paid, to find out if she dyed or wigged her hair - we'll let you know.)

Yes it's time to tell all the important stuff about the show - who wore what, who was paired with who, who made a fool of him/herself, and uh? ... ah yes! I almost forgot, who won what.

Billy Crystal hosted again but did you notice that he was moved from stage right to stage left. A sure sign of a swin

goes to Glenn Close. It looks like the one she had on must have shrunk when they cleaned it and then to make it fit just glued it to a body suit - totally ridiculous! And, she probably paid good money for it too! The oddest outfit was Jodi Foster's. A nicely cut pant suit with an unbuttoned lapelless jacket. It would have been perfect but, we hear, that just before the show some street person asked for and received the shirt off her back (she's got a heart of gold that one). I mean here is a woman, a woman who talks intelligent, who looks intelligent, who is intelligent, a woman who plays good meaty rolls brilliantly, but who walks out on stage looking so out of place in this open coat and nothing else! Hasn't women's lib reached Hollywood yet? Don't these women (and they're all doing it - Jodi, Madonna, Kim, etc) realize that beauty is not how much flesh you show but how you show it? (Dear me! Mother told me that one when I was 12!) Is this the way America wants to project itself - one moment bombing Iraq back to the 18th century and the next these stars playing the traditional Hollywood decadents? You want real beauty - well how about Demi Moore's clip from Ghosts where she just stands there with tears sliding down her cheeks.

On the positive side, Madonna certainly did escort the prettiest person there, Mich wh

person, when asked for his passport, produces a remarkably similar pocket diary; his passport is still at home on his desk.

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#### Bob Watch

It's very interesting to watch Bob (our beloved Premier) squirm under the restraints of power. He can no longer speak his mind but rather must guard and measure his words. It just goes to show you that the job molds the man.

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There's More! More!! More!!! On The Next Page  
The Recreation Committee Page

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The A.I. Recreation Committee And  
The A.I. Mens Ball Association Present

#### Spring Dance & Fish Fry

Saturday May 18th

Amherst Island Community Centre

Doors Open 6:00 - Dinner from 6:30

Live Band - All You Can Eat

\$22.00 per couple

Tickets:

Betty 389-7907

Ray 389 4435

Doug 384-8001

Glenns Store 389-0413

The Rec Committee Appreciates your support. This is our only fundraiser.

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#### Canada Day - July 1st

Parade - Games - Booths - Bicycle Decorating Contest

Hot Dogs - Drinks

Special Feature - !Calliope! and !Fireworks!

We are happy to accept donations toward the cost of fireworks at both Glenn's Store and the Township Office. Last year the Rec Committee spent \$1500 on fireworks, only a fraction of this was recovered through donations.

Needed: Community Volunteers To Help With Canada Day. Please Contact Heather Young 389-1326.

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#### Projects Completed 1990

Money Spent \$20,411.74

The Projects Completed In 1990 Are:

- installation of pay phone at school 634-9203 (911 Calls Are Free),

- swimming lessons,

- spring dance,

- repair & maintain skating rink,

- aerobics instructor plus equipment,

- school playground,

- volleyball plus equipment,

- drink cooler for school lunchroom,

- replaced sinks and countertop in school kitchen,

- ladder for side of ferry dock,

- benches and picnic tables for ferry dock, McDonald's

Lane and Sand Beach,

- heated equipment room at school.

Equipment Purchased

- badminton nets, rackets & birds,

- softball bases,

- basketball hoop, net and balls,

- soccer balls & goals.

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#### 1991 Projects

- clear the former Annie Clyde property to create a swimming area,

- swimming lessons will be held in August this year, at the dock,

- if parents are interested and willing to organize, we will subsidize a July trip to Waterfun Village.

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#### The Rec Committee '91

Jim Whitton, Chair

Jack Kerr, Sec.

Caroline Ackerman

Betty Wemp

Jack Forester

Susan McGinn

Rick Bedford

Annette Philips

Jim Bateman

Heather Young

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#### For Sale / Wanted

#### Garage Sale

The \$10 Garage Sale

Skates, Skis & Boots, Toys, Bikes, Books, and Comics.

April 28th at Bill Bulch's garage.

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#### For Sale

Super Mario #1 \$16  
Call Kyle Murray at 389-3802

Sears-Kenmore Heavy Duty  
Electric Washer  
Call 389-0643

Four New Single Mattresses  
Call George Mygind 389-4669  
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Picnic Tables- super design.  
Custom made all steel weather  
vanes.  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588  
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We use old "TV Weekly" & "TV Times" (Whig  
Standard variety) to wash cow udders. Anyone  
interested in saving them for us, it would be  
appreciated.  
Call Keith Miller 389-2588  
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The Booklet "The History of St. Alban's Church, Stella  
Amherst Island (1890-1990)"  
Price - \$3.00  
Also St. Alban's Centennial Plates sketch by Shirley  
Miller.  
Price - \$10  
From any A.C.W. member or at Glenn's Store.  
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Wanted Desperately  
The Girl Guides and Brownies need 52 Large Dill  
Pickle Jars (about 1 gallon size) before the end of April.  
Contact Karen @ 389-0210  
Janet @ 389-4608  
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General Contracting  
Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,  
Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.  
Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433  
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Shorewell Maintenance  
Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps  
checked. \$30  
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078  
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Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden  
tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105  
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Portable Welding  
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172  
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General Contracting  
New Construction & Renovations by an Amherst Island  
company.  
Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387  
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Babysitting  
Amanda Bateman will babysit early evenings and  
weekends.  
Call 389-5387  
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Babysitting  
Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights  
and weekends.  
Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199  
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Property Maintenance  
Yards cleaned, grass cutting basements cleaned, and  
painting.  
Reasonable. References.  
Call Bob Horth at 389-2916  
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Clothing  
If you have a tear, I will repair.  
Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.  
Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569  
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Cisterns Filled  
Competitive Rates.  
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071  
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Glenn's Store  
More than 70 VCR titles available.  
Movies... \$2.00 to \$3.00  
Nintendo Games... \$2.50  
VCR Rentals...  
Weekdays. \$.600  
Sat... \$10.00

We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We  
also carry blank tapes.  
Also available at Glenn's Store:  
Amherst Island shirts & Caps

Whig Standard Cookbook  
Emergency Call Cards  
Hunting/Fishing Licences  
Book Exchange  
Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery  
Avon Ordering  
Girl Guide Cookies  
New A.I. Telephone List and  
much much more!

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Beacon Notes

Talk about the weather - just absolutely, 100%, fantastically Glorious!

We've got some good news and some bad news for you this month. First the good news - MTO is starting work on the next phase of the Bath Road re-building, from the Millhaven Dock to the Floating Bridge including replacing both bridges! The bad news is that there will only be a single-lane Bailey bridge at each location controlled by stop lights. This should certainly create some extra chaos as the boat comes and goes. Leave some extra time coming out from town because it's going to take longer no matter how you go.

We've got something special for you to celebrate the approaching end of the hockey season: a few short baseball stories taken from Bill James' Historical Baseball Abstract.

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Council Report For May 7, 1991

- Chris Kennedy

Jim Whitton was not back from Chalk River for the start of the meeting.

David Fleming is now a fully trained ferry Captain.

Gary Himburg, from the Ministry of Natural Resources, spoke about deer on the Island. He first said that there have been no reports of Lyme disease in this area, but the Ministry is continuing to watch out for it. He said deer populations have increased all around this area, and there have been controlled hunts in Prince Edward County and other areas on the mainland. A controlled hunt regulates the number of participants and bans dogs and rifles. [Ed: see a separate article in this issue for more details) Hunts usually run for four days in late November, after crops are off. Council decided

to ask for feedback from island landowners as to whether they want a controlled hunt on their land or not, and a decision will be made at the next regular council meeting. Whatever the outcome, the first hunt would not happen until 1992, as it takes a long time for the regulations to be put in place.

Tena Tugwell asked whether Council will exempt the Anglican Church from tipping fees for the reconstruction work and the new roof that is going on the Anglican church. Council decided that the church should pay the fees and then the fees will be rebated by Council.

Council is planning to pursue actively, via our M.L.A., plans for secure parking on the mainland dock.

The same regulations as last year will be followed for loading cattle trucks when they are coming to the Community Pasture. Under these regulations only one cattle truck will be loaded when its in line (and

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there isn't room for more) and none on the commuter ferries.

Jim Whitton arrived to join in the discussion concerning swimming on the dock. The Ferry Captains had recommended at a committee meeting that a 'No Swimming' notice be posted on the dock. M.T.O. and the Township's insurance company will be consulted about wording for the sign, who pays for it, liability and enforcement.

The Clerk has prepared an accident report form for vehicle damage on the ferry. This may help establish liability for accidents.

A report from Dieter Eberhardt, the surveyor, forwarded by the township lawyer, on the ownership of the island shoreline, was considered in closed session, as it may involve legal action.

The Ministry of Transport has provided a supplementary subsidy for paving and ditching in the east-west road through the village this summer, but did not approve a supplementary subsidy for a new tractor for the Township.

Council will apply for grants for composters to sell around the Township.

The Recreation committee is to purchase a floating dock for the Annie Clyde property. There will be fireworks at the Canada Day celebrations, donations may be left at Glenn's Store.

The Ferry Union negotiations are coming up again. The Reeve, Caroline Ackerman and Tom Sylvester will represent the Township, with the help of Kees Kort, the lawyer.

Steven Ward has been awarded the Queen's Bursary for 1991-92 academic year.

Six building permits were issued in April, to Peter Morgan, John Mayman, G.A. Turner, Ross Evans, Reid & McRae and Stephen Hart, but the building inspectors report did not reveal for what.

There will be a Special Meeting of Council to discuss the budget on May 16th. About half of your land taxes goes to the school boards, who are demanding large increases (19.9% for the L&A Board of Education and 25% for the Separate School Board) and in addition the county levy has increased by 28.4%, so don't expect your taxes to go down this year.

Barbara MacDonald is applying for a severance for a lot in the village. Wayne Fleming is also applying for severance for a lot fronting on the second concession.

John McGinn, the bylaw enforcement officer, will build a secure dog house on his property for impounded dogs. Council then went into closed session to discuss the shoreline ownership issue.

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How the game was played in the 1890' ...

McGraw himself recalled a game in which "the other team had a runner on first who started to steal second, but [the runner] spiked our first baseman on the foot. Our man retaliated by trying to trip him. He got away, but at second Heine Reitz tried to block him off while Hughie ... covered the bag to take the throw and tag him. The runner evaded Reitz and jumped feet first at Jennings to drive him away from the bag. Jennings dodged the flying spikes and threw himself bodily at the runner, knocking him flat. In the meantime the batter hit our catcher over the hands with his bat so he couldn't throw, and our catcher trod on the umpire's feet with his spikes and shoved his big mitt in his face so he couldn't see the play."

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The Neighbourhood

- Staff

Annette has a sick baby (not seriously) who has become permanently attached to her arm, so we are attempting to fill in for her this month.

We welcome back all our summer residents for another year and trust that they had a good winter (or at least as good as possible being off the Island).

We offer our condolences to the family of Beth Evans whose father died this past month. Also to the family of Ruth Glenn who passed away on April 29.

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International Baseball?

In 1976 Mark Fidrych became a sensation by hopping around on the mound like (as Richard Belzer said about Mike Jagger) a rooster on acid, mowing down hitters and, most notably, talking to baseballs. On June 28 Fidrych was facing the Yankees on national TV. When Fidrych began talking to the ball, Craig Nettles stepped out of the box and began talking to his bat. "Now don't you listen to that ball," said Nettles. "When it comes in here you hit it right up in that upper deck up there," and Nettles pointed to the upper deck.

Nettles popped up. "[expletive deleted]," he said. "I just realized I was using a Japanese bat. Doesn't understand English."

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

Our regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Jean Baker on Wednesday, April 18th. This took the form of a business meeting as there were various activities to organize and discuss. In particular our upcoming Mother's Day Ham Dinner and the Blind Friendship dinner to be held this year on June 15th. The Regular Meeting was followed by the Annual Meeting and election of officers. Our officers for 1991-1992 are: President... Phyllis Strain  
1st Vice President... Anna Hitchins  
2nd Vice President... Jean Baker  
Secretary... Marian Glenn  
Treasurer... Irene Glenn  
The other members present undertook other responsibilities so the group as a whole was sworn in office.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 22nd at the home of Leslie Gavlas. Our topic for this meeting will be a report from the District Annual. This may be a good time for prospective new members to join us and learn about the Women's Institute. We are always happy to welcome newcomers.

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Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

No - Cook's Corner is not dead - sometimes sleeping - but definitely not dead.

Loraine Burton has given us a recipe for Rhubarb-Strawberry Pie. I enjoy rhubarb and this recipe sounds extra yummy as I can almost taste the fresh strawberries that go into it.

Strawberry-Rhubarb Pie

Mix together:

4 cups 1/2" chopped rhubarb



2 cups sliced fresh strawberries  
1 slightly beaten egg

Combine

1 3/4 cups white sugar  
3 Tbsp cornstarch  
Dash nutmeg

Stir into rhubarb-strawberry-egg mixture. Line 9" pie plate. Fill with fruit mixture. Dot with butter. Cover with lattice top if desired. Bake 425 degrees for 20 minutes. Lower temperature to 350 for 45 minutes.

The next recipe is from Caroline Yull - an ever faithful Cook's Corner contributor.

Here it is - direct to you from the pages of People Magazine - the secret to Oprah Winfrey's successful weight-gain after her earlier 76-pound loss!

Peel and cook some potatoes - maybe about a pound (more is better - see end of recipe). Mash them with a lot of butter

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(maybe a bit of milk if you like but mostly butter) and about 3-4 heaping tablespoons of horseradish. Sort of squeeze the horseradish against the inside of the jar to get some of the extra vinegar out of it. This makes a great side-dish to roast beef or almost anything else.

The reason I say more is better is for leftovers. Two ways I've found to use them that are good are:

1- Smish 'em into patties, dip in beaten egg and roll in sesame seeds (or other good seeds) and fry.

2- Mix with mayo, salt & pepper and the tops of some chives or green onions snipped up, and eat cold as potato salad.

I'm required by the Heart Institute and the Food and Drug people to point out that this has been listed as a dangerous and addictive substance, soon to be put on the "banned food list", so try yours now!

Being a Bread-aholic, I had to try the Honey Whole Wheat Buns in the Harrowsmith Volume 2 Cookbook. They take 3/4 of a cup of honey and are wonderful.

Honey Whole Wheat Buns

1 tsp honey  
2 pkgs yeast  
1/2 cup warm water  
2 eggs, beaten  
1/2 cup melted shortening  
3/4 cup honey  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 Tbsp salt  
2 cups milk, scalded & cooled

4 cups unbleached flour  
3 cups whole wheat flour

Combine honey, yeast and water and let sit for 10 minutes. Mix together eggs, shortening, honey, sugar, salt, milk, 2 cups unbleached flour and whole wheat flour. Add yeast mixture. Knead dough with remaining 2 cups unbleached flour. Let rise until doubled in size - 1 1/2 hours.

Punch down. Shape into rolls and place on greased cookie sheet. Let rise for another hour. Bake at 400 degrees F for 10 to 15 minutes.

Makes 24 rolls.

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The School This Month

- Kelly Baker

The senior class has just finished a Canada Fitness program. The program included the standing broad jump, shuttle run, sit up's, push up's, 50 metre run, and of course the toughest one of all, the endurance run. The special award winners are:

Excellence

Ruth Scott

Jill Caughey

Gold

Heidi Hitchins

Silver

Mark McCormick

Nate Maleska

Jacob Murray

Tyler Hutchings

Kristy Grange

Jamie Silver

Bronze

Kelly Baker

Angela Fleming

Angela Fleming and Crystal Bedford were the representatives of Amherst Island Public School at the Bridge Building competition in North Addington Education Centre. They came in 4th out of 12 groups. Congratulations!!!

The senior class also just finished a quilt with the help of Marjorie Baker which took a month to finish. We all were in groups of two working on the quilt squares. The quilt is now hanging in the new front door entrance. Come see it some time.

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The school now has 219,900 'Z' points accumulated to date. If any Islanders are shopping at Zellers, please give your points to the school number 943-199-922. Thank you.

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Letter To The Beacon  
from George Vance, President, Kingston Field  
Naturalists

This past winter has seen an incursion to Amherst Island of Snowy Owls, Short-eared Owls, Long-eared Owls and a few Northern Saw-whet Owls. These birds sought the safety and abundant food supply of Meadow Voles traditionally found on the

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island. Past experience has shown that the presence and easy accessibility of these owls, once publically known, attracts numbers of bird watchers from many parts of Canada outside Kingston and from the U.S.A.

This winter proved no exception and among the visitors were some irresponsible individuals who trespassed, refused to leave private property on request by the owners, and harassed the owls - hardly appropriate behaviour for anyone considering him or herself a naturalist. As owners of sanctuary property on Amherst Island and as naturalists concerned about the welfare of the owls, the Kingston Field Naturalists wish to disassociate themselves from the actions of the irresponsible individuals.

We are willing to inform the sponsors of commercial bird-watching tours that it would be appreciated if they would remove Amherst Island from their advertised tour destinations. We are also willing to ask the operators and sponsors of "Rare Bird Alert" telephone information services to refrain from announcing the numbers and species of birds over-wintering on Amherst Island.

Such action will almost certainly reduce the problems that Amherst Island residents have experienced due to ill-behaved visitors. Should land owners decide to deny entry to the sites where the rare owls shelter and roost, then we are willing to transmit that information as well.  
[Staff: There's also the inconsiderate driving performance of some "birders" who stop suddenly in the middle of the narrow roads and generally drive erratically.]

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## Obituary

Glenn, Ruth Filson

At the Kingston General Hospital on Monday, April 29, 1991, Ruth Filson Marshall, beloved wife of the late Clifford Glenn, dear sister of Harold Marshall of Kingston; Helen (Mrs Bruce Caughey) of Amherst Island; Rhoday (Mrs Rod Barr) of St. Catherines; and the late Nessie Drumgoole and the late William

Marshall, dearly loved aunt of several nieces and nephews. For those desiring, In Memoriam donations to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Building Fund in Mrs. Glenn's memory would be thoughtfully remembered by the family.

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## Controlled Deer Hunt

- Diane Pearce (Clerk-Treasurer)-

In response to a letter from Lance Eves expressing concern over the increased population of deer on the Island, Council invited a representative from the Ministry of Natural Resources to attend the regular meeting on May 7th, 1991.

Gary Himburg from MNR explained that overpopulation of deer is a concern all over this area. Last year, controlled hunts took place in Prince Edward County, Ernestown, South Fredericksburg and Adolphustown Townships. Application for a change in the regulations to permit a controlled hunt must be submitted by July 1991 in order to have a hunt in the fall of 1992.

A controlled hunt has the following characteristics:

1. The number of participants is limited. Although access to the hunt is determined by a random draw, bona fide farmers, property owners with a minimum of 50 acres and people who lease and live on 50 acres of land are given preference for permits. A permit is available to qualifying landowners and one other family member.
2. No dogs are allowed.
3. Only shotguns are permitted - no rifles.
4. Hunts are generally limited to a four day period, Monday to Thursday, during late November.
5. No non-residents of Ontario are permitted.
6. A mandatory report is required after the hunt from all permit holders.

Landowners decide who, if anyone, is allowed to hunt on their property. Permit holders must have permission to hunt on private property. According to MNR, trespass infringements will be strictly enforced by Conservation Officers.

Council would like to know how

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landowners feel about the possibility of a controlled hunt on Amherst Island. Because a decision must be made in June to provide for a controlled hunt in 1992, we would like your comments as soon as possible. Information from MNR on how a controlled hunt works is available from the Township Office.

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## Notices And Announcements

### Township Of Amherst Island

#### Landfill Site - Restricted Hours

Effective May 1, 1991, the landfill site will be closed and locked at all times except the following hours:

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sundays 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

An attendant will be on duty at all times.

### Fee Schedule

Effective May 1, 1991, a fee will be charged to dump the following:

1. Yard waste: sorted leaves, grass cuttings & brush  
\$5/load

2. White goods (appliances) \$5 each

3. Construction / renovation must be sorted.

Half ton truck \$20/load

Dump truck loads: single axle \$125/load

double axle \$250/load

4. Old metal fencing

Fence posts must be removed \$125/load

5. Tires \$3 each

The following items are Prohibited from the landfill site.

1. Dead animals

2. Abandoned motorized vehicles

3. Waste oil

4. Septic tank wastes

5. Other hazardous wastes

6. Earth and/or rock fill, except when authorized and supervised by the Township Works Superintendent.

7. Tree stumps.

Remember - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

By reducing the amount of waste that goes to the landfill site, you will reduce the cost of operating the site and make it last longer.

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### Township Of Amherst Island

#### Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) and Emergency Repair Program (ERP)

If you are a low-income, resident-homeowner you may be eligible to receive government money to repair your house.

Contact: Highway # 7, Community Development Corporation, Box 310, Sharbot Lake, K0H 2P0, 613-279-2113.

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### Amherst Island Mixed Slow Pitch League For 1991

It is time again to start organizing for our new season of slow pitch softball.

Our league is a mixed league with ages starting at

14 and is open to all people over that age. Last year we had 3 teams and played twice a week on Wednesday & Sunday nights at 8 o'clock.

Again this year we will use last year's team lists to form this year's teams and add or delete names as people indicate they want to play this year or not.

New players: either sign your name to the list in Glenn's Store or phone Brian Ward at 389-5767.

If you played last year but cannot play this year please let me know as well.

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### 1991 Food Drive

Wednesday, May 29th, 1991

The Girl Guides and Brownies will go door to door between 4 and 6 p.m. Donations may be left at the Store. We need some volunteer drivers!

Can you help?

Call Karen 389-0210 or Janet 389-4608.

Thank you.

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### Chicken Bar-B-Q

The Anglican Church Women will be hosting their Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q at the Amherst Island Public School on Saturday, July 20th from 5:30 - 7:30. Tickets will be Adults \$8.00, Children under 12 - \$4.00. Ticket sales will be available after our June meeting but the number of tickets will be limited, so plan to buy yours early!

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### Notice For Beacon

That sneaky Hazel has gone and had another litter of kitties! So if anyone has a need for a fine, healthy, guaranteed mouse-catching cat, suitable for barn or home, call us. Satisfaction guaranteed!

Caroline 384-4071

P.S. They do get along with dogs!

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### Umbrella's In Church!!!

Attention All Anglicans

It is urgent that we raise \$9,000 for extensive repairs and renovations to the roof and steeple of St. Alban's. All donations, large or small gratefully accepted. Please address all donations to our treasurer, Jean Tugwell who will issue a registered receipt.

Thank You from The Wardens

Elsie Willard & Tena Tugwell

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## Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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## Congratulations

We offer congratulations to our rams and ewes who managed to produce a record number of lambs for us. The proud lambers tagged our 1,000th lamb for the first time and there are still more to come! We thought we would do it last year but fell short by 14 lambs. The event was suitably celebrated with pictures for posterity. The rams did not participate in the celebration which just goes to show you there might just be something to the old saw, "Love 'em and leave 'em."

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Congratulations to Bob Dylan who will celebrate his 50th birthday this week.

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## Awards

Phrase Of The Month goes to Time magazine, which lead off an article with the following, "A poll, conducted at great expense with the best psephological techniques..." 'Psephological' is the word for the study of elections.

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## And Finally

A serious attempt at Island beautification has been started this past month. One of the vehicles at Headlands has been recycled and replaced with a shiny new lrt (that is 'little red truck' as opposed to Lrt which we also have and means 'Large red truck' which is not to be confused with the LRT in Toronto which is 'Light Rail Transit'). No longer will drivers have to navigate around bits and pieces of the Chevette on the Front Road.

What's really amazing is that the Chevette and the Sonoma (yea, I know it's a stupid name but the best I can find out is that it's named after a valley and small town in California where grapes are grown) bear only a superficial resemblance to each other. They both have 4 wheels, a body and a steering wheel but there the resemblance ends. The pick-up has such extras as dash board lights, suspension, a front seat that doesn't try to either fall through the 'floor' or into the back seat, a heater that doesn't howl, etc, etc. The performance is also suitably different in that the lrt will accelerate when the gas peddle is pressed down (no more of this sitting there and thinking for several seconds before reacting),

brakes which actually work (I was always unsure whether it was the brakes in the Chevette or my left foot dragging on the ground that did the stopping).

Now don't get me wrong - the Chevette was a reliable and useful car but it is basic transportation when in good condition and by the time that I got it, it had been written off as a junker. However, I certainly got more than my money's worth

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out of the car and it really is amazing how far a car can deteriorate before the trauma of buying another vehicle is experienced.

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We were loaned a copy of the 1902 Almanac for "The Best Newspaper In Eastern Ontario - The Old And Reliable British Whig Kingston, Ontario". At the time it cost \$2.50 for a years subscription (twice a week) and a special deal of getting yours free if you could get 3 other people to subscribe.

There's a great deal of miscellaneous information in the booklet, a sampling of which is reprinted below:

Among modern nations the greatest eaters are the English, Germans, French, Canadians and Americans, the ruling people of our civilization. The diet of the Spaniards and Italians is notably less substantial than that of the English and Germans, just as their brains are less active and original. [Staff: It's good to know that prejudice was held in firm check at the turn of the century.]

The Boer War was still being fought and among the contingents sent to South Africa was one of local interest:

'C battery, under Col. Hudon, and composed for the most part of Kingstonians, sailed from Halifax on the SS. Milwaukee on Feb. 21st [1900]. Officer commanding artillery division, Lt-Col Drury.'

How about some things that you won't read about in your history texts:

- Nov 17, 1901 Conspiracy to overthrow Canadian Government in the Yukon.
- Jan 9, 1901 Dominion public accounts for year ending June 30th show a surplus of \$8,154,714, the largest in the history of Canada.
- Jan 1, 1899 Letter post rate in Canada reduced to two cents.
- April 29, 1891 The mails were landed in Montreal in three days and 17 hours from Vancouver.

Okay, how about the fastest times over a mile distance:

Automobile: Henri Fournier on the Coney Island Boulevard in 51.8 seconds (69.5 mph),

Train: by locomotive No. 999 of the NY Central railroad in 1893 or 32 seconds or 112.5 mph,

Horse: by Salvator at N.J. in 1 minute 35 1/2 seconds or 37.7 mph,

Bicycle: C.M. Murphy on March 22nd, 1900 behind a train in 57.8 seconds or 62.3 mph,

Man: done by W.G. George of London England on August 23rd, 1886 in 4 min 12.75 seconds.

Okay how did 'Feminine Height And Weight' correspond for mature women at the turn of the century:

5' 0"... about 100 lbs

5' 2"... about 113 lbs

5' 4"... about 130 lbs

5' 6"... about 144 lbs

5' 8"... about 155 lbs

5' 10"... about 169 lbs

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How to save a drowning person.

Loosen clothing, if any.

Empty lungs of water by laying body on its stomach and lifting it by the middle so that the head hangs down. Jerk the body a few times.

Pull tongue forward using handkerchief or pin with string, if necessary.

Imitate motion of respiration by alternately compressing and expanding the lower ribs, about twenty times a minute. Alternately raising and lowering the arms from the sides up above the head will stimulate the action of the lungs. Let it be done gently but persistently.

Apply warmth and friction to extremities.

By holding tongue forward, closing the nostrils and pressing the "Adam's apple" back, so as to close entrance to stomach, direct inflation can be tried. Take a deep breath and breathe it forcibly into the mouth of patient, compress the chest to expel the air and repeat the operation.

Don't Give Up! People have been saved after hours of patient, vigorous effort.

When breathing begins, get patient into a warm bed, give warm drinks, or spirits, in teaspoonfuls, fresh air and quiet.

The smallest religious sect is in Western Australia, where a man and his wife form the Church of Silent Adorers.

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For Sale / Wanted

Wanted To Buy

16 inch ceiling tiles

Phone 389-5871

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For Sale

24 inch electric stove in working condition

Phone 389-5871

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Picnic Tables- super design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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No more TV-Times, please. The Millers would like to thank all who saved the magazine for them. They think they have enough for about a year and will run the add again when they need more.

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The Booklet "The History Of St. Alban's Church, Stella Amherst Island (1890-1990)"

Price - \$3.00

Also St. Alban's Centennial Plates sketch by Shirley Miller.

Price - \$10

From any A.C.W. member or at Glenn's Store.

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General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,

Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433

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Shorewell Maintenance

Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps checked. \$30

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

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Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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General Contracting  
New Construction & Renovations by an Amherst Island  
company.  
Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387  
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Babysitting  
Amanda Bateman will babysit early evenings and  
weekends.  
Call 389-5387  
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Babysitting  
Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights  
and weekends.  
Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199  
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Property Maintenance  
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and  
painting.  
Reasonable. References.  
Call Bob Forth at 389-2916  
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Clothing  
If you have a tear, I will repair.  
Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.  
Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569  
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Cisterns Filled  
Competitive Rates.  
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071  
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Electric Fence Supplies  
Call Topsy Farms 389-3444  
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Glenn's Store  
More than 70 VCR titles available.  
Movies... \$2.00 to \$3.00  
Nintendo Games... \$2.50  
VCR Rentals...  
    Weekdays... \$6.00  
    Sat... \$10.00  
We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We  
also carry blank tapes.  
Also available at Glenn's Store:  
Amherst Island Shirts & Caps  
Whig Standard Cookbook  
Emergency Call Cards  
Hunting/Fishing Licences

Book Exchange  
Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery  
Avon Ordering  
Girl Guide Cookies  
New A.I. Telephone List and  
much much more!  
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Beacon Notes

It's summer time! How do we know? Well, baseball has started, the kids are getting restless for summer holidays, the quick turnaround ferry service is about to start again, and the Canada Day Celebrations have been organized. All this and much more is reported in this month's Beacon.

Of course, we have to have something unusual, so this month we reprint all of the initials and names that were scratched into the railing of the Millhaven Bridge. Pretty exciting stuff, eh?

With school being out soon, we all must take extra care when driving. The children will be everywhere, all of the time!

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Summer Ferry Schedule

On Mondays to Fridays (including holidays), the Quick Turnaround Service will be in effect starting June 26th and concluding on Labour Day. The Ferry will leave Stella at:

6 a.m., 6:45 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 9 a.m.

and thereafter on regular hourly schedule until 4 p.m.

when the ferry will leave Stella at:

4 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 7 p.m.

and thereafter on regular schedule until 1:30 a.m. when the last trip will leave Millhaven.

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Council Report for June 4, 1991

-Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present.

Two gentlemen, Everett Lander and Erling Armson, from Duck's Unlimited spoke to Council about the plans for the Big Marsh. Keith Miller also spoke in

support of the plan. Jim Whitton questioned how much damage the machinery required for the work would do to the Island roads, and received assurances that any excessive damage would be repaired. Tom Sylvester asked about public access to the project. Right now there is no access to the Big Marsh (except from the lake) as the marsh is completely surrounded by private land. The project was approved.

Dave Hieatt requested and received an approval in principle for a severance to allow for a lot

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addition. In a meeting in May, Council decided to go ahead with a survey from the south end of the Stella 40-Foot to the water, as well as the walking path parallel to McDonald's Lane, and a field inspection with report for a turn around at the end of Kerr's Road.

Discussions are still taking place about secure parking on the mainland dock. One possibility is to fill in the area on the west side of the dock, between the dock and the present line-up area, to provide a secure parking area.

Council will ask M.T.O. if traffic coming off the ferry on the mainland side can have priority at the traffic lights.

Council has a policy for payment of vehicle damage claims on the ferry. A copy is included in the box on this page. The quick turnaround will start on June 26th this year. Further details are published elsewhere in the Beacon. The Charlevoix is not scheduled to arrive before Labour Day.

Great Rejoicings in the Township shed! Stuart has been seen skipping down the road, as M.T.O. has made a supplementary subsidy of \$46,000 for a loader-backhoe for the Township. The old tractor can now expire gracefully.

Stuart Miller reports that the new arrangements for the land fill site are working well, and there have been few problems. The new system should significantly extend the useable life of the dump.

The Recreation Committee Spring Dance was very profitable. Plans are going ahead for the Canada Day celebrations.

The budget has been approved for 1991, and the mill rate has been set for 1991 as well. The bottom line is a 16% increase in taxes. A lot of this increase comes from the School Board and the County, both of which have substantial raises. The Township budget has increased mainly because of the continuing litigation over the ownership of the Back Beach. The legal shenanigans continue slowly, and, as with all legal matters,





- Jim Whitton

Swimming lessons this year will be held in August starting with registration on Tuesday, August 6th and concluding with the now traditional picnic and awards on August 27th. We have been fortunate once again to get a very well qualified and personable instructress, Kim Chatterson. The kids will like her.

Fees are expected to be the same as last year. Details will be given in the July Beacon.

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#### Summer Yoga Classes

- Lynann Clapham & Diane Hieatt

Do you have back problems? Have trouble relaxing? Then yoga might be for you! We are organising a yoga class for 6 weeks in July and August, and invite interested people to join in. The instructor will Jocelyn Leyton, an excellent professional yoga teacher from Kingston. She ran classes here last summer, and emphasizes relaxation and posture-improvement techniques. Classes will likely run for 6 weeks on Tuesday evenings, starting July 9th. For further information call Lynann at 389-5017 or Diane at 389-9294.

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#### The Recreation Committee

-Jim Whitton

#### Canada Day Festivities

We have arranged the following programme for July 1st:

The parade of children on their gaily decorated bikes will start from the Anglican Church at 6:30 p.m.

This parade will be led by a calliope "De Hagenaar", one of the four finest remaining organs of this type and, just before being shipped to Canada, in competition with twenty-seven of the best of concert street organs from all over Europe, De Hagenaar placed second. The calliope is owned and operated by Mr and Mrs Franklin Foley of Belleville and we can count ourselves very lucky to have been able to attract them here.

Following the calliope will be one or two of our fire department trucks, then (hopefully) a couple of clowns, then the children on their bikes, wagons, baby carriages, and whatever.

On arrival at the school, the calliope will be set up where it will play music during the evening. There will be judging of the best decorated bikes and costumes, then we will have various races for the kids of different ages. Heather Young has arranged a fine programme for this which is described at the end of this article.

From 7:30 to 9:00 pork dinners and pork on a bun will be served. The pork will have been slowly roasted on a spit throughout the day. This particular event is being arranged by the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church congregation with proceeds going towards the building extension fund. They have agreed to donate some of the proceeds to the Recreation Committee.

Also during the evening there will be various stalls set up along side the school gym south wall. We'll leave details as a surprise although the First Response Team has an announcement elsewhere in the Beacon.

As dusk comes on us, we can ready ourselves for the biggest and best fireworks display to date. Just prior to that, however, we will have the privilege of hearing our own school choir leading us in song, with musical accompaniment, to "O Canada".

We do, at this point, after describing what should be a great evening, remind you of the cost of putting on such a show. We hope, as a Committee, that you might consider the cost to individual families to put on their own backyard fireworks display. So, please, as you read this, take out your checkbook and make a donation to the Recreations Committee to help offset the cost of the fireworks which, this year, will be over \$1500. Checks can be put in the box at the store, sent to me or handed in to the Township Office. We thank you all in anticipation and look forward to a happy Canada Day.

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#### Canada Day '91

#### Something For Everyone

- Heather Young

This will prove to be a great day for everyone in the community of Amherst Island.

As earlier stated the parade will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Anglican Church.

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At 7:00 p.m. the fun will begin and here are a few of the activities on the agenda. There will be:

- egg & spoon races
- 3 legged races
- sac races
- water balloon races
- running races.

We will have 2-3 different age groups for the races.

Also there will be a sponge throwing booth, face painting and a fishing pond.

Starting June 17th through to June 30 there is a drawing contest for all ages. The winners will be announced on July 1st. All drawings will be on display. The drop off box for all entries will be located at the school.

There will be a bake table and craft table set up.  
Anyone interested in making donations please call 389-1326 (evenings) for further details.

Also don't forget to bring food donations as we will also have a drop off box for our local Food Bank.

Refreshments will also be available.

See You All There!

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#### Emergency Services Update

- Lynann Clapham

Welcome to our summer residents and visitors! As you may be aware from reading earlier issues of the Beacon, the last year has seen a number of changes and improvements to the handling of emergencies on the Island. First of all, we are now part of the Kingston 911 emergency system. Our 911 number can now connect you immediately to police, ambulance and fire department services. Our fire department members are equipped with pagers which will reduce our response time to a fire. In addition, the Island now has a First Response Team to deal with emergency medical situations. The members are Island volunteers, trained and equipped by the Ministry of Health to provide emergency assistance until an ambulance arrives. As with the fire department, we carry pagers and are called out as soon as you call 911 for an ambulance.

This brings me to an important point - how do the emergency services find you? Although the Island is a relatively small place, it can seem very large if, in an emergency, we have to use trial and error to figure out where you live. It is for this reason that the fire department has implemented a grid system for the Island. Every building on the Island now has a Grid Address, and all emergency services (on and off Island) have the grid reference guide. Your grid address should be kept next to every telephone in the house. If you have an emergency, call 911, tell them the type of emergency you have (fire, ambulance, police) and give them your grid address. It's a good idea to instruct all members of your household (including children) in this procedure.

If you don't know or are unsure of your grid address, phone the Fire Chief, George Gavlas, at 389-3199. For more information about the First Response Team, or if you would like to join, feel free to call me (Lynann Clapham at 384-5027), or come and visit our information table at the Canada Day Celebrations.

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#### Thank You Notes

Many thanks to friends and neighbours for their cards and condolences on the death of my dad, and to the ladies from the A.C.W. and P.C.W. for their visits and delicious baked goods.

Beth Evans

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#### Notices And Announcements

##### Pig Roast

To be held at the Amherst Island Public School on Canada Day from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$7.00 for a Barbecue Pork Dinner. Sponsored by the St. Paul's Building Committee.

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##### Chicken Bar-B-Q

The Anglican Church Women will be hosting their Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q at the Amherst Island Public School on Saturday, July 20th from 5:30 - 7:30. Tickets will be Adults - \$8.00, Children under 12 - \$4.00. Tickets are available from Elsie Willard at 389-4874 and Jean Tugwell at 389-4636. Tickets are limited this year so be sure and get yours early!

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##### Auction

An old family farm and home contents of the late Charles Howard will be held at the home on Sunday June 23 at 12 noon. This farm has been in the family name since 1810. There will be many pieces of older antique machinery as well as household effects and collectibles. Ferry leaves Millhaven on the half hour every hour. Lunch will be available.

Mrs Thelma Howard & Bob Howard Executors  
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#### Township Of Amherst Island Landfill Site - Restricted Hours

Effective May 1, 1991, the landfill site will be closed and locked at all times except the following hours:

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sundays 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

An attendant will be on duty at all times.

#### Fee Schedule

Effective May 1, 1991, a fee will be charged to dump the following:

1. Yard waste: sorted leaves, grass cuttings & brush  
\$5/load

2. White goods (appliances) \$5 each

3. Construction / renovation must be sorted.

Half ton truck \$20/load

Dump truck loads: single axle \$125/load

double axle \$250/load

4. Old metal fencing

Fence posts must be removed \$125/load

5. Tires \$3 each

The following items are Prohibited from the landfill site.

1. Dead animals
2. Abandoned motorized vehicles
3. Waste oil
4. Septic tank wastes
5. Other hazardous wastes
6. Earth and/or rock fill, except when authorized and supervised by the Township Works superintendent.
7. Tree stumps.

Remember - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

By reducing the amount of waste that goes to the landfill site, you will reduce the cost of operating the site and make it last longer.

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Township Of Amherst Island  
Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP)  
and Emergency Repair Program (ERP)

If you are a low-income, resident-homeowner you may be eligible to receive government money to repair your house.

Contact: Highway # 7, Community Development Corporation, Box 310, Sharbot Lake, K0H 2P0, 613-279-2113.

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Umbrella's In Church!!!

Attention All Anglicans

It is urgent that we raise \$9,000 for extensive repairs and renovations to the roof and steeple of St. Alban's. All donations, large or small gratefully accepted. Please address all donations to our treasurer, Jean Tugwell who will issue a registered receipt.

Thank You from The Wardens

Elsie Willard & Tena Tugwell

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Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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Congratulations

Heartly congratulations are offered to the Chicago Bulls who brushed the L.A. Lakers aside to take the NBA Championship. Michael and the Jordinaires were flying high - best described by someone as low earth orbit.

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Awards

What!? Nothing worth an award this month! Well let's just give a blank award to anyone who feels they need one. So to all of you out there in newsletter land, this award's for you.

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And Finally

Your Baseball Fact For The Month Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying And Love The Deficit

In 1980 the Oakland A's total player payroll was \$1.3 million. In 1991 the payroll had risen to \$36.3 million. That's a 2700% increase in 11 years which is a lot in anyone's book.

At this rate of increase the baseball players of this one team will be owed the entire gross national product of the United States some time in the next century and they won't have anyone else to play with. Here's what the numbers look like. Going from \$1.3 million to \$36.3 million means the equivalent of a 40% increase in the payroll each year. If this rate of increase continues, the Oakland A's player payroll would break \$1 billion in the year 2001, And, it would only take another 21 years to go over the \$1 trillion mark (the actual amount is for the year 2022 is \$1,229,922,000,000).

Now let's say we have a decent pitcher who throws 100 pitches in 30 appearances (which I think is probably too many pitches). Each pitch would then have a value of \$1,366,800. Not bad to make a cool 100 million per game.

This reminds me of the early days in the telephone industry when the increase in the number of operators was so fast that it was suggested that the entire female population of North America would soon have to be employed to keep the system running. I guess it just goes to show that just because an increase looks exponential probably just means that we cannot see enough of the curve to tell.

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Preserving The Past

It's very difficult to know what future generations will value - did anyone back in the 12th century realize that our times would want to see the bookkeeping records of a tailor's shop or wine casks from ancient Rome or whatever? To that end, we at the Beacon knowing full well that virtually all copies of being saved for posterity, use that knowledge to preserve what may be an important titbit of information.

The bridge over the Millhaven Creek may be lost to us but the initials and names scratched into the railing are not and we reprint it here so future generations will

know their ancestry. [Ed: For those of you who may not have heard, the Millhaven Bridge is being replaced along with the Floating Bridge this summer.]

From east to west on the south railing:  
B.H., L.F., M.B., M.C., E.F. + A.B., H.B., B.S., S.M., S.T., Don Swain + Avril, Don Candy + Sandra, J.A., Cher, Karry, Megan, D.W., Argue.

From west to east on the north railing:  
D.W., L.C. + G.D., Megan, Brian, L.C., M.G., Doug, Dave (Aug 73), Danny, A.H. + S.S., Rickey, E.C., S.S., Wilma Salvadori, D.F. + L.H., D.B. Mick, D.T. + P.P., Megan + Msa, Kim Brent (Sept 84), Perry (84), Chantal Quesnel, Megan A., Cindy (Mar 83), Megan Argue, Jill Cooper (Mar 83), Meg. Scott (Mar 83).

Analysis of this data might take decades to complete but I think that it is obvious enough to say that romantic announcements were not in great vogue on the bridge (perhaps its exposed location left something to be desired). Only 8 of the 44 entries were joined with the expressive '+’.

By the way the Bridge had set in the concrete deck at mid-span an inscription reading, “The Kings Highway 1936”.

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#### Amherst Island Slow Pitch 1991

The 1991 Slow-Pitch season is underway with three games played so far and great interest being shown in the games this year.

Feel free to come out and watch us play or attempt to play anyway. Wednesday’s or Sundays at 8:00 p.m. It is usually worth a laugh or two.

Only one set of bleachers has solid supports so you may want to bring a lawn chair.

We still have room on the teams if you feel like playing. Just contact one of the team’s captains.

#### Standings (as of June 11)

Team B (Rick)	1 win	0 loss	2 pts
Team A (Warren)	1 win	1 loss	2 pts
Team D (Brian)	1 win	1 loss	2 pts
Team C (Darrell)	0 wins	1 loss	0 pts

#### Schedule

June 19	D	vs	B (home team)
June 23	B	vs	A ( “ “ )
June 26	D	vs	C ( “ “ )
June 30	A	vs	D ( “ “ )
July 3	C	vs	B ( “ “ )
July 7	A	vs	C ( “ “ )
July 10	B	vs	D ( “ “ )
July 14	A	vs	B ( “ “ )
July 17	C	vs	D ( “ “ )
July 21	D	vs	A ( “ “ )
July 24	B	vs	C ( “ “ )
July 28	C	vs	A ( “ “ )
July 31	D	vs	B ( “ “ )

Aug 4 rain outs

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#### The Teams

##### Team A

Warren Kilpatrick

Dan Wolfreys

Val Wolfreys

Peter Winstock

Debbie Fleming

Dave Vrooman

Rosemay Vrooman

Nick McGinn

Hazel deHaan

Jeff deHaan

Sue Shurtliff

Reg Hitchins

Garnet Willard

Tim Glenn

Jeff Forester

Sandy Scott

##### Team B

Rick Welbanks

Duncan Ashley

Kim deHaan

Graeme McDonald

Tracey Filson

Rob Wemp

Heather Young

Rob Stewart

Sherry Ward  
Rita Brown  
Dale Willard  
Bill Bustard  
Earle Tugwell  
Lori Caughey  
Dave Bateman  
Eric Laing

Team C  
Darrell Miller  
Frank Hawley  
Shelly Hawley  
Will Marshall  
Melissa Swayne  
Lance Pope  
Tamara Weiss  
Chad Miller  
Laura Wemp  
Donnie Miller  
Jennifer Pearce  
Noel McCormick  
Richard Grace  
Jack Forester  
Jamie Scott  
Tracy Hitchins

Team D  
Brian Ward  
Donald Miller  
Judy Miller  
David Wemp  
Betty Wemp  
Alan Glenn  
Cathy Glenn  
Mike Strain  
Cheryl Hutchings  
Carey Varga  
Wayne Fleming  
Mark Wemp  
Ian Murray  
Rick Bedford  
Jim Bateman  
Chris Kennedy  
Derek Grange  
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For Sale / Wanted

Sailboat for Sale  
17' Siren  
Sleeps 2 adults and 2 children, 4.5 motor, Traylor,

cushions, sails.  
Asking \$2,700  
Phone 352-3329.  
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Hay Wagons For Sale  
Two good farm wagons with Bale Throwing Racks,  
always stored in a shed.  
Call Marshall Glenn 389-5769  
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Wanted To Buy  
A good child's crib, preferably a mesh one, but will  
settle for any kind. Phone 354-9490  
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Wanted  
Wardrobe with hanger space and shelves or drawers.  
Will buy or trade for the baby dresser (with hanger  
space and drawers) that has been outgrown.  
Call Caroline at 384-4071  
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Available for Work  
Young man available to work. Licensed driver, some  
experience haying, painting, ladder & roof work, and  
sundry other general labour. Strong, willing worker.  
Call Jake Lewis 384-4071  
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For Sale  
Picnic Tables- super design.  
Custom made all steel weather vanes.  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588  
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No more TV-Times, please. The Millers would like to  
thank all who saved the magazine for them. They think  
they have enough for about a year and will run the ad  
again when they need more.  
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The Booklet "The History of St. Alban's Church, Stella  
Amherst Island (1890-1990)"  
Price - \$3.00  
Also St. Alban's Centennial Plates sketch by Shirley  
Miller.  
Price - \$10  
From any A.C.W. member or at Glenn's Store.  
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General Contracting  
Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,  
Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8433

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Shorewell Maintenance

Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps checked. \$30

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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Repairs to lawnmowers, tillers, chainsaws, garden tractors, etc.

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

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Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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General Contracting

New Construction & Renovations by an Amherst Island company.

Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387

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Babysitting

Amanda Bateman will babysit early evenings and weekends.

Call 389-5387

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Babysitting

Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights and weekends.

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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Electric Fence Supplies

Call Topsy Farms 389-3444

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Glenn's Store

More than 70 VCR titles available.

Movies... \$2.00 to \$3.00

Nintendo Games... \$2.50

VCR Rentals...

Weekdays... \$6.00

Sat... \$10.00

We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We also carry blank tapes.

Also available at Glenn's Store:

Amherst Island Shirts & Caps

Whig Standard Cookbook

Emergency Call Cards

Hunting/Fishing Licences

Book Exchange

Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery

Avon Ordering

Girl Guide Cookies

New A.I. Telephone List and much much more!

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#### Beacon Notes

The gardens are starting to prodigiously produce pea pods but the real scary word begins with 'z' - the dreaded Zucchini plant is starting to multiply. Now begins the season of desperately trying to give it away to anyone who so much as stops and asks directions. The only good thing that can be said for Zucchini is that it is a tremendous ground cover. I would guess that a couple of dozen strategically placed mounds could cover the Island in 2 months flat.

On the farming front, the Island is resident to an unknown number of coyotes which have developed a taste for lamb. The count of killed lambs stands at 47 on the Island over the last month. Up here at the Head, we've had to shuffle our flocks around so we can bring them back to the barn at night. I wonder if we could get the By-Law Enforcement Official to arrest these animals for trespassing.

Zucchini and coyotes aside, it's been a great summer so far. The Canada Day Celebrations were well attended and greatly enjoyed. The kids are healthy (read 'noisy') and busy (read 'tearing around like mad') and the parents are wondering when school begins.

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#### Council Report For July 2, 1991

- Don Tubb

All of the members of Council were present along with the usual assortment of scribes: Diane Pearce, moi for this meeting and Ida Gavlas who will be keeping Council on the straight and narrow while Diane is on vacation next month.

The first item of business was a delegation made by Ralph Woods. He brought a petition signed by 48 Islanders who wanted to see the money dedicated to the

re-paving of Stella directed to the paving of the Stella 40' or part thereof. Council did not think it possible to re-direct the money but would contact MTO about the possibility. On July 23rd there will be a Special Meeting of Council to further discuss the matter. The tender invitation has already appeared (July 3rd) and any tenderers interested in the work will have to wait until then to find out whether the work will be the Stella re-paving (and ditching) or the Stella 40'. Steven Willard declared a conflict of interest and was not present during the discussion.

While Ralph Woods was there, Steven Willard asked whether the Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company was going to repair their map of the Island at the Stella dock. It has been vandalized and is no longer accurate.

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As always there are a large number of ongoing items. The following is a partial list of what is happening on these fronts:

- 1- The survey research and field work has been completed on the south end of the Stella 40' and the walking path.
- 2- The Township has applied for a \$1,000 grant on the wheel chair ramp. I think that tenders will be solicited as soon as the appropriate members of Council are assured that the plans are complete.
- 3- The Township is still waiting for the report from Ministry Of The Environment on the landfill site.
- 4- The Township is waiting for the 'fish people' to take a look at the problems created by any extension to the parking on the Millhaven dock.
- 5- The Council Chamber is doubling as a warehouse for the latest load of composters which have arrived. (See the Notice elsewhere in the Beacon).
- 6- Diane will draw up a by-law 'when time permits' to authorize rewards for information leading to those who set dump fires.
- 7- The negotiations between the Township and the Union are set to begin on July 18th.
- 8- Due to other priorities no action as yet been taken on the fire route.
- 9- etc, etc and etc.

Another Special Meeting of Council is scheduled for July 31 when the tenders will be opened and perhaps also to talk about the report from our lawyer, Mr Sirman, on the shoreroads. I expect that the latter part of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Oh joy! MTO has announced that there will be another study commissioned on the various ferries

(including ours) in the area. Also another consultant is being hired to study the feasibility of refitting the Charlevoix.

The survey for the Long Point Road was submitted to Council. It decided to go ahead with whatever land acquisition is necessary. During the discussion it was pointed out that no access to the Big Marsh or to the shore was included. Speaking of the Big Marsh, Council passed a by-law which confirms the agreement with Duck's Unlimited.

There were several developments on the Fire Department/Emergency Response front. George Gavlas' resignation as Fire Chief was accepted and a letter thanking him for his substantial contribution to the Fire Department over the last several years will be drafted and sent. A by-law was passed appointing David Fleming as Chief and Phil Silvers as Deputy Chief. The grid numbers should be going up this month. And last but certainly not least, the Township passed a Mutual Aid By-law which was one of the primary reasons for upgrading the Fire Department. So now, when the By-law comes into effect, we can get assistance from Bath or Ernestown and vice versa.

No action was taken to amend By-law #15-86 which regulates the use of trailers on the Island. This leaves the original By-law in effect which requires that for those months when a trailer is occupied a fee of \$20 per month be paid to the Township.

One item left over from the Planning Meeting (a report appears later in this issue) was the proposed inclusion of a 'maintenance and occupancy' regulation in the Official Plan. It was decided not to include this. Simply said, Council will not include provisions in the Official Plan for what is more commonly known as 'property standards'.

After several other items were dealt with, Council went into closed session and this reporter retired. The time was 10:10 p.m.

Just before this meeting there was a Special Meeting of Council with an MTO representative to discuss the draft Ferry Agreement. No details are available but indications are that all members of Council found it very unacceptable.

And let us not forget that there was another a Special Meeting of Council held

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{Council Report will continue after the following notice}

#### Community Calendar

July 20... ACW Chicken Bar-B-Q

July 22... Public Meeting Re Public School

July 27... The Garden Party

July 31... Meeting to form Ratepayers Ass.

Aug 10... Open Dance for Heather & Ted Welbank's 25th Anniversary

Aug 10-19... Art Show at Shirley Miller's  
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just before the Official Plan Meeting at which the tender for a Case backhoe from Hartington Farm Machinery was accepted. It is a 4 wheel drive with an extendahoe and cost a mere \$46,605. This was not the lowest bid so MTO will only subsidize up to the lowest bid level. The cost to the Township is about \$600.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Happy 98th Birthday to Grandma (Kathleen) Wemp who recently spent a week on the Island with the Tugwells. Unfortunately she had to be returned to Napanee Hospital via ambulance, but was soon back at home in Lenadco.

A very happy 25th Anniversary to Ted and Heather Welbanks, August 10th. Help celebrate with them at an open house, Saturday, August 10th at the school.

We are thrilled to have Maureen, Leslie and Mitch Glenn spending part of the summer with us. They will be here for much of July and August visiting friends and relatives while John is working in the Northwest Territories.

Best wishes to the long list of sick, injured and/or operated on this past month:

Betty Wemp, Wanda McGinn, Marj Aitken, Marian Glenn, Irene Glenn, Vic Ellis and John Mayman.

Our condolences to Anna Hitchins and family on the loss of Anna's brother, Doug Glenn, July 7.

Vandalism of mailboxes appears to be a new form of Friday night entertainment. Unfortunately there is nothing the Post Office or the O.P.P. can do if no one sees the vandals. The Post Office is not responsible for maintenance or repair of mail boxes.

It's always nice to hear about a Good Samaritan. Bravo for Garry Shelly of the ARDA Pasture for giving up his spot on the boat to Jean and Earle Tugwell. (They were following the ambulance taking Mrs Wemp to hospital.) And boo to one of our own residents who refused to do so.

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#### Amherst Island Slowpitch Softball Report

The softball regular season is over half way through and we have had some really close games lately. The



standings which follow are close as well.

After July 10th Game:

		Wins	Losses	Points
Team	A (Warren)	4	2	8
Team	B (Darrell)	4	2	8
Team	C (Brian)	3	3	6
Team	D (Rick)	1	5	2

We only have about 6 games left before we go into play-offs. Come on out and watch the games Wednesday or Sundays at 8:00 p.m.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The regular June meeting was held at the home of Irene Glenn on June 19th. Colleen McFarlane, the Dairy Princess, was the guest speaker and everyone enjoyed her talk. Her year as Dairy Princess finishes in July and she will be competing for Ontario Dairy Princess at the C.N.E. in August. We wish her well as she would be an excellent representative of our area.

In August the W.I., will be catering for two gatherings so a committee was set to organize these events. We are always pleased to cater to small groups as this helps provide funds for our activities.

The next meeting will be at the home of Jackie Sylvester on July 23rd at 8:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Lynann Clapham who will be showing slides of New Zealand and Australia. Again may I extend an invitation to any interested women to join us.

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Official Plan Meeting

- Don Tubb

When we last left you, the current draft of the Official Plan was being sent off to the various Ministries for their unofficial comments. Only the Health Unit and the County Planner have responded to date. The Ministries of Agriculture and Food, Natural Resources, Municipal Affairs, etc have not yet responded. The Ministry of the Environment will not respond to draft Official Plans.

The members of Council felt that the concerns expressed by the Health Unit had already been dealt with adequately in the current draft.

The County Planner, Jim Sova, sent a long set of comments raising some interesting points. Robert MacKenzie will talk to him directly and go over his concerns. No major changes appear necessary from Mr

Sova's point of view.

Mr MacKenzie then led Council through a series of changes and additions which he proposed. There was a definition of agricultural, commercial, industrial, institutional and residential uses. Another change was a substitution of a 'temporary use provision' which makes the Plan less rigid by allowing some short term uses which would not otherwise be permitted. Also the 'site plan control' section was expanded and a 'community improvement' section added without which the Township could not apply for a whole series of grants. A few other changes and corrections were also gone over.

At this point the Official Plan is pretty much filled out as much as possible unless one of the Ministries makes a fuss about something, which is unlikely. Once the comments of the Ministries are in, a Public Meeting will be held to present the completed draft Official Plan for further comments.

With that accomplished Robert MacKenzie presented Council with the first draft of the Zoning By-law. This draft is basically a rearranged version of the present zoning by-law.

Maybe next month, if I can work up the time, I'll try to summarize what the Draft Official Plan is trying to do.

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Glenn's Store Notice

Please note that Glenn's Store will not sell cigarettes or tobacco products to anyone under 18 years of age, regardless of parental permission. To sell these products to minors is illegal and could result in large fines and/or suspension of our business licence. Notes from parents are unacceptable as well.

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The Ameriks Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Reeve Frank Fleming

The Ameriks Scholarship Fund in Memory Of Reeve Frank Fleming has been established. The committee responsible for this fund consists of Mrs. Irene Glenn, chairperson, Ralph Woods, secretary-treasurer and Jim Whitton, member at large.

The fund will be available for students from Amherst Island who have been residents of the Island for the preceding five years. These students may be entering or proceeding with university or college courses in Sept. 91.

We have established a Trust Declaration which has been accepted by the Council of Amherst Island and the township lawyer.

The committee has set up the following guidelines for carrying out its duties.

- (a) A request for applications will be made each Sept. by a public posting.
- (b) Applications will not be accepted after Oct. 31st for the current school year.
- (c) Applicants must show proof of registration and full time attendance at a recognized university or college.
- (d) That interest acquired by the fund would be distributed to qualifying students in Nov. of each calendar year.
- (e) Following the disbursement of interest to the students a public accounting will be posted with a copy sent to Council.
- (f) The committee members agreed that the present and future committee members should not receive any reimbursement or remuneration for acting on the committee.

Copies of the Trust Declaration will be available at Glenn's store. Any member of the public interested in learning the further details of this trust fund may have one upon request.

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#### Swimming Lessons for 1991

- Jim Whitton

Once again your Rec. Committee has been fortunate in finding an excellent swimming instructress. Her name is Kim Chatterson and she has a great deal of experience in teaching children and adults of all levels.

Registration will take place in the Township Hall August 6th from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Children are asked to bring their Red Cross record along. Fees are the same as last year: \$20 for the first child in a family and \$10 for each other child.

We plan to have the lessons take place in front of the Annie Clyde property. Our Township Roads crew have done a good job cleaning and levelling in preparation for sand being laid to form a beach. The water quality will be checked frequently to ensure it is safe for swimming. Lessons go from Aug 7 to Aug 27th. Traditional picnic and presentation of badges will be held on Aug 28th.

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#### Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

Duncan and Coralee Marshall deliver fresh Island produce to the Food Bank on Thursdays. They normally leave on the 10 a.m. boat, but call them to confirm if you plan to deliver food.

The Kingston Food Bank is straining to meet the increased needs for help caused by the recession. They greatly appreciate our donations of fresh food, as it

makes the hampers of packaged goods so much more appealing.

Please donate extra garden produce. If you need help picking or delivering to the ferry, or wish to make arrangements to send food at a different time of the week, call Sally Bowen at 389-3802.

Thanks.

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#### Emergency Services Update

- Lynann Clapham (reprinted from last month)

Welcome to our summer residents and visitors! As you may be aware from reading earlier issues of the Beacon, the last year has seen a number of changes and improvements to the handling of emergencies on the Island. First of all, we are now part of the Kingston 911 emergency system. Our 911 number can now connect you immediately to police, ambulance and fire department services. Our fire department members are equipped with pagers which will reduce our response time to a fire. In addition, the Island now has a First Response Team to deal with emergency medical situations. The members are Island volunteers, trained and equipped by the Ministry of Health to provide emergency assistance until an ambulance arrives. As with the fire department, we carry pagers and are called out as soon as you call 911 for an ambulance.

This brings me to an important point - how do the emergency services find you? Although the Island is a relatively small place, it can seem very large if, in an emergency, we have to use trial and error to figure out where you live. It is for this reason that the fire department has implemented a grid system for the Island. Every building on the Island now has a Grid Address, and all emergency services (on and off Island) have the grid reference guide. Your grid address should be kept next to every telephone in the house. If you have an emergency, call 911, tell them the type of emergency you have (fire, ambulance, police) and give them your grid address. It's a good idea to instruct all members of your household (including children) in this procedure.

If you don't know or are unsure of your grid address, phone the Fire Chief, David Fleming, at 389-0210. For more information about the First Response Team, or if you would like to join, feel free to call me (Lynann Clapham at 384-5027).

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#### Letters To The Beacon

Dear Sir,

Recently my nine year old granddaughter and I were

involved in an incident while enjoying a pleasant afternoon swim on the south east side of the island. Upon reflecting, many issues have arisen in my mind, and I would like to share these with you and your readers. First I will explain what happened to us and then I'd like to discuss the issues and invite your feedback.

The south side of the island has been a favourite place for my family to swim as it often has ocean-like waves and natural limestone ledges to climb upon and explore for fossils, etc. The other day we were peacefully swimming and playing in the waves as we have done many times in the past.

To make sure that we didn't bother anyone, I insured that we parked several hundred feet away from the nearest house along the side of the roadway. We were in the middle of our swim when we were approached by a woman. In hostile terms we were informed that the waterfront was private property and that we were unwelcome. Not wanting to make a scene in front of my small granddaughter, I gathered our belongings and we got in the car.

I drove to their laneway to thank them for their hospitality. I said, "I want to thank you for extending such a warm welcome to my granddaughter who is visiting from Nova Scotia - I really appreciate it." She identified herself and asked who I was. I replied "I'm Ray Duncan from the North Shore." She said "I didn't realize who you were. We've had problems in the past on our beach." I replied "It shouldn't matter who I am; is this the way you welcome people to our island? Well that's just great!" As we were leaving her male companion said in a condescending tone, "You obviously appear to be upset." I dismissed his comment with a gesture and thanked them once again.

I immediately drove to the Township Office to discuss this matter with the Clerk. I was informed that the waterfront property boundary issue is still in dispute and that Council has received conflicting legal interpretations of the law. It is hoped that the Reeve and Council obtain speedy resolution of this matter because at the present time it is unclear whether property owners actually own to the edge of the road, the high water line or, for that matter, the low water line!

As far as I am concerned, the far more important issue is the down right unfriendliness shown to my granddaughter and me by a fellow island resident. I fail to see how our actions were in any way disruptive or irritating. I could understand how a wild party late at night with broken bottles, noise, etc could be cause for grievance. However, this innocent swim hardly fits into the above scenario.

When this couple realized that I was also a resident, they seemed to be slightly embarrassed. I feel that this is

a double standard and that the same warm hospitality should be shown to the many people who love coming to this island to visit. Are there no places for them to swim or enjoy a picnic on the whole island? Right now we are faced with envisioning a development plan for our island. I think that this is one of the most important issues that needs to be addressed. There is plenty of room for others to enjoy our island if we make prudent decisions now.

When my wife and I retired to this lovely place seven years ago we were struck by the generosity and warmth of the people who live here. We knew that we had found a place of tranquillity. Will people be able to say this about us if we continue to kick people off our beaches? Hopefully my incident is but one aberration, albeit a sad one. May we have some discussion on these issues from you and your readers?

Sincerely

Ray Duncan

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(My brother wrote the enclosed so thought it might be interesting to some in the Beacon. Chris Gregg)

The Perils of Travel In Eastern Countries

(An experience during a 'Round the World tour' by air in 1977.)

Hotels in Delhi, India, are notorious for overbooking and unhonoured

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reservations, but we were hardly prepared for our experience there.

On returning from a sightseeing tour of the city, we found our baggage piled in the hotel lobby, and another group of tourists occupying our rooms! After frantic, but unsuccessful efforts to find other accommodation for us, our director finally persuaded the hotel manager to lend us his own apartment for the night. Our six ladies occupied the two bedrooms, with the only bathroom, while the seven men used hastily rigged cot bunks in the hallway. With washroom facilities limited to the ladies, we men had to resort to the swimming pool shower tap, and the rose bushes outside!

Our heavy bags were still in the lobby, waiting transport to the airport, for the early flight to Teheran, so we had no chance to change from the light summer clothing of the previous day. This did not greatly concern us, in the 95 degree weather, as we left for the airport. The Pan Am 1 flight was pleasant enough, until we arrived at the cavernous airport of Teheran, to find that the temperature there was only 38 degrees F. We sat and shivered for an hour, waiting for our luggage to appear, when our director finally came to inform us that

none of the party's baggage had arrived! (Baggage is loaded into roll on containers, on the 747s, and someone had put the wrong label on our container, and it had gone on to Frankfurt, Germany!)

After checking into our hotel, I joined other men in a dash to the shopping area, trying to buy sweaters or jackets. But everything closed by 6 p.m. and our search was futile. By then we were miles from our hotel, and my urgent signals to passing taxis were ignored, while chador cloaked women gazed curiously at these shivering light clad strangers. Finally an English-speaking motorist noticed us, and stopped to ask if we were in trouble, then kindly drove us back to our hotel. Our priority next morning was to scour the souks and markets for anything warm to wear. It was three days later before our luggage caught up with us! Once warmly clad, the tour through Iran was most interesting. However one final experience awaited us.

On leaving the country, our plane set down at the small border airport at Abadan, for final customs and security check. Heavily armed men quickly convinced us that security is very tight in Middle East countries. Our baggage was unloaded and checked; the men and women steered to separate rooms for a body search, and our carry-on bags searched. After carefully examining all my camera paraphernalia and returning it to the bag, they were suddenly aware of a slight buzzing sound. They grabbed the bag outside, and gingerly emptied it again. In the bottom was my battery operated shaver, buzzing merrily! They had moved the On switch when they put back my equipment, but for a few scary minutes there was a rather hostile atmosphere there!

Garth Orchard

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#### Thank You Notes

Thank you to all kind friends for the gifts and cards and good wishes, on our new adventure.

Don & Chris Gregg

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Sincere thanks to The First Response Team - Diane Pearce, David Fleming, George Gavlas and anyone else who received our 911 call and acted so quickly and efficiently when my Mother became ill while visiting us. Thanks to Raymond Wemp for getting us a spot on the boat and to Garry Shelly for giving up his place on the boat. Thanks Donald for your great support as always.

Jean & Earle Tugwell

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#### Notices And Announcements

#### Chicken Bar-B-Q

The Anglican Church Women will be hosting their Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q at the Amherst Island Public School on Saturday, July 20th from 5:30 - 7:30. Tickets will be Adults - \$8.00, Children under 12 - \$4.00. Tickets are available from Elsie Willard at 389-4874 and Jean Tugwell at 389-4636. Tickets are limited this year so be sure and get yours early!

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#### Notice of Public Meeting

Re: Amherst Island Public School

Date - Monday, July 22nd, 1991

Where - Amherst Island Public School

Time - 8:00 p.m.

Agenda -

1. Report of Parent Volunteer Committee
2. Election of new committee to co-ordinate volunteers according to mandate. (This parent committee must consist of parents of children currently in grades JK-8, and must be elected by parents of children in grades JK-8. Election of this committee shall take place on June 30th of every year.)
3. Report of Amherst Island Education Association
4. Open discussion of school situation - Where Are We Headed?
5. Need for candidate for School Board.

We Hope You Take Time To Participate In This Meeting

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#### Meeting Notice

##### Ratepayers Meeting

On Wednesday, July 31st at 8 p.m. a meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Amherst Island School to form a Ratepayers Association for the township of Amherst Island. All property owners and taxpayers of Amherst Island are welcome.

Submitted by Ralph T. Woods

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#### The Annual Garden Party

The Annual Garden Party will be held

At St Paul's Presbyterian Church

On Saturday, July 27th

From 1 - 4 p.m.

The ferry leaves Millhaven every hour on the half hour (12:30, 1:30, 2:30, etc).

Don't miss the incredible selection of used clothing for men, women and children at St. Paul's Garden Party.

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#### Anniversary Dance

All Welcome to an Open Dance to Celebrate  
Heather and Ted Welbanks' 25th Wedding  
Anniversary.

Date: August 10, 1991

Where: Amherst Island Public School

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Music: Disc Jockey

Hope to see you there!!

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#### Art Show

To be held at Shirley Miller's from August 10th  
through the 19th. The times are on Saturday the 10th  
from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the rest of the days 12 noon  
to 4 p.m. There will be a Tea and Bake Sale on the  
10th.

The show will feature works by Shirley Miller,  
Eleanor Trueman, Lucille Langevin, Coralee Marshall,  
Joan Martin, Paulette Apps, Jane Macay, Beryl Stoker,  
Myrtle Veech and Duncan Marshall. Also there will be  
dolls made by Gwen Bateman and doll furniture by  
Keith Miller.

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#### Landfill Site -

Restricted Hours Effective May 1, 1991, the landfill  
site will be closed and locked at all times except the  
following hours:

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sundays 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

An attendant will be on duty at all times.

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#### Township Of Amherst Island Composters

The second shipment of Home Composters Units has  
arrived and are on sale at the Township Office.

The prices are as follows:

Barclay Soilsaver... \$60.00

Minus Min Of Environment grant... 39.60

You Pay Only... 20.40

Ecoguardian... \$90.00

Minus Mm of Environment grant... 59.40

You Pay Only... 30.60

Payment by cheque preferred.

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#### Umbrella's In Church!!!

Attention All Anglicans

It is urgent that we raise \$9,000 for extensive repairs  
and renovations to the roof and steeple of St. Alban's.

All donations, large or small gratefully accepted. Please  
address all donations to our treasurer, Jean Tugwell  
who will issue a registered receipt.

Thank You from The Wardens

Elsie Willard & Tena Tugwell

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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#### Meynard Laltin

With so many movies to choose from in the video  
stores, I have a very difficult time figuring out what's  
good and what's a bomb. To help you when you're in  
the store, we're going to provide you with some short  
reviews of movies that we've watched during the recent  
past. They're rated out of 10 with 10 being perfect, 9  
being virtually so with only a minor quibble or two, 6 -  
8 being quite watchable, 4 - 5 being movies that you  
might not finish, 1 - 3 being awful.

#### Dr Strangelove

(1964 Peter Sellers, George C Scott)

Its subtitle is 'How I Learned To Stop Worrying  
And Love The Bomb'. Set at the height of the cold war,  
this black humour movie is a classic and still holds up  
extremely well today. Peter Sellers and Scott are  
tremendous with Sellers playing several parts. One of  
my all time favourites. (9 out of 10).

#### The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975 Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon, Barry Bostwick)

You wouldn't believe it if I told you the plot so just  
go out and rent it - outrageous but harmless. The first  
third of it is great, the second third is okay and the last  
third - well - after you've watched the first two thirds,  
you'll probably finish it. They ran out of outrageous  
stuff as is the way with these one idea movies. (6 out of  
10)

#### The Ninth Configuration

(1980 Stacy Keach, Scott Wilson)

A very strong performance by Keach as the head  
shrink of an insane asylum for Vietnam vets. It's a very  
busy movie with all sorts of insanity going on supported  
by a tremendous script. There's also a great brawl  
which is worth the price of admission. Heavy but not  
oppressingly so. (8 out of 10)

#### Flatliners

(1990 Kiefer Sutherland, Julia Roberts, Kevin Bacon)

A group of med students explore 'near death experience'. It held my interest but not to the point that I was fully drawn into their world. (7 out of 10)

#### Return To Snowy River

(1988 Tom Burlinson, Sigrid Thornton, Brian Dennehy)

Sequel to the Man From Snowy River but a little slower paced. That is until the last quarter which is one long chase scene worth the wait as it's spectacular. (5 out of 10)

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#### The Naked Spur

Classic western with Jimmy Stewart, Robert Ryan and Janet Leigh (you can probably figure who the good, the bad and the beautiful are). Supposed to be a classic but very dated and having seen several hundred westerns, the plot was pretty transparent. (5 out of 10)

#### Bethune - the Making of a Hero

(1990 Donald Southerland -you know-Keifer's father)

I don't know about this one. I would like to say that it's great but really it's poorly constructed and the story has no feel to it. It seems quite an honest portrayal of Bethune but that's all. (5 out of 10)

#### Flashback

(1989 Dennis Hopper, Keifer Sutherland)

A buddy movie set in 1989 with a 60's yippie being taken to justice by a young FBI agent leading to a clash of cultures. Hopper is miscast as a carefree hippie radical which gives the movie a nasty edge in places. Not bad but not good. (6 out of 10)

#### It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World

(1963 35 comics listed from Milton Berle to Jonathan Winters)

A long slap-stick comedy about a chase to find buried treasure. The kids liked it once the movie got going. (6 out of 10)

#### Ghosts

(1990 Julia Roberts, Patrick Swazey)

Romantic fluff but well done. (7 out of 10)

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#### Congratulations

It's the end of another school year and so we once again get to offer congratulations to Shannon Eves. She is NDSS's top Ontario Scholar this year with an

average of 95.5%. She (according to the Beaver) was also active in athletics, intramurals, clubs and Student's Council. Having absorbed her lessons so well she plans to attend Queen's University to take Concurrent Education.

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Congratulations to all our contributors who had all their submissions in by July 13th and with the help of a little rain meaning no haying, we were able to get the Beacon out on time this month. Wonders never cease!

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#### Awards

We who travel the Front Road salute the road crew and give the Award for being 'The Smoothingest Guys On Amherst Island'. They have recently removed the speed bumps at Hogeboom's and Eves'.

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The Slowest Solving of Rubik's Cube Award goes to Don who after more than 10 years even with a solution book finally completed the puzzle. Is it that hard? No it really only took 30 minutes to do it the first time but it takes a while to get around to these things. You have to order your priorities, you know.

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#### And Finally

I don't know where they came from but we were given a whole bunch of National Geographic magazines which are quite interesting. The December 1989 issue had a report on a geography quiz given to samples of people in 10 countries. The test required that each person find 16 places on a map. These places weren't that difficult to find as they were:

United States  
Canada  
Soviet Union  
France  
Central America  
Japan  
Persian Gulf  
Mexico  
South Africa  
Italy  
United Kingdom  
Sweden  
West Germany  
Egypt  
Pacific Ocean  
Vietnam

Overall the results were not good with the Swedes

being able to answer 11.6 of the 16 correctly. Then came West Germans (11.2), Japanese (9.7), French (9.3),

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Canadians (9.2), Americans (8.6), British (8.5), Italians (8.5), Mexicans (7.4), Russians (7.4). If you divide each nation into age groups, they found that the 18-24 year old scored better or the same in every case with the exception of the Americans where the younger group could only find 6.9 places.

	Sweden	US	Russia
United States,	83%	86%	66%
Soviet Union,	92	76	87
Central America	51	55	27
Japan,	64	64	58
Canada,	82	86	59
France,	79	48	41
Persian Gulf,	54	25	24
Mexico,	60	81	31
Italy,	90	68	62
Sweden,	93	25	37
United Kingdom,	91	47	52
South Africa,	77	49	42
West Germany,	78	29	39
Pacific Ocean,	58	77	59
Egypt,	58	28	28
Vietnam.	48	32	32

Now you have to take a look at this and think for a moment. Only 7 out of 8 Americans could find their own country on a map. Only 3 out of 4 could find their 'cold war' rival - the Soviets. How about only 1 in 3 could find Vietnam the country where they had fought a vicious war recently. Less than half could find Japan, France, United Kingdom, South Africa. Less than a third could find the Persian Gulf, Sweden, West Germany or Egypt. Maybe the most amazing identifying mistake was trying to find the Pacific Ocean - only 3/4's of the Americans and less than 2/3's of the Russians could find it.

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#### Beacon Notes

By this time next month, the kids will be back in school and life can begin to get back to normal, whatever that is! Our summer residents will be scattered by the winds to the four corners of the continent. We hope that they all had a good summer and that they will come back soon (on non-commuter ferry runs though).

Lots of interesting things going on over the last month. A ratepayers group was formed, the shortest Council meeting in recent memory was held, a search for a School Board candidate intensifies, a consultant is surveying ferry users, and the inevitable much, much more!

The Beacon has purchased a new, 24 pin printer which should give us sharper print than the previous one. It's certainly got more bells and whistles than the last one and was actually much cheaper! Isn't mass production, innovation and competition wonderful! I'm not going to tell you about trying to set it up - suffice it to say that it comes with a 185 page instruction manual which didn't tell me what I wanted to know!!

No! the rumours are wrong! We do not have two new asses living here on the farm - they're donkeys. That's in spite of the Random House dictionary saying the two names are synonymous, but more on this later.

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Council Report For August 6, 1991

- Chris Kennedy

Caroline Ackerman was away. Ida Gavlas, the Assistant to the Clerk-Treasurer (who is on holidays), kept the minutes and Council on track.

A severance was approved for the land on the north shore to the east of the Bews residence.

Council has written to the Ministry of

Transportation saying that it would be inappropriate to sign any new ferry agreement until the present survey is completed, and suggesting that the present agreement (Province pays 90%, Island pays 10%) be extended.

Council decided to buy a loader/backhoe from Hartington Farm Equipment. It has arrived, and the road crew is very pleased with it I hear, and it can be seen around the Island digging out stumps and cleaning ditches.

Dieter Eberhardt, the Land Surveyor, has established that the Township has a road allowance to the water between Lots 29 and 30, Concession 1. This is the dump road north of the Front Road.

Swimming instruction starts tomorrow (7th August) and the beach and dock are installed on the former Annie Clyde property. The Recreation Committee is planning a boat launching ramp just to the

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west of the Island ferry dock. Provincial grants should be available for much of the cost.

Three building permits were issued in July, to Lance Pope, to Alports at Fish Point, and to Ray Koenders.

Council has been asked to declare Purple Loosestrife a noxious weed. They decided to table this until the Clerk has found out more about what declaring a plant a noxious weed involves.

Council finished business at 9:12 p.m. the shortest regular meeting I have attended in the last nine years. I expect a bumper meeting next month.

After the start of the Ratepayers Association, I was expecting more company at the Council meeting, but I was the only non-Council attendee, apart from Dave Hieatt who was there about a severance. I hope very much that some of the people who are upset with some of Council's actions will listen to some of the debates and, if they feel they can do better, put their names forward for election this fall. To encourage this the Beacon plans to publish the election platforms of any candidate who cares to submit to the Beacon a polite and courteous statement of their views on the important issues before Council. If necessary, we will run extra pages to make sure that everyone gets their say but we would ask that statements be kept as short as possible.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

I seem to have missed several birth announcements during my extended maternity leave this spring, so I am trying to make up for it this month: Lorne and Myrtle



Veech (Terry David Michael Yeomans, April 11); Vaughan and Margaret McMullen (Nicholas Clifford, to Anne Marie); Keith and Shirley Miller (Jennifer Topping, July); Peter and Eleanor Trueman (Kathryn Frances Mastoras, May 3).

Best wishes to Margaret Blenkinsop, on an extended stay at Kingston General Hospital. Best wishes also to Jeff Forester, recovering from a bad strain of stomach virus; to Bonnie Marshall, who broke her wrist again, and to Dianne Marshall, who (rumour has it) has the worst case of poison ivy ever seen.

Welcome home to Ernest and Paulette Apps who spent nearly two months on vacation in France. Also to Brian Grace, on holiday from his job in Saudia Arabia.

Congratulations to Tracey Filson and Graeme McDonald, who officially announced their engagement on July 10. I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Graeme and Tracey from the staff at Glenn's Store. They will be moving to Vancouver next month, hopefully not forever. Best of luck!

Congratulations also to Kim deHaan and Duncan Ashely who will be married next month, in Kingston.

Garnet McDonald hosted the first McDonald family reunion at his home last month, with about 60 relatives attending.

Also, congratulations to Shirley Miller and her fellow artists for a successful art show.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The July meeting was held at the home of Jackie Sylvester on July 24th. Our guest was Lynann Clapham who presented a delightful slide program of her recent visit to Australia and New Zealand. Lynann's commentary was extremely interesting. To top her presentation Lynann treated the group to Pablova, a traditional dessert dish of Australia, which was greatly enjoyed.

The business meeting followed Lynann's presentation. We decided to support Arc Industries program of Summer Travel for their clients and also to take part in the Annual CNIB canvass. Further plans were made for our catering commitments on August 3rd and 10th. A decision was taken to purchase a warming tray to be used at the school, a good addition to the kitchen facilities.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday,

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September 18th at the home of Jean McIntyre with our guest, Elsie Graham who will give a program on Consumer Affairs. All interested women are very

welcome.

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Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

As with most people, we now have zucchini popping out daily. I have never seen anything that grows as quickly as a zucchini. It doesn't matter how often you eat them or how many ways you can think to use them up, there are always some that turn into baseball bat size. Around here, we tend to use them more in muffins and breads, and so our first recipe is for our favourite 'Z-muffins'.

In a medium size bowl, mix together:

2 1/4 cups all purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon cinnamon

2 1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup white sugar

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

In another bowl stir together:

1/2 cup oil

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 eggs beaten

1/4 cup sour milk

1-2 cups grated zucchini

Add wet ingredients to dry and mix to moisten. Place in greased pans and sprinkle with 1/4 cup brown sugar and 1/2 cup crushed walnuts. Bake at 350 degrees F for 15-20 minutes.

We eat a lot of salad at our house and I have a simple quick Oil & Vinegar Dressing we use on just about everything. Patrick Bateman asked me to put it in the Beacon so his Morn could make it.

10 Tbsp oil

3 Tbsp wine vinegar

1/2 teasp salt

1/2 teasp pepper

1 minced galic clove

Shake (I often use the blender to mix)

The Harrowsmith Cookbook Vol 1 has a quick and easy recipe for Raspberry Flan. I would imagine the raspberries could be replaced with blueberries or other fruit. To quote from the book:

This recipe is fast and easy to make and there is no pastry to roll. It makes a wonderful dessert in the winter with frozen berries.

1 cup flour

Salt

2 Tbsp sugar

1/2 cup butter

- 1 Tbsp vinegar
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp flour
- 3 cups raspberries

Combine 1 cup flour, salt and 2 Tbsp sugar. Add butter and vinegar and mix well with hands. Press gently into 9-inch pie plate.

Mix together gently 1 cup sugar, 2 Tbsp flour and 2 cups raspberries. Place in pie plate. Bake at 400 degrees F for 50-60 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining berries after removing from oven.

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#### Official Plan Meeting - Don Tubb

There were no Official Plan meetings this past month but in the coming month, there should be one or two Public Meetings to finalize the Plan so it can be sent off to the OMB. There is a deadline sometime towards the end of September by which the Plan has to be approved by Council or our grants will no longer cover the cost of doing it.

The Plan now runs to about 50 pages and trying to read it is not particularly interesting (a Jackie Collins' book it's not). There is also the first draft of the Zoning By-law on the table which is largely a re-arranged version of the present by-law which will need considerable work in the coming months.

The big picture is relatively easy to

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understand. It does, however, take several readings to make any real sense of what is trying to be accomplished with the Plan as it's very easy to get lost in the details and not see the forest for the trees.

The Official Plan is an attempt by Council to define land-use on the Island, that is, what things the landowner can do with his or her land. Because the land is already being used, the Plan has to recognize the realities of the present situation. For example, in Stella there are a lot of houses close together - so it wouldn't be a good idea to permit the location of quarries there.

The Official Plan is also an attempt to eliminate inconsistent decisions by the Council when it comes to severances. If there is no Official Plan, then one Council could make it easy while another could make it very difficult to get severances. Or worse yet, to make sure that a Council does not grant severances to it's friends and not to others. The Official Plan is a well thought out document (at least as well thought out as possible) trying to lay out a set of policies which will guide Council's actions. It cannot be changed easily and it cannot be ignored by Council. The Plan has to be

reviewed on a 5 year basis to make sure that it is still relevant and reflecting the existing situation.

There are other restrictions on how the Plan can deal with land use. Various Provincial ministries have a big say in what can be done with anyone's land, so the Plan has to recognize this. The shoreline is partially controlled by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Agriculture has a say in what can be done with farmland, just to mention two. The Plan has to be consistent with what these and many other ministries dictate.

In recognition of the reality of the Island situation, the Island was divided into 6 areas. Each recognizes the present land use, the controls from outside agencies and the perceived future needs of the Island. It's a delicate balancing act to fit all of this into one document - particularly trying to see into the future and trying to leave people as free as possible to use their land as they see fit. Three of the areas are designed to be developed and three to be largely protected from development.

The wetlands make up a large part of the Natural Environment Area which is protected from most every kind of development.

The Recreation Open Space Area is largely limited to the shoreline areas that the Tow

When it comes right down to it, the existing Official Plan should formalize what has been the case with respect to development on the Island. You might ask why we need a Plan. Well, besides the reasons stated previously, there are more grants available and the provincial government is pushing municipalities to get an Official Plan done. Economically, there are a number of reasons for doing an

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Official Plan. The present zoning by-law results in a tremendous number of re-zoning applications which cost money. The zoning by-law cannot be changed without an Official Plan. Also, there is a very good chance of recovering much more in future grants such as for recreation than the cost of the doing the Plan (which is going to be pretty inexpensive as these things go).

Watch for further Special Council meetings with the planner and Public Meetings coming to a Community Centre near you. Soon!

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#### Ratepayers Meeting

July 31, 1991

- Leslie Gavlas

The meeting was chaired by Bruce Caughey Jr. due to the unavoidable absence of Ralph Woods, the organizer. There were about 25 people present, only 5 of whom were Islanders, born and raised.

The group was divided into 4 smaller discussion groups under the leadership of Bonnie Caughey, Beryl Stoker, Alan Glenn and Ken Albertan. The purpose of the discussion was twofold:

- 1- To explain the reasons for living on Amherst Island, and
- 2- To outline concerns regarding the community.

After about 30 minutes the discussion groups reunited and enjoyed coffee & cake courtesy of Beth Forester & Susan Caughey. The groups then presented a summary of the discussion.

#### I- Reasons for living on Amherst Island.

All groups stated much the same ideas - friendly neighbours, community spirit, safety, particularly for children, tranquillity, space, diversity of residents, and freedom of lifestyle. In short an excellent quality of life.

#### II- Concerns -

These can be summarized under several headings:

- i) Tax Increases - These ranged from fiscal irresponsibility to excessive administration costs. Some felt we had too few services for our taxes and also that there were too many highly paid employees.

Taxes due to school - (see school below)

Taxes due to ferry - (see ferry below)

Some questioned the need for "high ticket" items such as the "official plan". There was concern about indirect taxation, such as lot levies, and the degree of openness of the Council. Some groups felt there was arbitrary enforcement of regulations and stated there was a necessity for By-Law review.

- ii) Schools - The group realized the school taxes were imposed by the School Board and stated there was a great need for more Island representation on the Board. All felt our school was a very good one.

- iii) Ferry - A question was raised as to the possibility and desirability of having the ferry run by MTO. Some felt too much administration time was spent dealing with the ferry. The possibility of moving the dock to Fish Point and running more frequently was raised. It was suggested pressure should be put on our M.P.P.. Bruce Caughey, as the only farmer present, felt that farmers were at a disadvantage. The question of better parking was raised.

- iv) Roads - Some disagreement was apparent regarding the state of the roads. It was suggested that a long-term plan was needed for paving concerns.

- v) Dump - There was general agreement that the present situation was good though the hours were too restrictive and there was no evening dumping. Queries regarding a new dump site was raised and the possibility of burning.

- vi) Fire Department - There was a query raised as to its direction and ability to handle a major fire.

- vii) Access to water - The desire for a public beach was stated and the necessity of maintaining road access to the waterfront.

- viii) Helipad - Our M.P.P. should be contacted to push for this.

A short question period followed. A suggestion was put forward that any efforts made by ratepayers should be co-ordinated with other groups similarly involved.

A vote held with those present favoured the formation of a ratepayers group. The following directors were elected:

Chairman... Ralph Woods

Vice-Chairman... Bruce Caughey Jr

Secretary-Treasurer... Alan Glenn

Director at Large... Bill Stoker

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A tentative membership of \$2.00 per voter was suggested but the final decision was left to the directors. (Staff: see the Notice section for the date of the next meeting)

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Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

Thanks to Duncan and Coralie Marshall, fresh food is moving steadily from Island gardens to the Kingston Food Bank. The Marshall's normally travel on the 10 a.m. boat Thursday mornings, (but call them to check if you plan to deliver produce). At other times of the week call Sally Bowen at 389-3802 for pickup or delivery arrangements or if you are leaving a garden unpicked during holidays. If you haven't yet cleaned your freezer of last year's frozen vegetables, don't throw them out. The soup kitchens can use them.

Thanks for food to: Les Gavlas, Jean & Earle Tugwell, Joan & Doug Martin, Elaine & Lloyd Wolfreys, Judy Roberts & Alan Kidd, Barb McDonald & Diane Pearce, the Coralie & Duncan Marshall and Headlands. My apologies to anyone I've missed.

Please contribute if you have extra.

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#### Recreation Committee

- Jim Whitton

The good news: we have a beach - a beach with a wooden ramp (thanks to Rick Bedford) going out to a floating dock at the front of the former Annie Clyde property - just west of the ferry dock. Our Public Works crew is to be congratulated on making a fine job of clearing the beach area, landscaping and bringing in and grading the sand brought in from Collins Bay. We would like to keep the dock free during the hours of 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for swimming lessons until August 27th. The lessons are going very well, the kids (and even the parents) love this new beach and we have an excellent instructress - Kim Chatteman. So please feel free to use this new beach - one from which I promise you will Not be evicted.

The bad news: someone ripped off the new basketball hoop, net and backboard we had installed outside the school for the kid's enjoyment.

Other good news: we have managed to squeeze a grant of \$4,018 from the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation so we should be able, finally, to put the ice-rink/tennis court in good shape, with money left over from other projects.

(Staff: the theft of the basketball equipment from the school is not the only crime on the Island this past month. We have heard that a portable Honda generator (in good condition) was also stolen from the west end of the Island. This has been reported to the police which everyone who is victimized is encouraged to do. We cannot get additional protection from the police unless the robberies, etc are reported.)

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#### Environmental Concerns

On Monday July 15th, the Girl Guides and Brownies went to the dump and bundled newspapers for recycling. Many thanks to those bundling their papers as earlier requested. The only way they can be

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accepted by the recycler is as follows:

- laid flat in half-sheet fold (as you get it)
- no glossy fliers or other paper than newsprint
- nothing with staples or glue
- tied with string only in both directions
- not in plastic bags.

As you can imagine, the inclusion of used kleenex, cigarette butts & ashes, candy & chips wrappers etc. can make the difference between a hot, sweaty job and a hot, sweaty, disgusting job! We'll appreciate your help with this.

Good work: Angela Fleming, Crystal Bedford, Shawna Phillips, Helen Bell-Smith, Jessica Gavlas and Wendy Fleming.

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(Further to the above, we have received from the Township the following note from Strathcona Papers.)  
Paper Recycling At Strathcona

Help us to make quality boxboard from 100% Recycled Paper Fibre by including only recyclable paper in paper sent to our mill.

Yes - You May Include

- newspapers
- advertising flyers
- magazines and catalogues with stapled backs
- paper grocery bags
- collapsed corrugated boxes
- telephone books
- soap and cereal boxes with top and bottom glued flaps removed.

No - Do Not Include

- magazines and catalogues with bound backs
- hard cover books
- pocket books
- plastic bags
- paper or cartons with wax, plastic, foil or tar
- gift wrapping
- milk, ice cream or pizza packaging, or any other packaging containing food residue.

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Amherst Island Education Association  
Urgently Needed

A candidate to run for the position of member of the Lennox & Addington School Board to represent Amherst Island. The Municipal Elections are in

November. The candidate must be a property owner in Lennox & Addington County.

A Board member with our interests at heart could negate re-living our past experiences in dealing with the Board.

Our negotiations with the Board to keep the Grade 7 & 8 students on the Island as well as increase teacher staffing will begin early this fall for the 1992/93 school year.

Anyone who is interested in running or knows someone who is interested is asked to please contact one of the members of the Amherst Island Education Association as soon as possible.

Also, if anyone has contacts on the Board, please advise the Association.

#### Association Members

Ken Albertain... 389-2662

Marjorie Baker... 389-2404

Gary McDonald... 384-1456

Susan Sedore... 384-7866

Jim Whitton... 384-5027

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#### Letters To The Beacon

For Islanders Of McGinness Descent And For Any With An Interest In Local And Loyalist History: Give Ear....

The Ceremony Of The Stone to honour the contribution and sacrifices of Sarah Kast McGinness will take place on Sunday, 8 September 1991 at St. John's Church in Bath, on the 200th anniversary of her death.

At 2 p.m., Rev. Ken Blaber will conduct the memorial service to be followed by the formal unveiling of the monument in the church yard. A reception and tea in the church hall completes the day.

Family historians will be interested in

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the family trees and the McGinness family bible (circa 1773) on display.

Guests from Texas, Washington, New York, Quebec and Ontario will arrive to celebrate this first-ever gathering of Sarah's descendants and to pay homage to one of Canada's unknown heroines.

Mr. Rosario Machese, Ontario Minister of Culture and Communications will attend, along with Mr. Arnold Nethercott, President of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

Best regards,

Barbara Hopper

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With regard to Mr. Duncan's recent article in the Beacon, I would like to add my support to his position.

As a new comer who expects to be a permanent resident I believe that the water and shores surrounding this beautiful island must be available for all to enjoy and the right of access must be protected by law.

B. Don Gregg

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I would like to add my voice to Mr Duncan's as an islander of long standing.

Before the island began to open up, people who visited here saw the peace and tranquillity and uniqueness of this place. We lived together as a very close community, with neighbours respecting one another. Everyone was welcome to swim where ever and whenever they chose.

The beaches were public and should have stayed that way! to be there for everyone to enjoy, with respect to the adjoining property.

I feel no one owns the water or the beaches!

We realise that a few do abuse the shore line with littering etc. but they are rarely people who live here, as most of us know what we have here, and respect this. So my hope is that we as Islanders - new and old may live together in closeness and harmony, respecting one another, and it will still be a unique and special place to live.

Chris Gregg (Glenn)

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#### Thank You Notes

A Thank You to all my friends and neighbours for the phone calls, cards, visits and expressions of sympathy at the time of Doug's death. It was all very much appreciated.

Anna Hitchins

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Ted and Heather Welbanks would like to thank all their friends, neighbors and relatives for coming and making their 25th Anniversary such a magnificent success. A special round of applause for the women of the A.I. Institute for catering a tremendous dinner. To the members of both families who worked so hard to organize and set up these functions, Ted and I are extremely lucky and grateful.

The food was delicious! The music was good, before and after the dance! And the decorations were lovely.

Also we would like to thank everyone who sent cards & gave some very special gifts.

Thank you everyone.

Ted & Heather Welbanks

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Special thanks to Garnet and helpers who made the McDonald Reunion a reality! The comradery of the afternoon will be treasured by one and all as being a special time in our lives.

Also, thanks Henry, Anna, and family for your warmth and hospitality to your Western relations.

Love

Jean, Mary, Amy & Dab

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Meynard Laltin

More movies this month - some oldies & some newies!!

Pacific Heights

(1990 Melanie Griffith Michael Keaton)

This should be compulsory viewing for anyone thinking of buying an income property. A pretty decent thriller. (8 out of 10)

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Navy Seals

(1990 Martin Sheen)

Pretty poor attempt at an action movie with the characters being non-existent and the action so-so. I didn't see the end.

(3 out of 10)

The Lady Vanishes

(1937 Margaret Lockwood, Michael Redgrave)

An woman vanishes on a train and no-one except Lockwood ever saw her. Pretty dated but it would make a decent second film on the Late, Late, Late Night Show if you're too tired to get up off the couch to turn the tv off. (4 out of 10)

The Thirty-Nine Steps

(1935 Robert Donat, Madeleine Carroll)

Classic spy mystery so dated to be of little interest today except for those studying Hitchcock

The 2+2=5 Award this month goes to the Ontario Ministry of Revenue. In their 1990 Annual Assessment Report on Amherst Island, they divide electors into resident voters and non-resident voters, seemingly two mutually exclusive and all inclusive categories. They listed 262 residents and 214 non-residents but yet come up with a total of 500 voters. This gives you real confidence in their ability to do your taxes, doesn't it.  
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#### And Finally

Topsy Farms has bought two donkeys as our latest attempt at predator control. We have been hit hard by the coyotes - some 56 lambs at last count. We've tried the Ministry of Natural Resources trapper, bringing them back to the barn every night, corralling them, sleeping in a trailer beside the corralled sheep, etc but nothing provided round-the-clock protection needed. We are hoping that the donkeys will do the trick as we're not in the business of feeding the wild life and we cannot rely on Dave to shoot them all.

Our donkeys were born and raised in Texas and they ran with sheep while growing up. They have been trained to kick (in any direction!), bite, stomp and otherwise trash anything that doesn't look like a sheep! Ah! too bad it isn't true But they are a more aggressive presence in the field which may keep the killing to a minimum.

We don't know what they think of people wandering through our pastures but we strongly urge caution. They Are Not Pets! They Are Working Animals! They Are Not to Be Approached!! Treat them with the respect you would show any large farm animal.

Their names are Maggie and Golda after two very tough, stubborn women with the 'will to power'. We are hoping that they will live up to their namesakes and keep the coyotes at bay.

[Update: 4 lambs killed in a field between our farm house and barn on Lot 1, Con 1. 3 ewes killed on Lot 25, Con 1. The latest theory is that the donkeys may not be able to deter coyotes that have established killing rights in an areas. Perhaps next season the donkeys will prevent the killing from starting. It would be helpful if the present coyote population was run off in the winter.]  
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#### Road Watch

Work continues on the Bath Road without too much delay to traffic. It looks like it's going to take until the fall to finish it up.

The other interesting bit of road work is the approaches to a new bridge which are being constructed

on the Bath Road. It looks like Bayridge Dr is going to be extended down and over the railroad tracks and the Bath Road. I think that it's eventually intended to hook up with the Front Road also which would give easier access to downtown. They'll must also be planning to fill in the bit of Bayridge Drive between Hudson and Lincoln which would make Bayridge a major north/south route.

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#### A Story

We close this issue of the Beacon with a short story from Bonnie Marshall. It's not often that we get a submission like this but for some reason this one had a quality we found irresistible.

##### The Beacon

by Bonnie Marshall

There once was a mouse named Tanya Glennes. She was bored. So she went to a store called Glenn's Store and she had 60 cents left in her purse. So she looked for something to read. She saw a Beacon. She bought the Beacon and she had 30 cents more. And next month she bought another Beacon and the next month she bought another and next month etc. etc.

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#### Sports Update

Darrell's Dynamos meet Warren's Warthogs in the World Series of Amherst Island Slow Pitch Baseball. It's rumored that each member of the winning team will receive an all-expense trip to see the Blue Jays on Sept 31 when they play the Chicago Bears.

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#### Notices And Announcements

##### Public Input Session

The IBI Group will be sponsoring a Public Input Session at the Amherst Island Community Centre on August 27, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
(Staff: there's an article in the Thursday's Whig on page 20 about the study.)

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##### Morrison Scott

##### 90th Birthday Celebration

There will be an Open House at the Morven United Church, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 8th when Morrison Scott will celebrate his 90th birthday. Friends, neighbours and relatives warmly welcome. Best wishes only, please.

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#### Ratepayers Association

The Amherst Island Ratepayers Association is having its next meeting in the school auditorium on Friday, September 13th at 8 p.m. Mr Gary Wilson our M.P.P. representing us in the Ontario legislature will be attending this meeting. Please have your written questions prepared. They will be collected and presented for answers during a discussion period. All landowners and taxpayers are invited to attend.

Ralph Woods Chairman

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Back To School Bawl  
Sponsored by the Isle Committee  
Saturday, September 14th  
Turkey Dinner at 7 p.m.  
Dancing from 8:30 to 12:30  
Band Bakersfield  
Tickets \$20 per couple  
Available from Isle members

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#### Landfill Site - Restricted Hours

Effective May 1, 1991, the landfill site will be closed and locked at all times except the following hours:

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sundays 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

An attendant will be on duty at all times.

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#### Township of Amherst Island Composters

The second shipment of Home Composters Units has arrived and are on sale at the Township Office.

The prices are as follows:

Barclay Soil Saver... \$60.00

Minus Mm Of Environment grant... 39.60

You Pay Only... 20.40

Ecoguardian... \$90.00

Minus Mm of Environment grant... 59.40

You Pay Only... 30.60

Payment by cheque preferred

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#### Umbrella's In Church!!!

Attention All Anglicans

It is urgent that we raise \$9,000 for extensive repairs and renovations to the roof and steeple of St. Alban's.

All donations, large or small gratefully accepted. Please address all donations to our treasurer, Jean Tugwell who will issue a registered receipt.

Thank You from The Wardens  
Elsie Willard & Tena Tugwell

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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Beacon Notes

The children were gone back to school as quickly as the weather changed. The bicycles are neatly parked in the rack, the balls and gloves lie scattered and unused over the lawn, the forts are abandoned, and silence, blessed silence descends!

Ah! Isn't that wonderful?

Wasn't that a glorious end to the summer? From the July-like heat and humidity to the cool nights and warm days of September. Fall also brings Gzowski back to the CBC which makes morning radio worth turning on again - there really is no-one like him anywhere else on the dial.

But enough of this drivel - on with the show!! Oh! before I sign off - just a reminder that by this time next month the candidates for the Municipal election will be finalized and hopefully, we'll be able to carry a statement from each.

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Missing

One pair of Nike Air Bo Jackson athletic shoes - black and grey with number 34 on the heel (men's size 9). These shoes were taken during a break-in at the school on September 7th or 8th. The shoes, belonging to Kevin McCormick, retail at \$150. Kevin had taken a course in the spring to get his umpire's papers and spent his summer evenings (when he was not playing ball himself) umpiring minor softball in Amherstview. These shoes cost his entire summer earnings. If anyone knows where the shoes are, even if they could be dropped off anonymously, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Council Report For August 6, 1991

- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present, and there was one person in the audience besides yours truly. The new fax machine is installed in the Council Chamber.

The Federal Government is planning to reinforce the Millhaven and Stella docks. Council will request that they hold off until the present ferry survey is completed, so that any changes planned in the future can be included in the work. Council is still working on improved parking on the Millhaven dock when the road works are completed.

The road in Stella is to be paved on September 19th and 20th, so there will be asphalt trucks with priority on the ferry on those days. The position of part-time deck hand is to be posted, as Rick Welbanks is leaving the Island.

Council is trying to find out if they have the

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authority to prohibit overnight camping on Township property. The Township is planning to put up the grid numbers for the emergency services soon.

Council will call for tenders for the wheel chair ramp for the Township office. The local Island contractors will be approached. Some grant money is available for this project, which is required by the provincial government and must be completed before the next municipal election (November 17th). Phil Silver is the new fire chief. In a recent fire at Matthews the new paging system appeared to work well, and response time was very good! Fortunately the fire was minor; the mosquitoes certainly had a feast, rumor has it they might have started the fire.

The Province has provided the Township with a grant to purchase an emergency generator. The recreation committee reports that the new beach at the Annie Clyde property and the floating dock worked well, and that the swimming lessons were well attended.

The survey has been completed of the Stella 40' at the south end where it goes down to the water. The owner of any equipment etc. stored on it will be asked to move said equipment.

Two building permits were issued in August, to Ray Koenders and to Jim Vanalstyne who owns the former Bob and Dreta Gibson lot in Emerald. Doug Shurtliffe is still waiting for a building permit - the Ontario Municipal Board has yet to make its decision. After a short in camera session Council adjourned.

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Comment From The Reeve  
What Did The Recent OMB Hearing Cost The  
Township?

The Clerk has told Council that it cost about \$2000 to defend the amendment to the Zoning By-law before the Ontario Municipal Board last July. Included in this cost are: Robert MacKenzie for preparation and giving evidence; mailout to all ratepayers; Clerk's time; Assistant Clerk's time; misc office expense. Not included is the time spent by members of Council.

Those who attended the hearing can judge for themselves if the process was farcical or not.

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## Coming Council Events

At the next regular Council meeting (October 1), the 5% By-Law which was tabled in the distant past will reappear. A Special Council meeting will be held on September 19th to continue considering the Draft Official Plan. Open to the public.

While no official date has been set, there will be a Public Meeting to consider the Draft Official Plan somewhere around October 22nd.

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## The Neighbourhood

- Annette

There is so much news happening in and around the Island this month I hardly know where to begin. In fact, Don has insisted I call an end to the news hunt and write this column on the 13th in case the paper goes over the allowed postage weight.

Everyone will forgive me if I start with the subject nearest and dearest to me, that being the recent population increase in the subject of the study.

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(actually a dog house) for the family of cats who have adopted the Burkes.

In other amazing animal facts, Tony Tugwell landed a muskie just off Amherst Island a couple of weeks ago, weighing in at between 13 and 14 pounds. (Bill has kindly pointed out that a fish is not an animal and we can all thank him for that. Thank you Bill.)

One final bit of Island trivia. According to Ontario Hydro, the Island has 98 summer residences or cottages. Compare this with 102 permanent households on the rural route, and 56 general delivery households. [Ed: As an afterthought, Annette requested us to ask any of the candidates for either Council or the School Board to let her know when they have decided to declare their candidacy.]

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#### Public Notice Ferry Disruption Paving In Village Sept 19 & 20

Frontenac Paving will begin the village paving job on Thursday September 19th, 1991. It is expected that the job will take two days to complete.

While the paving takes place, the ferry will operate on a continuous basis between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to accommodate the trucks and move the hot mix as quickly as possible. During this time, priority will be given to three trucks on the ferry. Before 9:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m., the trucks will be loaded along with other vehicles according to their place in line.

Your patience and co-operation are appreciated.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute - Leslie Gavlus

The regular meeting of the Amherst Island Women's Institute will be held on Wednesday, September 18th which is why we do not have their report in this Beacon.

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#### Election Central Clackity-Clackity-Clackity-Clack Municipal Election Calendar Oct 8-11 Nomination Period.

Nomination papers must be filed with the clerk before 5 p.m. on Oct 11th.

Nov 2 Advance Poll.

Opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Proxy Certificates issued through the Clerk's office between 12 noon and 5 p.m.

Nov 6 Advance Poll.

Opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Nov 12 Polling Day.

Polls open at 10 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Last day for obtaining a Proxy Certificate.

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#### Statement From The Reeve Ian Murray

I am seeking nomination for a position on the next Council. There are several people with Council experience who are capable of handling the job of Reeve. I hope that one or more of these people will seek this position. If so, I will try for a seat on Council. If they do not come forward, then I will accept a nomination for Reeve and actively seek to win election.

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#### Social Notice

- Bob Horth

On Sunday, September 1st, under perfect skies a family reunion was held at the home of Bob & Carmelle Horth. This was hosted by Bob, sister Patsy and brothers Bill & Jim for the Labay family (their mother's side of the family). There were about 100 guests who came to the Island for lunch, supper and a good long overdue visit.

The night before a supper, dance and interesting entertainment was hosted by Bob's mother, Marg Horth (nee Labay). Some of the more than 150 relatives and their families came from points in Ontario and the USA, such as California, Tennessee, North Carolina, Maryland, Ohio, Connecticut, New York, Sudbury, North Bay, Brantford, Toronto, Ottawa, Westport, Orillia (the original homestead) and many other towns and cities. The family members ranged in age from 1 1/2 years old to 83 years young.

On Monday Patsy and Jerry deHaan had the immediate family to their home for a lovely meal, swimming and another good old fashioned visit.

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#### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Diane Pearce asked for this recipe to be put in the Beacon - it's from the Pig Feast and supplied by Judy Roberts.

#### Martha's Green Spread

1 cup cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup butter

1/2 cup fresh parsley

1-2 cloves garlic

Combine ingredients in blender and use as a spread for crackers, etc.

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On Saturday, Sept 7, Chris's mum and dad arrived for a visit. On Tuesday, Sept the 10th their bi-weekly letter arrived with recipes from Janet. Unfortunately, I haven't had a chance to try them, however, if I play my cards right, I'm hoping Janet (Chris' mum) will let me have a taste from the expert.

#### Chinese Braised Pork

- 2 lbs cubed pork
- 2-4 tblsp lard
- 6 tblsp soy sauce
- 3 tblsp sake or dry sherry
- 6 tblsp water
- 1 teasp finely chopped ginger
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 large pinch sugar
- Black pepper

Heat lard in deep frying pan. Add pork and saute stirring constantly, until golden brown. Combine soy sauce, sake, water, ginger, garlic, sugar and pepper and pour over pork. Bring to boil. Cover and simmer 1 hr. Good with spinach cooked in a little oil.

#### Courgette Soup (Zucchini)

- 2 or 3 large courgettes
- 1 large onion
- 1 clove garlic (chopped)
- 1 tin tomatoes (19 oz)
- 1 1/2 pts chicken stock or cube

Boil all together gently until tender. Liquidise. Scatter with chives or parsley. Serve hot or cold. Can use cucumbers.

#### Macaroons

- 1 egg white
- Few drops Almond essence
- 2 1/2 - 3 oz granulated sugar
- 2 1/2 - 3 oz ground almonds
- blanched almonds
- rice paper

Whisk egg white till stiff. Add essence. Add sugar and ground almonds - mix very well.

Roll into rounds. Put on rice paper on baking sheet. Flatten slightly. Add 1/2 almond on top. Centre in oven and cook at 350 degrees for 20-25 mins.

#### Nasi Goreng

- 1/2 lb patna rice
- 1/2 lb onions
- 2 oz butter
- 12 oz shoulder pork cubed
- 12 oz mixed cooked veg (fresh or frozen)
- seasoning
- 1 level teasp curry powder

2 tblsp soy sauce

Cook rice in boiling salted water about 12 minutes. Put in sieve and rinse in cold running water to removed surplus starch. Then drain.

Cut onions into rings. Fry these in 2 oz butter with the pork. Cook about 20 minutes on medium heat to brown slowly in a large pan.

Add rest of butter, rice, veg. seasoning and soy sauce. Blend well over heat. Turn into dish and garnish with tomatoes or strips of omelette if liked.

Best with a green salad.

[Staff: We have finally found a use for Zucchini besides what has been mentioned above. The ducks have invaded the garden and it quickly became apparent that they were after the Zucchini. They reduced it from a major ground cover to a few stalks while leaving the rest of the garden untouched!]

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#### Official Plan Meeting

August 29, 1991

- Don Tubb

All members of Council were present for this Special Council meeting to continue the process of designing an Official Plan for the Island. Diane Pearce and this reporter were present in our official capacities. There were no members of the general public present.

Mr MacKenzie presented an updated version of the draft O.P. which incorporated the changes from the previous meeting plus changes he thought necessary after receiving comments from various ministries and organizations. He has finally hit upon a good way to present the changes by crossing out the parts to be deleted and under-lining the new parts to be included. As is the usual case with these meetings, we started with a recap of what had transpired as far as Mr MacKenzie was concerned since the previous meeting.

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After that we embarked on the usual voyage through the document starting with page 1, paragraph 1. Council is past the point of arguing philosophical points and now concentrates on making the document say what it should say as clearly as possible so the discussion was somewhat dry.

The Municipal Affairs people sent a very long and detailed letter commenting on the draft O.P. and Mr MacKenzie subsequently met with them for several hours. This resulted in a number of changes which, while important, were limited to the way they would like to see the O.P. worded rather than any severe faults they found with it. The Township has received most of the comments it's going to get from the outside groups.

These comments have not attacked the general thrust of the O.P., so it is presumed that it will meet with their approval when the O.P. is officially sent to the various Ministries.

There will be at least one more Special Council meeting to continue these deliberations on September 19th at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. If all goes well at that meeting, a full Public Meeting will be set up to happen about a month later. Of course the public is welcome to the meeting on the 19th of this month.

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#### Ratepayers Meeting

September 13, 1991

- Don Tubb

The Amherst Island Ratepayers Association held their second meeting last night and our MPP for Kingston and the Islands, Gary Wilson, was the guest speaker. Only about 20 people showed up braving the potential catastrophes of a Friday the 13th evening.

In a short opening statement Ralph Woods introduced Gary Wilson to the assembled mini-throng. Mr Wilson had no prepared speech but rather gave a brief history of his involvement with politics, the NDP, being in the government and his past associations with the Island (including giving Diane Pearce's muffins which he had sampled while at a meeting here last winter a rave review). He then ran through some of the government's policies that they are trying to implement during this period of economic downturn: rent review legislation, the common pause day, the constitutional crisis, transfer payment problems, the budget problems in light of the previous government's (Liberal) spending, etc.

After this the floor was opened up to questions with the questions, comments and concerns ranging from changing lake levels and how that affects shore wells to the NDP's position on small municipalities (verses forcing amalgamation into larger ones) and how Ontario Hydro is going to generate more power. He was unable to specifically answer any of these and was not pressed further by the audience. Two specific questions were raised about a free ferry and about declaring part of the Island road system a highway. Mr Wilson once again gave non-committal answers but said he would look into the situation to see why it is as it is and if there was sufficient reason to lobby for changes.

Was the meeting worth while? Yes, in the sense that Mr Wilson now has a better understanding of some concerns held by Islanders. He was asked if he would come back, he agreed, so we may see him in the future.

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#### Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

Sally had to go to Toronto to see her folks before she could write this article. Her father fell and broke his hip. At last word he was still waiting for an operation.

If she had been here she would have thanked all those who have transported and grown food this past month. We are unable to name them as she carries this in her head, so suffice it to say that their efforts are appreciated.

Food Banks are becoming a continuing feature of city life and so need our continuing support. A variety of foodstuffs is welcome, particularly fresh produce which is always in short supply.

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#### Amherst Island Education Association

##### Urgently Needed

A candidate to run for the position of member of the Lennox & Addington School Board to represent Amherst Island. The Municipal Elections are in November. The candidate must be a property owner in Lennox & Addington County.

A Board member with our interests at heart could negate re-living our past experiences in dealing with the Board.

Our negotiations with the Board to keep the Grade 7 & 8 students on the Island as well as increase teacher staffing will begin early this fall for the 1992/93 school year.

Anyone who is interested in running or knows someone who is interested is asked to please contact one of the members of the Amherst Island Education Association as soon as possible.

Also, if anyone has contacts on the Board, please advise the Association.

##### Association Members

Ken Albertan 389-26 2

Marjorie Baker 389-2404

Gary McDonald 384-1456

Susan Sedore 384-7866

Jim Whitton 384-5027

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#### Letter To The Beacon

In a recent Farm Safety Association pamphlet there was a description of a farm accident involving a tractor and rotary mower. The father was giving his son a ride on the tractor while he was using a rotary mower behind the tractor. The child slipped, went under the tractor and mower, and was killed instantly. One can imagine the father's feelings, after he thought he was giving his son a treat. The reason I repeat this story is that twice

recently I have seen, on the Island, fathers using a rotary mower on a tractor with their son on their knee. This may seem safe until the tractor hits a pothole or a rock or any other of a thousand possible minor accidents, and the child slips. I am sure these fathers would not let their children travel without a seatbelt in a car or handle a loaded gun, so why take this risk? Farm machinery, particularly rotary mowers, are dangerous, and no place for children.

Chris Kennedy

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#### Thank You Notes

While enduring my bout of poison ivy, I wish to thank all those who shared their sympathy, understanding, home remedies and horror stories. I also wish to let everyone know that I did not share my poison ivy with Chris.

Dianne Marshall

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On behalf of the "Friday Afternoon Artists" and myself, I would like to thank everyone who helped make our show such a success:

- Helen and Lyle Jones, and Sally Bowen who brought several floral arrangements which brightened many corners.
- The ladies of the P.C.W. who baked and worked at the tea and sale. The refreshments added greatly to the festivities.
- Adam for faithfully meeting every boat for two days in case someone would need a ride even though he only had two fares and one of them was a gentleman who needed a lift to the south shore.
- Keith for lugging, fixing, finding and giving a hand where ever needed.
- and especially everyone who came. Your enthusiasm has encouraged us to try to have a 'mini' gallery in my home so that our work can be seen anytime I am at home.

Thanks again

Shirley Miller

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Jack and Janet Bews would like to again thank the ladies of the A.I. Women's Institute for the delicious dinner served at the time of the Filson family reunion. Their efforts contributed greatly to the success of the day.

Jack and Janet Bews

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#### Notices And Announcements

##### Turkey Supper

The Anglican Church Women are hosting their Annual Turkey Supper and Sale on Sat, Oct. 19th at A.I.P.S, at 5:00 p.m.

Prices:

Adults... \$10

children 4-12... \$5

Preschoolers... free

We hope to see you there!

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We Glenns think that it is time to update "The Glenn Family of Amherst Island" compiled by Eva H. Glenn, B.A. in March 1968. If you are descended from the Glenn's of A.I. and would like to be included in this updated version, please contact one of the following people:

Maribeth (Glenn) Hall... 389-6553

Juanita Glenn... 389-1858

Nessie (Glenn) Welbanks... 389-2145

Beth (Caughey) Forester... 389-5582

submitted by Margaret Mooney

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Jack & Jill For Kim Filson & David Redden

To be held in the Couples Lounge at The Ambassador Saturday, September 28th. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Call Annette at 389-0512 or Don at 389-2459

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The Ameriks Scholarship Fund In Memory Of Reeve Frank Fleming

Student who will be attending university or college during the school year of 1991-92 and have been full time residents of Amherst Island for the past five years are invited to make application to this trust.

help.

Thanks

Caroline Yull

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#### Aerobics

The aerobic group is now participating in a “no-jump” routine, our instructors will direct you through plenty of stretching and toning moves with a high-impact alternative if you wish. There is no need to jump.

So join us Monday and Thursday 8 p.m. at the school.

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#### Lennox & Addington Family And Children's Services Open House - Amherstview Office

An Open House is scheduled for the Amherstview Office on Thursday, October 17 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Advertising for the Open House will highlight Child Abuse Prevention Month, Foster Care Week, and the agency services.

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#### Township of Amherst Island Emergency Grid Numbers

The Public Works Crew will be installing Emergency Grid Numbers from late September to mid October. The numbers for each residence or property will be placed in one of the following locations:

1. On mail boxes, where they exist;
2. On driveway entrance posts, if there is no mail box;
3. On houses without a mail box or driveway posts and located with 100 feet of the road.

By request, numbers will be supplied to homeowners who wish to install their own.

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#### Attention All Anglicans

No, we don't need “Umbrella's in Church” anymore. To those of you who haven't noticed, our repairs and renovations to the roof and steeple were completed to our utmost satisfaction at the beginning of the summer. The completed cost of the renovations amounted to \$7,456. Through many generous donations from both Anglicans and non-Anglicans, residents and non-residents we have received to date \$3,148. We are truly grateful, and thank each and everyone of you for your generosity. To pay off our expenses and re-instate our building account we still need to raise approx. \$3,000.

To those who have not yet made a contribution, large or small, it would be gratefully accepted. Please

address all donations to our treasurer, Jean Tugwell, who will issue a registered receipt.

Thank you from the Wardens.

Elsie Willard & Tena Tugwell

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548

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#### Meynard Laltin

The VCR's been running overtime this past month but I only have time for a quicky review of a couple good movies - one of which is in stock at Glenn's Store. Zulu

(1964 Michael Caine, Stanley Baker)

A good story about a few British soldiers trapped by thousands of Zulus. No preaching the superiority of the British, no noble savage - just a fight!! Good acting, good action and good filming in the block-buster style. (8 out of 10)

#### The Three Musketeers

(1974 Michael York, Raquel Welch, etc)

With the screenplay written by George Fraser MacDonald (the Flashman series) it was a decent story, acted with panache and filmed like the swashbuckling tale it is. Great fun. (7 out of 10)

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#### Awards

To Eric Lindross goes the Rookie of the Year Award even though he may not play in the NHL this year. We expected him to be another Lemieux with his great size and mobility but never in our wildest dreams did we think that we could get a Gordie Howe. Just that touch of physical presence as he crashes players into and through the boards gives him an added dimension. Maybe he can develop Gordie's wrist shot and back hand!

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#### Congratulations

Speaking of sports, we offer our congratulations to Chad Miller (and team) on winning the OASA All Ontario Championships in Napanee.

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#### And Finally

Many of you are probably not aware that the Frame House at Topsy Farms has a renovated bathroom. Well, we have. It's odd the changes it brings. We had the

bathtub raised up level again. Now I wouldn't say that it was really tilted but no longer do the boys use it as a water slide; no longer do we wear track spikes when we take a shower; and, best of all, we can now get water to both ends of the tub before it overflows. When the boys were small, they would bath together and would always be down at the drain hole end which we thought was just because they liked to be together - we now know that they couldn't make it back up the slope to the other end.

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I have a pin-up over my desk which makes my heart pound with lust - it's a pull-out size picture of a '5320 CopyPrinter', a state-of-the-art gestetner machine. It's so amazing!

Somewhere, everyone must have run across

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an old gestetner which rattles and bangs and spews paper and ink all over the room and the operator. This new machine is more like a copier in ease of operation.

First the original is placed on top of the machine where it is automatically drawn in like a fax machine. The stencil is cut automatically and then wraps itself around the drum without being touched by human hands. The ink is in a little box which once in place never has to be touched. Colour? you ask - well it takes about 10 seconds to change to another colour and it's so simple that a 4 year old could do it. And the quality is as good as a decent copier! The number of copies is selected like a copier and then it churns out paper at a rate of 2 copies per second (that's about 30 minutes to do a full Beacon). Compare this to a copier which turns out about 10 pages a minute which would mean that a full Beacon would take more than 6 hours to copy.

All of this does come with a price tag - about \$200 per month forever! Actually, it's \$205 for 66 months or about \$9000 to \$10000 to purchase outright. Now don't get me wrong - I'm not soliciting donations or even wanting one of these wonderful, fantastic, incredible, tremendous machines!! This is just a little lustful dreaming - you know like winning 'The Big One' at the lottery.

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The Frame House at Topsy just bought a second-hand set of Britannicas, a long sought after item. It really is amazing how cheap they are when you put it into the right context.

It worked out to about \$13 per volume which is about the cost of a bad hardback novel. Another way to look at it would be to realize that you get a little over

one thousand words per penny (and you thought you couldn't get anything for a penny). By the pound, the set goes for just about exactly \$3/lb which is cheap when compared to the price of just about anything.

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Reminder

Check to see that you are on the List Of Electors posted at the Township Office or at Glenn's Store. If you are not listed, see Diane or Ida at the Township Office.

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For Sale / Wanted

Free: Mature spayed female cat 12 years old. Gray with white markings. Needs a good home. Excellent mouser. Happy inside and/or out. Call 389-5599

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For Sale

Upright Zimmerman piano with bench. Oak finish - 4 years old, like new.

If interested, contact Susan Sedor at 384-7866.

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For Sale

Encyclopaedia Americana, 30 volumes, 1965,. Good condition. Ideal for students.

Call Stanley Burke at 384-8125

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For Sale

4 sets of boys skates:

Bauer "Supreme Junior" size 11 or 12,

Micron size 13, 2 pair

Lange size 2m

Call Sally Bowen at 389-3802.

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For Sale

- Single stainless steel sink + counter 54" (\$75)

- white dining room table plus extra leaf + 4 chairs (\$300)

- fibreglass car top boat + 5hp motor (\$700)

- 2 director's chairs - need covers (\$10 each)

- fibreglass water tank (10 gal) for RV (\$15)

- brown Tappan 30" stove with rotisserie (\$100)

- tow hitch (heavy duty) for RV with anti sway bar + wing mirrors (\$100)

- 2 small round end tables (\$5 each)

Phone 389-6425



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#### For Sale

Organically grown tomatoes \$2.50 / 41 basket  
Call Lorraine Burton at 384-4676

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For Sale by order Wilton Cheese with order date being September 21 and delivery date Sept 25 or 26. Proceeds will go to sponsoring Ernestown Bantam Hockey European Tour/92 (Kevin McCormick's team).  
Call Pam McCormick at 389-8767.

This is done on a monthly basis - I order on the Sunday before the last Wednesday each month and deliver on the last Wednesday of each month.

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#### For Sale

Interested in sewing? I have a lot of beautiful fabric - going at a fantastic price.  
If interested call 389-2647 for appointment to view.

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#### For Sale

Picnic Tables- super design.  
Custom made all steel weather vanes.  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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The Booklet "The History Of St. Alban's Church, Stella Amherst Island (1890-1990)"

Price - \$3.00

Also St. Alban's Centennial Plates sketch by Shirley Miller.

Price - \$10

From any A.C.W. member or at Glenn's Store.

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#### Wanted

Topsy Farms is looking for a wrecked 3-5 ton truck.  
We want to use the frame and rear axle to make another water wagon (sheep watering).

Anyone with a suitable wreck please call Chris at 389-3444 or 389-0554 (evenings).

Topsy farms uses old tractor rear tyres to feed grain to the sheep. Rather than taking them to the dump why not leave them off at Topsy Farms.

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#### B & B Small Engine Repair

Repairs to all makes.

We do Lawn Mowers, Snow Blowers, Chain Saws.

Big or small, we fix them all.

Contact Bob Halferty at 389-1423.

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#### Printing

For business cards, letterheads & envelopes etc and all your typesetting requirements.

Please contact Peter Morgan at 384-1456

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#### General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction, Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.  
Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

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#### Shorewell Maintenance

Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps checked. \$30

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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#### Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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#### For Sale / Wanted

#### General Contracting

New Construction & Renovations by an Amherst Island company.

Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387

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#### Babysitting

Amanda Bateman will babysit early evenings and weekends.

Call 389-5387

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#### Babysitting

Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights and weekends.

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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#### Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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#### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and painting.

Reasonable. References.  
Call Bob Horth at 389-2916  
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much much more!  
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Electric Fence Supplies  
Call Topsy Farms 389-3444  
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Lamb For Sale  
Cut, wrapped and frozen to your specifications.  
Call Topsy Farms 389-3444  
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For Sale  
Zucchini Eating Ducks \$150 each - cheap at twice the price!!!  
Because of limited supply, we will sell only one to each customer.  
Call Topsy Farms at 389-3444 to reserve yours today.  
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Clothing  
If you have a tear, I will repair.  
Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.  
Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569  
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Sterilizers / Sprinkler Systems  
Call Tom Miller 389-0105  
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Softener Salt in stock at all times.  
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More than 70 VCR titles available.  
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We welcome requests and we will reserve movies.  
We also carry blank tapes.  
Also available:  
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Whig Standard Cookbook  
Emergency Call Cards  
Hunting/Fishing Licences  
Book Exchange  
Genuine Chinchilla Jewelry  
Avon Ordering  
Girl Guide Cookies  
New A.I. Telephone List and

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Beacon Notes

News! We've got more news this month than you can shake a stick at! We've got so much news that we're running extra pages - darn the mailing expenses!

There are our regular contributors with their columns, articles, letters, thank-you notes and announcements to keep you abreast of the Island's events. There's also an election coming up in less than a month for which we issue the following Public Service Announcement:

Beware!

Gladhanding, Baby-kissing,

Talk-your-ear-off politicians

On The Loose!

Take All Necessary Precautions!

We tried to run an election special but had some trouble getting the co-operation of the candidates. We offered each person a page of the Beacon to write up a platform or whatever. We also asked them to fill out a questionnaire on some of the current issues. Several of the candidates did not take up our offer and in fairness to the others, we cancelled it. More on this later. Sorry we're late! Again!

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All Candidates Night

The Amherst Island Ratepayers Association is sponsoring an All Candidates Night on Friday., November 1st at 8 p.m. in the gym of the Amherst Island School. Come out and meet the residents who are running for positions on the Amherst Island Council and the Lennox & Addington County School Board.

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Special Council Meeting  
For September 19, 1991

- Don Tubb

This Special Meeting of Council began at 7 p.m. to get the general business out of way before the draft Official Plan came up on the agenda. This reporter arrived at 7:30 p.m. having forgotten about the early start. However, the only thing that I missed was the closed part of the meeting during which a new Temporary Deck Hand was chosen. On hand were all of the Councillors, the Reeve, the Clerk-Treasurer, this reporter and an increasing number of spectators who wandered in to take part in the Official Plan discussions.

Dianne Marshall was the successful applicant for the Temporary Deck Hand position on the ferry. Eleven people had applied for the job.

Rick Bedford's estimate to construct the wheel chair ramp at the Municipal Building was accepted. The cost is to be \$5,503.30 and completion is scheduled for November 1st - one day before the advanced poll. A decision has been received from the OMB in the Shurtliffe/Eves case. Apparently

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the Ministry of Food and Agriculture found that the site of the Shurtliffe house was 11' short of the minimum separation distance to the Eves barn, therefore, no building permit will be issued.

The Lot Levy By-law will be discussed at the next Regular Meeting of Council. Landowners will be notified by mail of that happening.

There was some mention of the Boundaries Act and apparently a rough cost to reach a decision through this process is \$2,000. [Ed: There's more on this in the Regular Meeting report.]

The Procedural By-law will also be dealt with at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

With the arrival of Robert Mackenzie at 8 p.m., Council quickly wrapped up this part of the meeting and proceeded to talk about the draft Official Plan. After some changes and discussion, Council approved the Draft Official Plan.

Now approved, the Draft Official Plan will go to a full Public Meeting for further comments. Copies of the draft can be obtained through the Township office for a mere \$4.50 (at least that's what they charged me). Also on view are three large maps depicting the Land Use Designations, the road system and the proposed hiking trail.

As with all documents of this size and complexity, there are technical mistakes which will need correcting but on the whole the draft seems to reflect a workable

division of land use for us. There are limitations on what we can do - for example, there are provincial policies about protecting farmland and wetlands which have to be incorporated; minimum lot sizes are controlled as much by Health Unit regulations as by the Township; there are policies requiring that we provide lots of differing values so many types of housing can be built; etc, etc. Within the areas that we do have flexibility, the land uses follow to a large extent those put forth in the existing Zoning By-law.

Comments can be made in writing before the Public Meeting or after as you wish. If Council feels there are no severe objections from the public, the Plan is sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs which then circulates it to the various Ministries and Agencies for their comments. If there are no major objections, it is returned and brought into effect. However, if there are serious objections from any of the Ministries or the public, then it goes to the Ontario Municipal Board for a full hearing (at least that's my understanding).

While there has been no accurate reporting of the cost to date, it appears that it is well under budget of about \$10,000 of which we pay half. In comparison, I think that Kingston Township's budget for their Plan is something like \$250,000.

So mark Friday, October 25th on your calendar and come on down to the Community Centre to voice your opinion. Diane and Ida will be pleased to provide you with a copy of the Draft Official Plan for a nominal charge.

Coming Soon - the Zoning By-law

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#### Public Meeting

##### Proposed Official Plan

Lands: All Lands Within The Township Of Amherst Island

Date: October 25, 1991

Time: 8:00 p.m

Place: Community Centre At The Public School Stella

Take Notice that the Council of the Township of Amherst Island will hold a public meeting pursuant to The Planning Act, 1983 to consider the adoption of a proposed Official Plan for the Township of Amherst Island.

The Purpose of this public meeting is to afford members of the public an opportunity to make representation in respect of the proposed Official Plan.

Any Person may attend the public meeting and make an oral or written representation. Written submissions addressed to the Council may be made prior to the public meeting.

A copy of the Background Report and the proposed Official Plan are on file in the Clerk's Office in the

Township Hall, Stella and may be examined during regular office hours.

Dated at Stella the 19th day of September, 1991.

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#### Council Meeting

For October 1, 1991

- Don Tubb

Due to a short but unbreakable chain of events, I, instead of Chris ended up being the reporter for this meeting.

All members of Council plus the Clerk were present for this meeting. Also present were four members of the public who participated at various times in the proceedings.

The meeting led off with some questioning by Jane McGinn who wanted to know how Council arrived at its decision to hire the latest Temporary Deck Hand. The Council was not forthcoming in explaining how it chooses one candidate over the others. In the end, the best advice that could be offered was for Jane to win a seat on Council and then she could see first hand, by participating in the decision-making process; which she said she would consider doing.

This was an important meeting because several far-ranging and financially significant decisions were made. Prime among them was the Lot Levy By-law which imposes a 5% levy on either the creation of a severed lot or the building of a residence on a presently vacant lot. The levy on someone who presently owns a vacant lot and then builds a residence is \$250. There was considerable discussion between the members of Council and the members of the public present as to the pro's and con's, and the in's and out's of the bylaw. It appears that the lot will be valued as to its intended use and not a portion of the assessed land around it (that is if you sever a half hectare off a 45 hectare farm, the small lot severed would be valued as a building lot and not as a continuing portion of the farm). In the end, there was a recorded vote with only Steven Willard voting against passage of the by-law.

While no decision has been made yet, there will be a schedule of fees drawn up to cover the cost of participating in disputes over severances.

In closed session, Council decided to hire a surveying firm (Eberhardt Survey Ltd) which will continue the examination of the shoreroads trying to find the road limits. They will be examining the same area (Lots 7 & 8, South Shore Concession) that Council had legal opinions about earlier this year. This time around however, Council will use the Boundaries Act which involves surveying one possible interpretation of

the road limits and then taking that before a Director appointed under the Boundaries Act who examines the claim and then rules on it. There is provision for other parties to argue against the Township's claim and if either party is not satisfied with the decision, it can be taken to Division Court. So the Island is well on its way to finding out who owns the shorefront at least on Lots 7 & 8, South Shore Concession. This decision may be so clear that it will naturally apply to other areas of the shore roads; however, it may be worded that another test area will be necessary to take into effect the varying conditions along the shore roads.

The court case over the Back Beach is back in the news. Apparently the Island has a court date soon before a judge who will make a 'determination' (lawyer talk). The judge hears the parties present their cases and will either make a ruling or send it to a trial. To date, the Back Beach has cost the Township \$14,000 (with the meter ticking) which does not include the Clerk's or Council's time spent on the case. However, we are moving steadily towards a resolution of the situation.

Also on the long range front, there will be a Special Meeting (closed to the public) with our consultant (David Malcom) and the Ministry of the Environment to discuss the present land fill site and finding a new one. This has been and probably will

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{Council Report will continue after the following notice.}

Poppys, Poppys, Poppys

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539 will be distributing poppys on Amherst Island on or before Saturday, November 2nd.

Our Poppy Drive has a dual purpose. The poppys are worn to commemorate the Canadian Service men who gave their lives for our country. The voluntary donations we receive are kept in a separate benevolent fund used only for the benefit of needy veterans.

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continue to be a very slow and frustrating process. It will take years to get a new land fill site and Council may well investigate whether they need to have a land fill site at all (if off-hand comments during this meeting carry any weight).

As is the usual case, there were a lot of other items dealt with during the meeting some of which are mentioned below:

- the Procedural By-law was updated to reflect current practices. This by-law basically lays out the rules for Council meetings, standing committees, what documents will be kept confidential, etc. How the Amerik's Scholarship Fund is handled has also been added to the by-law.

- the Duck's Unlimited project for the Big Marsh is on hold until the Ministry of Natural Resources can assess what flora and fauna are present. It is possible that the project will have to be modified. It certainly won't be proceeding this year and may be delayed longer.

- the helipad is one step closer as Mr Gowan has given his permission to use some of his land on Fanny's Hill (this is on the west side of the Stella 40' just up on the rise south of the village. The Ministry has given their blessing and Topsy Farms which rents the land has no objections. The Township is responsible for site maintenance which means some plowing in the winter and grass cutting in the summer.

- in an unrelated matter, Mr Gowan's severance request was given approval in principal. He wants to sever the Neilson house from the farmland.

- Mutual Aid is now officially here which is very good news. We can now call on mainland firefighting services when in need and will have to respond in kind without putting the Island at risk.

- there is some progress concerning the parking situation on the Millhaven Dock with the MTO people taking a serious look at the situation. There are logistical problems working the parking in with a ditch.

- a severance application from Avery Brown was sent off to the Land Division Committee. There was an objection to the severance which concerned the distance to a barn. Which barn was not clear, but it's either still the Eves barn or Avery's. The Land Division Committee will have to get the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food involved to calculate and measure distances.

- work is proceeding on the ramp at the Municipal Building which must be ready for the election. Also a shelter will be built for the landfill site attendant.

One other interesting item that was just mentioned in passing was the situation with the Pelee Island ferry. Apparently, without warning or consultation with the Township, the ferry operation was taken over by the Ontario Northland Corporation which is a provincially owned crown company. It was reported that one day the Reeve, Clerk and

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{Council Report will continue after the following advertisement}

43 Million Dollars

Or  
70% of Your Property Tax Dollar  
That's How Much Is Spent On Education In This  
County!  
How Do We Have A Say In How That Money Is Spent  
To Obtain the Best Education For Our Children?  
Vote  
The Municipal & School Board Elections Are Coming  
Up On November 12th/91.

We Have An Opportunity To Make A Difference As  
Far As Who Is Elected To Seats On The School Board  
In This Upcoming Election. All We Have To Do Is Get  
Out And Vote And Encourage Others To As Well.

Be Sure That Your Name Is On The Voter's List. If  
You Require Transportation Or Assistance In Some  
Way To Get The Polling Booth, Contact One Of The  
Association Members.

Association members:

Ken Albertan... 389-2662

Marjorie Baker... 389-2404

Gary McDonald... 384-1456

Susan Sedore... 384-7866

Jim Whitton... 384-5027

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a couple of other people directly involved with the ferry  
operation were called into a meeting and told that the  
ferry operation was being transferred to the crown  
corporation. Ian has asked our MPP Gary Wilson to  
look into this with a view to our situation. [The MPP's  
office reported that the Pelee Island route is a special  
case because of the tourism and international link.]

Council adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Before getting into the usual who's who and who's  
doing what, I would really like to say a few words about  
our 911 service and our First Response Team. As a  
personal favor, I would appreciate everyone not  
skipping over this to look for births and deaths, (yes, I  
do know that's what you were thinking).

Our (relatively) new 911 service allows us to Dial  
911 for all services. This includes Police, Fire,  
Ambulance and Ferry. Tell 911 your problem and the  
dispatcher will send you the appropriate group or  
groups of people.

In many instances, the appropriate group will be our  
own First Response Team. This is a group of a dozen or

so of our own residents, professionally trained in  
emergency medical procedures. They have the  
equipment and the know-how to handle local emergency  
calls. There is no longer any need to call the ferry or the  
ambulance, or to rush someone to the hospital. Call 911  
and let the response team do the rest - they are  
dispatched by the ambulance service, and are on call 24  
hours a day, seven days a week.

And for the news, congratulations to Eric and  
Barbara (Willard) Laing on the birth of their new  
daughter, Melinda.

Our sympathy to Ray Koenders on the death of his  
mother, and to Harley Smythe on his aunt's death.  
Harley's aunt, incidentally, was a former Island  
resident.

Best wishes to everyone in hospital this month, again  
a long list: Francis Welbanks, Lucille Brown, Paulette  
Apps, Myrtle Veech, Ralph Wemp, George Mygind,  
Thelma Howard, Anna Hitchins, Jack Sylvester,  
Caroline Yull. These include surgeries, and those who  
are now home.

Let no one say Amherst Islanders are not well-  
travelled. Both the Koenders and the Burkes (Peggie  
and Stan) have been to Vancouver this month, in fact  
some of them are still there. Peter and Eleanor Truman  
spent 3 weeks in France. And, at last word, Tracey  
Filson and Graeme McDonald had arrived at their new  
home in West Vancouver.

Welcome to Lyn and Larry Fleming, Jason and  
Stephanie, visiting from Florida. Also to John,  
Maureen, Les, Mitch and Mallory Glenn, here from  
Copper Cliff.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The regular monthly meeting was held at the home  
of Jean McIntyre on Wednesday, September 18th. The  
program was an interesting talk by Elise Graham who is  
employed as a biochemical technician in cancer  
research. She gave us an explanation of the methods of  
funding such research. At this time funding is a real  
problem. Only 12% of those who applied for grants  
received them. One of the criteria for awarding grants is  
the number of papers published by the researcher and  
this tends to cut into research time. As a result Canada  
is currently losing many research scientists.

Elise then spoke of her own work. For several years  
she was involved in a project to develop better  
contraceptives based on techniques of interfering with  
the ability of the sperm to impregnate the ovum.  
However, the results were not 100% effective. Elise is  
currently working in research on lung cancer. People  
who develop small cell lung cancer have only a 10%

likelihood of surviving for 2 years. The present study is attempting to determine why the cancer cells develop a resistance to multiple drug chemotherapy.

An interesting discussion followed and Elise gave some information regarding

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recent work with Taxol, a cancer treating agent developed from the bark of the Pacific Yew tree.

Current activities of the W.I. include the following. We have obtained 3 sterno hot plates for use at the Community Centre. On November 13th we are invited to the 40th Anniversary of the Grandview W.I. The W.I. Area Convention will be held on October 13th. This year the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto is setting aside November 7th as Women's Day with involvement of the Women's Institute. We are now planning for the Senior Citizen's dinner to be held, tentatively, on Friday, December 6th. Final details will be announced as available.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Phyllis Strain on Wednesday, October 16th at 8:00 p.m. Our guest will be Ms. Patricia Shaver, a graduate in horticulture from Guelph, who will speak on organic farming. We are always happy to welcome interested visitors to our meetings.

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#### 4-H News

- Ruth & Wendy

The "Milkshakers", Milk Makes It Better 4-H Club held its first meeting on Oct. 4 after school.

We made Taco Salad, Cheese nachos and vegetable pizza. We learned of many ways to add dairy products and calcium to our diets.

Officers elected:

President - Lori Caughey

Vice President - Amy Caughey

Secretary - Sarah Scott

Treasurer - Tracy Hitchins

Phone Convenor - Jill Caughey

Social Convenor and Reporter - Ruth Scott and Wendy Fleming

Our leader is Susie Caughey. We'll report more later.

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#### Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

[Staff: The following was recently received from the Partners In Mission Food Bank run by the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph.]

From all of us involved with the Partners in Mission

Food Bank we thank you for the fresh food you have been bringing to the Food Bank all summer.

There has been a tremendous increase in the number of people requiring food, therefore your donations are greatly appreciated and adds to the quality of our baskets.

God bless all who have contributed.

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We have had several new contributors this month, and the help of Janet Scott and the Pathfinders to pick apples. Our thanks.

Coralee and Duncan Marshall continue to accept donations for delivery on Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. boat (please call in advance to check). If you have an abundant apple tree, or extra squash, turnips, carrots, beets, brussel sprouts or other fall crops, please contribute them to those who are hungry. If you need help with picking or delivering, call me at 389-3444.

Thank you all for your generosity.

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#### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Leslie Gavlas received a letter from Ellie Moore (reprinted in the Letters To The Beacon column) who requested help in finding an old recipe. This was passed on to the Production office where it was routed to our Cooking, Baking and Printing department where Dianne took charge (which was lucky because Chris would not have found it among his literature on the Gestetner machines). In less than an hour, she had the answer which was found to be a recipe submitted by Mary Hall to Island Treasures Cook Book (1979) and reads as follows:

#### Brandied Fruit

Start in crock-

1 - 10 oz. mickey of brandy;

Add to brandy in crock-

1 cup strawberries,

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1 cup sugar;

Stir daily, add-

1 cup cherries,

1 cup sugar;

Stir daily, add-

1 cup raspberries,

1 cup sugar.

Add to this concoction throughout the summer, as fresh fruit comes into season. Add extra fruit without sugar to taste to the capacity of the crock. Delicious by

Christmas time. Serve over ice cream.

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## Letter To The Beacon

from Jack Sylvester

An individual not identified is one of the public to all concerned. Your experience, Mr. Duncan makes this point when you identified yourself to the nearby resident. And, Chris, as you say most of the public is reputable. But the disreputables disposing their weekly garbage, bottles and fast food wrapping along roadways do unfortunately characterize the public. Likely again the Island's primary students will be assigning a day to pickup roadside refuse.

Lakeside frontage locations are very costly and those having it, whether by ownership or proximity cherish it, taking care of the land litter and water borne debris. Do they not deserve consideration by those wishing to make use of their shoreline by the courtesy of identifying themselves and declaring their intent to leave it as clear as they found it? Courtesy goes a long way.

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[Staff: For the record, we feel it necessary to point out that of the next three letters none was solicited nor was any compensation offered! Thank You.]

from David and Janet Kennedy

We have been coming to A.I. every other year for about 14 years Chris says 17 years] to visit our son Chris Kennedy, and recently we have received the Beacon of which we are avid readers.

The Beacon paints a picture of the Island, and the picture is of a caring community in a lovely setting, which extends a warm welcome to visitors that would be hard to match anywhere. National press take lessons, especially on the sense of humour shown by contributors. It might make them more readable.

If Chris had to go and live so far away he could not have chosen a more lovely place to live and work in.

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from Michael Dawber

I have been a regular visitor to the Island for years (I live just north of Amherstview), and I was delighted to discover the Beacon at Glenn's Store on my most recent visit. I was very impressed with the Beacon's layout and the quality of its content - as a journalism student and a life-long rural resident, it is a pleasure to find a small, rural newspaper which is intelligent and community oriented without being gossipy.

I look forward to receiving my first Beacon soon.

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from Ellie Moore

Mom and I enjoy the Beacon so much. It's like getting a letter from home every month. It's so helpful when you mention who's children, grandchildren or great grandchildren you are talking about because I become increasingly aware that most of the Islanders I know well are up at St. Pauls.

Any chance Dianne can find a recipe for "Heavenly Hash"? It's a jam that starts with the first fruit in the spring and ends with the last. There's some sugar and brandy, too. I believe the recipe originally came from the Island but Mom hasn't (a2224.96 0 Td8 -13.4y7.12 0 Td(d w)d(sn



Evelyn Grace (Wemp) Taylor

Evelyn Grace (Wemp) Taylor, a lifelong resident of the Kingston area, died on Sept. 5, 1991 at The Village Green, Selby, after a two-year illness. She was in her 83rd year.

Mrs. Taylor was born in Conway, Ont. a daughter of Herb and Anita Bulch. She attended Bath Public School. She lived for a time on Amherst Island and attended St. Alban's Church in Stella, and, while living in Napanee, the Church of St. Mary Magdalene. She belonged to the Anglican Church Women. Mrs. Taylor farmed and worked as a nurses' aide, and was especially interested in gardening and travelling.

She is survived by her children, Leigh Wemp and wife Doris, of Odessa, Brenda Hatton and husband, of Napanee, Grant Wemp and wife Gail, of Shelbourne, and Duane Wemp and wife Linda, of Toronto. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Herbert, Valerie, Lance, Alan, Derek, Barent, Lisa and Jarnie Lyn, and sisters Marjorie Storrington and Pearl Paul. She was predeceased by her parents, husbands Albert Taylor and William Wemp, and daughter Shirley.

The funeral was conducted on Sept. 7 by Rev. Ken Blaber. The pallbearers were grandsons Herbert, Derek and Barent Wemp, Bob Rochefort, and Lance and Allan Hatton. The flower-bearers were her granddaughters Valerie Wemp-Rochefort and Lisa and Jamie Lyn Wemp. Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island.

(from the Whig-Standard, Sept 27, 1991)

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#### Thank You Notes

I would like to thank my family, friends and neighbours for visits and phone calls while in hospital and since coming home. Also I would like to thank the ladies of the A.C.W. and P.C.W. for visits and goodies.

Ralph Wemp

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Sincere thanks to my family and friends for their kindness, visits, cards, flowers, phone calls, baked goods, etc. during my stay in the hospital and since returning home.

Once again my sincere thanks to all.

Faye Wemp

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those Islanders for their many kindnesses at the time of my father's death. A special thank-you to John McGinn and Ardis Shurtleff who rearranged buses and routes before I even had a chance to ask and my apologies to

students and parents inconvenienced at the time. Thank-you also to the Parent Volunteer Committee and to Caroline Yull who covered my duty time at the school. Thank-you to the members of the P.C.W. who willingly filled

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the need for refreshments at the funeral and to our friends and neighbours who brought gifts to the house. At a time like this our family is so very grateful to be part of a community like Amherst Island.

Dad will be missed by us all but remembered here on the Island for giving the prayer at the dedication of the Community Centre and for the brief time that he filled in at St. Paul's. He too felt welcome on Amherst Island.

Janet Scott

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#### Congratulations

We hereby give out our first joint Congratulation, Thank You and Award this month! Peter Morgan receives Congratulations from the staff and Find Of The Decade Award for discovering a stencil cutting machine and a new(ish) duplicator. Also Many Thanks especially from Chris who hasn't stopped drooling yet.

The stencil cutting machine will allow us to make stencils of anything that can be put on paper. Things like logos, drawings and even some pictures are now possible. Hopefully the duplicator will be easier to use than the present Gestetner. Now we may not get this stuff up and running for this issue but watch out next month!!

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#### Awards

Something unusual this month - two awards with the same name.

The first Dumfounded Award goes to the Federal Conservatives who, through slight of hand, gave the government top brass bonuses while holding the civil service to no pay increase this year. I sit in utter amazement at their saying something like 'Well, we gave them the bonus 6 minutes before the start of the current fiscal year'. Do they really think that this will have any sway with the public? Are these folks idiots? I'm dumfounded - I just sit and sputter in trying to say something worthwhile.

The second Dumfounded Award goes to the Senators of the American Senate Judiciary Committee. How dare these gentlemen(!) sit in judgement on the moral character of Bush's nominee to the Supreme

Court. The simple fact that they're powerful Senators defines them as morally bankrupt because they've done whatever was necessary to get where they are. I make no comment on the charges that are being investigated except to say that at this level of politics no person's word is sacred.

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#### Condolences

Heartfelt condolences are extended to Graeme McDonald who has recently suffered through another fall cheering for the Boston Red Sox only to see them come up short again. How terrible it must be to be bound to a jinxed team - one that hasn't won a World Series since they traded the mighty Babe. We thought of you with sympathy as we watched the Sox sink, as do the sands of time through the hourglass, into baseball oblivion for another year. Inevitable, but sad nonetheless.

The Blue Jays, on the other hand, lived up to our minimum expectations of winning the A.L. East. Obviously the quick exit from the playoffs was the result of some bad breaks and not anything to do with their desire or ability to win it all. Next Year!

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#### And Finally

Yes Golda and Maggie, the donkeys, are doing quite nicely thank you. We've had less kills over the last month and think that they are doing a pretty good job. Next year will be the real test and we'll see how aggressive they get when they have their babies around.

Stop The Presses - 3 lambs killed last night!

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#### Notices And Announcements

##### Turkey Supper

The Anglican Church Women are hosting their Annual Turkey Supper and Sale on Sat., Oct. 19th at A.I.P.S. at 5:00 p.m.

##### Prices:

Adults... \$10  
Children 4-12... \$5  
Preschoolers... free

We hope to see you there!

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##### Township Of Amherst Island Approval Of JEPP Funds

Once again, the Emergency Planning Ontario branch of the Ministry of the Solicitor General has approved funds for the purchase of equipment under the Joint

Emergency Preparedness Program. Funds in the amount of \$1260.00 have been allocated for the purchase of a \$2800.00 portable generator to provide standby power for an emergency operations centre. In addition to the equipment provided by the County-wide JEPP program, the Township has received funding assistance for the purchase of communications equipment for use by the Fire Department and the Emergency First Response Team under the JEPP program.

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##### The Ameriks Scholarship Fund In Memory Of Reeve Frank Fleming

Student who will be attending university or college during the school year of 1991-92 and have been full time residents of Amherst Island for the past five years are invited to make application to this trust fund. Application forms are available at Glenn's store. Applications will not be received after Oct. 30th and interest funds available will be dispersed after this date.

Ralph Woods

Secretary

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##### Aerobics

The aerobic group is now participating in a "no-jump" routine. Our instructors will direct you through plenty of stretching and toning moves with a high-impact alternative if you wish. There is no need to jump.

So join us Monday and Thursday 8 p.m. at the school.

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##### Attention All Anglicans

No, we don't need "Umbrella's in Church" anymore. To those of you who haven't noticed, our repairs and renovations to the roof and steeple were completed to our utmost satisfaction at the beginning of the summer. The completed cost of the renovations amounted to \$7,456. Through many generous donations from both Anglicans and non-Anglicans, residents and non-residents we have received to date \$3,148. We are truly grateful, and thank each and everyone of you for your generosity. To pay off our expenses and re-instate our building account we still need to raise approx. \$3,000.

To those who have not yet made a contribution, large or small, it would be gratefully accepted. Please address all donations to our treasurer, Jean Tugwell, who will issue a registered receipt.

Thank you from the Wardens.

Elsie Willard & Tena Tugwell

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, maybe A.A. can help.

A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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#### For Sale / Wanted

##### For Sale

Brand new never used all warranties Panasonic Stereo

Radio Cassette Recorder won in a contest.

Value \$90 for sale \$70.

Laureen Kilpatrick 389-4078

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##### For Sale

Picnic Tables- super design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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##### Wanted

A set of bunk beds in good condition.

Call Laureen Kilpatrick 389-4078

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##### Wanted

A TV suitable for Nintendo

Call Ian or Sally at 389-3444

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##### Wanted

By 4 widows (and 2 wives whose husbands are not much good in that department), a man to do jobs ordinarily done by husbands. To preserve anonymity contact the ladies via the Beacon at 389-3444.

Translation: Part-time handyman wanted.

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#### B & B Small Engine Repair

Repairs to all makes.

We do Lawn Mowers, Snow Blowers, Chain Saws.

Big or small, we fix them all.

Contact Bob Halferty at 389-1413.

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#### Printing

For business cards, letterheads & envelopes etc and all your typesetting requirements.

Please contact Peter Morgan at 384-1456

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#### General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,

Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

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#### Shorewell Maintenance

Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps checked. \$30

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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#### Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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#### General Contracting

New Construction & Renovations by an Amherst Island company.

Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387

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#### Babysitting

Amanda Bateman will babysit early evenings and weekends.

Call 389-5387

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#### Babysitting

Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights and weekends.

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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#### Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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#### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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#### Electric Fence Supplies

Call Topsy Farms 389-3444

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#### Lamb For Sale

Cut, wrapped and frozen to your specifications.

Call Topsy Farms 389-3444

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## Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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## Pumps Of All Kinds -

Softeners / Conditioners / Filters / Chlorinators /

Sterilizers / Sprinkler Systems

Call Tom Miller 389-0105

Authorized Dealer for Archer Pumps

Softener Salt in stock at all times.

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## Glenn's Store

More than 70 VCR titles available.

Movies... \$2.00 to \$3.00

Nintendo Games... \$2.50

VCR Rentals...

Weekdays... \$6.00

Sat... \$10.00

We welcome requests and we will reserve movies. We also carry blank tapes.

Also available:

Amherst Island Shirts & Caps

Whig Standard Cookbook

Emergency Call Cards

Hunting/Fishing Licences

Book Exchange

Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery

Avon Ordering

Girl Guide Cookies

New A.I. Telephone List and

much much more!

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## Election Central '91

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## Municipal Election Calendar

Nov 2

Advance Poll

Opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Office.

## Proxy Certificates

Issued through the Clerk's office between 12 noon and 5 p.m.

Nov 6

Advance Poll

Opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. in the Council

Chamber at the Municipal Office.

Nov 12

Polling Day

Polls open at 10 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Last day for obtaining a Proxy Certificate

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The Candidates for Reeve are:

Jim Whitton

Steven Willard

The Candidates for Councillor are:

Duncan Ashley

Allen Caughey

Ian Murray

Alex Scott Jr

Bill Stoker

Tena Tugwell

Ralph Woods

The L&A County School Board is being contested

by:

W. Bruce Caughey + Two From Bath

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## Issue Survey

In an attempt to get the positions of the candidates known to the public, we wrote up questionnaire about current issues that they will certainly have to deal with in the coming term. They were also offered a page of Beacon space to expand on their answers or to write about whatever they wished. As you will see below, many of the questions dealt, indirectly, with that which we hold near and dear to our hearts - taxes.

We received responses from the two candidates for Reeve (Jim Whitton and Steven Willard) and from three of the candidates for Councillor (Duncan Ashley, Ian Murray and Alex Scott Jr). Three candidates declined to take up our offer (Bill Stoker, Tena Tugwell and Ralph Woods) and we were unable to contact Allen Caughey to find out if he was willing to respond. We apologize to the candidates who took the time to respond. We have decided to run a Special Issue of the Beacon reporting on the All Candidates Meeting for the few of you that won't be there.

Some of the questions were not worded as well as they could have been but, what the heck, this isn't Globe and Mail. Just to set the record straight, because you will probably be hearing about this during the campaign, the questionnaire is printed below:

The present and past Councils of the Township of Amherst Island have implemented many policies which are on-going. We think our readers would like to know

how you stand on these issues.

1- Shoreroads:

Do you support relocating the shoreroads (Lots 7-19 South Shore Concession and Lots 2-9 Concession 1)?

Do you support continuing the process to discover who owns the shoreline along these roads?

2- Back Beach:

Do you support continuing the legal case to prove that the Township has control of the Back Beach?

3- Official Plan:

Do you support the present draft of the Official Plan enough that you would vote for it?

4- Ferry:

Do you support the present operating arrangement with the ferry (that is operated by the Township)?

If No to the first part, would you support MTO or Ontario Northlands Corp. operating the ferry?

Do you support the present policy of negotiating a Union agreement with equivalent employee compensation to the Wolfe Islander?

5- School:

Do you support maintaining a full public school on the Island (grades JK through 8)?

6- Services:

Do you support maintaining the present number of Township employees (Ferry crew, Roads department and Office staff)?

Do you support maintaining or improving the present level of services provided by the Township (roads, recreation, etc)?

Do you support maintaining or improving the present level of emergency services (Fire Department, First Response, Mutual Aid, 911, etc)?

7- Waste Management: Council is currently considering the Island's waste management situation and has several options:

Would you support the establishment of a new landfill site?

Would you support trucking the garbage off the Island? Would you support increasing the user-fees coupled with increased recycling capability to help increase the lifespan of our present landfill site?

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Amherst Island Beacon  
Election Special  
Price 15 cents  
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#### Election Notes

Our first Special Edition and wouldn't you know it that something would go wrong! We can't get the Beacon masthead to print!! For reasons unknown, the computer is no longer recognizing the existence of the mouse which makes the graphics program unusable. I guess I'll have to learn something about DOS which sounds perfectly hideous. Hopefully, we'll be able to get it up and running for the next regular issue.

In putting this out, we recognize (and hope that you do also) that we're not reporters. The best that we expect from ourselves is to misrepresent each candidate equally. There is no way that we can accurately report the Public Meeting in detail.

Finally, a quick word of sympathy for the Captains, ferry crew, roads crew and office staff. They have spent the last three years training the Reeve and Councillors in how to be same. They are now faced with the daunting task of doing it all again and with only two (at the most) returning from the present Council!

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#### Preliminary Voters List

The Preliminary List of Electors gives us the following information:

Total Votes Available To Be Cast... 537

These can be broken down several ways:

##### 1- By Residency:

Residents... 297

Non-Residents... 240

Total... 537

##### 2- By School Electors:

Public (English)... 509

Public (French)... 0

Separate (English)... 28

Separate (French)... 0

Total... 537

##### 3- By Occupancy Status:

Owner... 417

Tenant... 31

Spouse... 42

Other... 45

Total... 535

(This does not quite add to the same total as the others

but that is probably my misinterpreting the initial corrections to the list.)

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Now we wouldn't want our new Reeve and Councillors to go into office without some tried and true advice to help them through their term. We have searched our library for some quotable quotes about politics and politicians and came up with the following:

People run for Council when they run out of stupid things to do at their own places. (Dan Needles)

An honest politician is one who, when he is bought, will stay bought. (Simon Cameron)

Weiner's Wisdom: Indecision is the key to flexibility. (T.F. Weiner)

Anderson's Law: I have yet to see any problem, however complicated, which, when you looked at it in the right way, did not become still more complicated.

Jones's Law: The man who can smile when things go wrong has thought of someone he can blame it on.

Murphy's Other Laws:

2- Left to themselves, all things go from bad to worse.

7- If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

11- It is impossible to make anything foolproof, because fools are so ingenious.

O'Toole's Comment on Murphy's Laws: Murphy was an optimist.

Rowe's Rule: The odds are 6 to 5 that the light at the end of the tunnel is a headlight of an oncoming train.

Laws Of Random Perversity:

2- Everybody lies; but it doesn't matter, since nobody listens.

7- Anything is possible if you don't know what you're talking about.

9- For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.

10- Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity.

13- A closed mouth gathers no feet.

16- The secret of success is sincerity. Once you can fake that, you've got it made.

18- People who love sausage and respect the law should never watch either one being made. (a.k.a. Machiavelli's Rule)

Kafka's Law: In a fight between you and the world, back the world. (Franz Kafka)

Gleason's Advice To Public Administrators: When

leaving office, give your successor 3 sealed envelopes and instructions to open them in order as crises occur in the new administration. The message in the first should read "Blame It On Your Predecessor", the second should read "Announce A Major Reorganization", and the third should say, "Write Out Three Envelopes For Your Successor".

James Gleason

Dirksen's Third Law Of Politics: Don't get mad, get even.

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All Candidates Meeting

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The Amherst Island Ratepayers Association

The Amherst Island Ratepayers Association held an All Candidates Meeting on Friday, November 1. As is the usual case with Amherst Island voters, there was no sign of voter apathy as approximately 200 people turned out. The meeting got under way promptly at 8:10 p.m. after some minor technical difficulties with the loudspeaker system.

Allan Glenn welcomed the audience and the candidates to the meeting and then turned the meeting over to Jack Kerr who was the moderator for the evening. The rules were explained which basically consisted of a 5 minute presentation by each candidate with a short question period after. The candidates had drawn for their speaking order. The two candidates for Reeve spoke first, then the candidates for Councillor and finally the candidates for the School Board. After all of the candidates spoke, there was an open question period.

Jim Whitton lead off the candidates for Reeve. He listed his previous Council experience, his experience with committees at Queen's, his knowledge of how to extract money from the government and his commitment to the Island. Jim then talked about three major points:

- 1- The emergency services are much better, in his opinion, than in previous years and he committed himself to improving them further.
- 2- He would continue to work with the Amherst Island Education Committee, I.S.L.E, and the Recreation Committee.
- 3- Jim noted that tax increases had been high in the past but pointed out that much of this was due to the worthwhile projects like the Back Beach, the landfill site, and the fire department equipment. He did not see any big increases in the coming term.

Steven Willard, the second candidate for Reeve

spoke next. He is a 5th generation Islander and despite being only 21 years old, felt that he was able to do the job. In response to a question, Steven assured the audience that he would see the full term as Reeve out regardless of his educational plans. Steven had 4 significant points to make:

- 1- He claimed to be the only Councillor from this Council to vote against a budget. He thought there had been some money needlessly spent in the past and pledged fiscal responsibility in his term. He said that he would be, "as tight-fisted as you want me to be".
- 2- Steven stressed the oft forgotten County Council and said that he would fully participate in those proceedings. And that he would take our complaints to them.
- 3- He next talked about the Ducks Unlimited project in the Big Marsh which is currently on hold. He thought that we should push to get this started or risk losing it.
- 4- Steven wrapped up by proposing a History Committee to produce and publish a history of the Island. He had no firm plans concerning financing but suggested that summer students might be found.

Tena Tugwell was the first of the candidates for Councillor to speak. She lead off by saying the orientation for the candidates put on by the Township staff was a worthwhile idea. She went on to talk about several issues which will be in front of Council during the coming term:

- 1- Tena said the landfill site has about 10 years left which might be extended with good co-operation from us Islanders. A new site will eventually be needed and finding one should begin in the coming term.
- 2- The school should remain open forever.
- 3- The shore roads should be left in their present location if possible because of the expense of moving them. Also she thought that there should be more paving done on the Island.
- 4- Tena would try to hold or better the inflation rate with tax increases. (This

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was a common thought by virtually all of the candidates.)

- 5- She thought the present management arrangement was satisfactory and as there will be no new ferry for many years, that we should make the present one work as well as possible.
- 6- Tena said that she would support the Official Plan with the changes proposed during the recent Public Meeting.

Alex Scott was the second of the candidates for

Councillor to speak. He thought that there had been mismanagement by past Councils but did not elaborate on what that was except to say that the Reserve Fund had been allowed to fall from \$100,000 to \$20,000.

Alex supported the Official Plan. He was also satisfied with the present operation of the ferry.

He did not think that there would be any money forthcoming from the Province to move the shoreroads. But he thought that with some ditching and other work that their lifespan could be increased.

Alex wrapped up by talking about long term planning to keep taxes in order.

Bill Stoker started by describing his background as a south shore sheep farmer, being responsible for the National Airport Security Program, and belonging to the Military Police. Through these, he thought that he had developed the management and analysis skills which would be useful as a Councillor.

Bill criticized the present Council for lack of sensitivities to the issues that he thought important and that Council had not done any real analysis of some 'big budget items' which it had approved.

He talked about the large increases in taxes over the term of the present Council which he claimed were 122% in the last 3 years.

Bill was generally satisfied with the Official Plan now as it was much improved over the past several months but he did criticize it for giving away his rights as a landowner, for mouthing provincial desires and for it being 'not necessarily in the best interests of the community the way it is presently written'.

Bill thought that Council should continue to try and get the ferry fully funded by MTO. When that was rejected, to try again and again.

He wanted to see recreational areas which were adequate for our community and not have them draw people from the mainland.

Bill would like to see a long term plan developed for the roads 'to get the best result for our dollar'.

Allen Caughey could not be at the meeting for which he apologized through a letter Allen Glenn read. The letter assured us that he would be able to make the Council meetings as his employer had agreed to give him what time off was necessary.

He mentioned a rumor that he wanted the ferry crew to be reduced to four people. This he said was false. He did want the hiring practices reviewed and made more consistent.

Allen wants to weigh all the information at hand before taking positions on the various issues confronting the next Council. He did think that a common sense approach was the best and that his 50 years on the

Island would be an asset.

Ralph Woods spoke next. He described his association with the Island which dates back to 1956 when he first visited here. He retired as a teacher and principal in 1988.

He would like to see Council opened up so we would know how our tax dollars are being spent.

On the subject of roads, he thought that raising and draining the shoreroads would make them better year round. He would also like to see more attention given to the high traffic areas.

Ralph would like to see the next Council do a critical review of all Island services.

He said that he would resign as Chairman of the Amherst Island Ratepayers Association but would remain a member if elected.

As far as the Official Plan was concerned, he expressed support of the concept but would like to see a number of refinements to reduce restrictions on landowners.

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Ian Murray, the present Reeve, next addressed the audience. He thought that there would be a number of issues facing the coming Council:

- 1- the upcoming Zoning By-law should be a major priority of Council as the Official Plan is nearing completion. He said that our planner has already started work on this.
- 2- Ian thought that Council must take the Back Beach to a final resolution.
- 3- He thought that waste management would continue to take up a considerable amount of time and that Council should proceed with caution and not be 'bullied by the Ministry of the Environment' as they might try to do because we are a small township.
- 4- Ian would like to see the shoreline ownership question completed after which the shore roads could be relocated (not before).
- 5- He thought that MTO would be 'playing hardball' when it came to the ferry subsidy and that the Island must resist this and perhaps the government's attempt to privatize the service.
- 6- Because of the funding responsibilities which are being passed down to us, Council has less and less ability to control taxes.
- 7- He thought that the present Council had set the policies and then left it to the staff to implement it without political interference.

Duncan Ashley was the last of the candidates for Councillor to speak. (It was now a little after 9 p.m.)



He said that he had recently become a full time resident. He grew up just north of Bath and went to Queen's studying history and philosophy.

He, would like to see more Public Meetings to improve communication between the electors and the Council. He said that he would be sensitive to the issues and that communication is the key. He summed up his position by saying, "Politicians that are speaking - are not listening".

Roger Carkner was the first of the candidates for the School Board to speak. His background was growing up in a small town south of Ottawa and going to a 1 room school with grades 1 through 8. As a banker, he thought that he had the skills which would be useful with the School Board. He thought that he had the dedication, the business skills and the time to do a good job on the Board. He wanted to see the Board provide the best education that money could buy. He did say that he was increasingly fed up with the higher taxes.

Roger said he would work with the local Education Committee to keep the school open and that he would make sure that the teacher quality was equal to that on the mainland.

He would like to see the Board run as a business and thinks that money could be saved at the Board Office, by reducing what he called 'top heavy management' and eliminate wastefully spent money. He would also work towards getting the Province to increase funding.

He did step on a hornet's nest when he seemed to criticize the quality of the present teachers. This prompted various responses which suggested that the quantity of teachers, not the quality, was the issue. There was also a word put in which asked that the discussion centre on the children and not the dollars.

Joanne Papps was the second candidate for the School Board to speak. She, as many of the other candidates, gave a brief description of her background as a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, experience as a speech and language pathologist, as a resource teacher for the Lung Association and as the mother of three children.

She talked about our school as being 'small but vital' and said that our teachers were carrying a staggering load. She went on to say that while teachers are well paid, the ones in L&A are at the bottom of the scale.

Joanne wanted to spend our tax dollars responsibly and realized that they formed a large percentage of the total bill. She would also lobby the government to increase funding.

She said she would protect our school, provide us with honest representation and would keep us informed.

She, in closing, asked us to be patient with her as she is still learning.

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Bruce Caughey was the last speaker of the night. He started by reminding us that he was a life long resident of the Island, that he was a past Councillor and of his involvement with the Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance company.

He promised a strengthened commitment to quality. He thought that he could provide us with a proper voice on the Board which would be needed as the status of the Grades 7 & 8's were again in question. He thanked the Education Committee and the volunteers for their work.

As an example of excessive money being spent, he said that while the student enrolment in the county had dropped from 7500 to 6739, the number of superintendents had increased from one to four.

In conclusion, Bruce said that Amherst Island school must remain intact and be staffed accordingly.

At this point in the proceedings there was a short break during which this reporter tried, unsuccessfully, to uncramp his hand. Eventually the hand was tempted to open to receive a cup of coffee. After the break, the floor was opened up to questions from the audience. Now this was rather free form and quick so my notes get a little sketchier than usual.

A question on the future of the Fire Department was directed to Ralph Woods and Bill Stoker. Ralph thought that the Fire Department was a vital part of the municipal operation and it should be maintained with improved facilities. Bill also felt it an essential service and that it should be maintained and improved.

Bill Stoker was asked what spending he would like to see cut. He started by saying he considered fire, roads and the landfill operations essential. He would however like to see non-essential legal and surveying costs eliminated. He claimed that approximately \$47,000 had been spent on those sort of items during the past Council and that he felt a good portion of this was unnecessary.

The three candidates for Councillor from the south shore were asked what they would do when discussion of that section of road came up for consideration. Alex Scott would declare conflict of interest despite the fact that he does not own land on the shore. Bill and Ralph both said they would declare a conflict of interest. The question was asked as a hypothetical situation if all three of these candidates were successful. Jim Whitton spoke up saying that there would no longer be a quorum to carry on discussions and they all could go home.

Joanne Papps and Roger Carkner were asked if they

would consider busing our children to Bath. Both said that they would consider it and Joanne went on to say that the time and travel were major considerations, the best education should be sought for the children. She further said that she would support the consensus of our views on the subject.

Ian, Steven and Jim were asked what they would do if the province started pushing county realignment again. Ian answered that there were provisions for small municipalities to be exempt from this and that none of the surrounding municipalities wanted us so they should just leave us alone. Steven said that it would be done only over his 'Reeve-al body' and Jim concurred (no, not with the Steven's demise but with our remaining separate).

Ian, Steven and Jim responded to a question about the shore roads. Ian said that moving them was in order because they were unsafe but first the ownership of the shore had to be decided. Steven would work towards discovering the limits of the roads and then relocate the roads within that area. Jim also would like to see the roads remain in their present location but moved back within their allowance if necessary. Jim also made a comment about the Back Beach saying that he would continue on with the legal case because the petition presented several years ago had been signed by 160 Islanders.

At this point, either the meeting concluded or I gave up taking notes (I don't remember). We hope that this will be of some use to help make up your minds on how to vote this coming Tuesday. So think, ponder, talk, discuss, argue, muse, debate but most important of all - Vote!!!

Thank you for your support of the Beacon in all its amateur splendor!!! Don't forget Christmas is coming soon and a Beacon subscription is a continuing gift.

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#### Beacon Notes

The election is over and the results are in! There are two returning people to Council although in different positions, and three new-comers. We offer our congratulations to all who ran. The results were very close for all the positions with the exception of School Board. We wish the new Reeve, Councillors and School Board Trustee the very best in the next three years!

Taking a look at the results should tell you at a glance that the voters could not really make up their minds. Each of the candidates for a Council position did very well.

There were a few other surprises in the voting. The number of voters is up dramatically from the election in 1988. That's probably due to a full list of candidates including an Islander for the School Board. Last time there were 234 votes cast for Councillor compared with 322 this election. I don't have the percentages from the last previous but the number of non-residents voting seems to be up dramatically with better than a third voting.

Congratulations must also be extended to Ken Blaber who was the leading vote getter for Bath Council and to Caroline Yull in her attempt for a School Board seat in Ernestown.

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#### Election Results

##### Reeve

Jim Whitton... 150  
\* Steven Willard... 167  
spoiled ballots... 5

##### Councillor

Duncan Ashley... 141  
\* Allen Caughey... 203  
\* Ian Murray... 170  
Alex Scott... 121

Bill Stoker... 142

\* Tena Tugwell... 165

\* Ralph Woods... 164  
spoiled ballots... 1

#### School Board

Roger Carkner... 201	Bath- 156	A.I.- 45
Bruce Caughey... 357	Bath- 137	A.I.- 220
Joanne Papps... 99	Bath- 67	A.I.- 32

#### Voter Breakdown

	Eligible	Polled	Percent
Total	552	322	58.3%
Resident	312	241	77.2%
Non-Resident	240	81	33.8%
Public School	521	304	58.3%
Separate School	31	18	58.0%

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Public Notice

Take Notice that the Township of Amherst Island intends to clear and remove debris from the Township road allowance at the south end of the Stella 40 foot between the South Shore Concession and Concession 3. Anyone who claims ownership of any of the items located thereon is hereby notified to remove all such items from the site by November 30, 1991.

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#### Special Council Meeting

For November 9, 1991

- Don Tubb

A short Special Meeting of Council was held to consider the 5% Lot Levy By-law and the Official Plan. All of the Councillors were there but our planner, Robert MacKenzie, did not come. He did send over the Draft which contained a few changes.

- A small area in one of W. Bruce Caughey's fields to the north of the marsh (Lot 70 Con III) was removed from the Natural Environment area and turned into part of the Agricultural area.

- A couple of OMAF officials came over to the Island to take a first hand look at the problem which they had identified. They had previously objected to several areas

not being included in the Agricultural area and to several areas that were. In response, Rural I and Rural II designations were created. These areas take in those areas where the soils are class 5, 6 and 7 which had previously been included in the Agricultural and Rural areas. These are found at the Head and at the Foot. They are basically the same but Rural I areas are a one lot depth strip of land along the roads and the Rural II areas are the interior parts. The lot size required to build a house is the main difference in their use. The interior parts require 10 hectares while the areas served by a road have a standard lot size.

These changes were approved and the Draft was passed by Council (with a large sigh of relief). The Plan now goes to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs where it is circulated to the various Ministries and other interested bodies. As we have already circulated this unofficially, it is expected that they will have few significant objections. Once the objections are dealt with, it can be approved by the Ministry.

The other piece of legislation was to complete the 5% Lot Levy By-law by providing a definition of when the land value is to be determined. To that end, Council decided to define "the day of the giving of the consent" as "the day the deed is stamped to finalize the consent application which is after approval has been given". Also "the value of the land shall be the asking price; if the asking price exceeds the actual sale price, the additional fee charged in excess of \$100 will be refunded, including interest" Finally, "where lots are sold for less than the market price, e.g. transfers between family members, the fair market price will be determined by a realtor hired by the Township or, if requested by the landowner, a licensed real estate appraiser hired by the owner." The appraiser's value shall then be the value of the land.

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Council Report  
For November 5, 1991  
- Chris Kennedy

All Councillors were present for the last meeting of the present Council. Tena Tugwell and Duncan Ashley were also there, I presume to find out what they may have let themselves in for. There is a fine new door for the wheelchair ramp in the east wall of the Council chamber. It is just behind the Reeve's chair, so could be used as an emergency exit if required.

Harry Filson has retired from the ferry crew, and was thanked for his years of service and given a complimentary ferry pass. The position of engineer has been advertised, and after 15th November the interviews for the position will be

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conducted by the Reeve, another Council member, the senior Captain and the senior Engineer. The repairs to the two docks will be postponed for one year to wait for the results of the present ferry study. There was a short discussion of the problems caused to the ferry by the very low water levels this fall.

Council considered some of the information from the ferry survey. Jim Whitton in particular expressed grave concern about the accuracy and validity of some of the statistics collected. The information is available at the township office for anyone interested. Tom Sylvester, Jim Whitton, the senior Captain, and Don Tubb (who has been using his computer to crunch up the numbers collected) will be preparing a response on behalf of the township.

Tom Sylvester has been working with M.T.O. to provide a secure parking area on the mainland dock, and it seems more likely that it will actually be built. Tom also brought up the possibility of a 5:30 a.m. ferry. This idea will be passed on to the Ferry committee to consider. I am sure that public input on the idea would be appreciated.

Council is applying for more grants for further work on the dump site. The money is for all sorts of surveys around the area required by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The goods on the south end of the Stella 40 foot have not been removed, so another letter will be sent to the presumed owner requesting their removal, and a similar notice will be placed in Glenn's Store and in the Beacon. A lot of work has been done on the skating rink by an energetic group of volunteers, and the equipment room has been insulated.

The ferry traffic has been down quite significantly this year, one figure mentioned was about 1000 vehicles a month. and so there is a projected revenue deficit of about \$5000. The new Council will have to set the ferry rates for 1992 at their first meeting in December.

Building permits were issued to Greg Hudson, Bruce Caughey, Eric Bailey, Don Emmon and Myles Hutchings. Dayle Gowan is severing the former Jimmy Neilson house in the village from the farm. Hazel deHaan is applying to sever the former Edwin Hogeboom house and barns from the rest of the land.

Council then went into closed session to consider a personnel matter, before adjourning at 11 p.m.

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### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

The Island has truly suffered a great loss this month with the death of three long-time residents.

Edna Reid is survived by daughter Beatrice Wemp of Amherst Island; son Kenneth of Napanee and son Edward of Sudbury. She leaves 15 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and six step-grandchildren. Mrs. Reid passed away October 30, in Napanee Hospital, unexpectedly, She was 88.

Jack Bews, husband of Janet Filson, is probably best known to Islanders for his little trailer next to Doug Wilson's house, the sign out front reads "Dun Workin Manor". In recent years, Jack and Janet have spent a lot of time on the Island during the summer months. Jack passed away

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in Kingston General Hospital earlier this month.

Following a lengthy illness, Francis Welbanks passed away November 12 at Kingston General Hospital. Francis leaves his wife Nessie; sister, Irene; brother Howard; sons Ted and Eric, and grandchildren John, Rick, Susanne, Cheryl and Shawn.

We have just heard that Beth Evans' mother has died. Our condolences to the family. Also, sincere sympathy to the families of Francis, Edna and Jack. They will be missed terribly by their friends and neighbours.

More best wishes to the Welbanks family: Linda Welbanks' father, Rex Hicks, is undergoing surgery at Kingston General this week, while Heather Welbanks' father, Jack Sedore, is currently recovering from illness at Belleville Hospital.

Best wishes to Lucille Brown and Margaret Blenkinsop, both still in hospital in Kingston, and to Dale Willard and Alison McDonald, who both spent time in hospital this month.

We have some new full-time residents this month also. Welcome to Stephen and Lori Patchett and Jason

Huffman who have moved into the house on the corner. Jason attends Amherst Island Public School.

I finally managed to track down some information on Kaye and Dorothy McGinn's new grandson. Jeremy was born September 7 at Kingston General Hospital, 6 lb. 14 oz. At last weigh-in, he was 14 lb. 6 oz., at only 8 weeks. Congratulations to Vernon and Dorothy McGinn of Wilton. (They must have some new kind of baby food in Wilton we haven't heard about yet.)

I missed this one last year, and have been reminded about it several times since. Miller hunt camp results: 1 small buck (barely more than a fawn) by Paul Glenn. (Last one by Paul Glenn: 1 buck, 1984 or 1985.) Some members of the Miller hunting camp suggested I mention Donnie Miller's deer, but I will leave that to your imagination.

As for the success (or lack of success) of the Island hunters, so far I only know that Albert Henderson and crew got one last week. Dale Willard got one a couple of weeks ago but that was with his truck so I don't think it counts.

And while I have left this part as long as I possibly can, Andy and Maureen (Wemp) Tasker have still not produced the baby everyone is waiting to hear about. I'm not sure what number this grandchild will be for Ralph and Bea Wemp, but hopefully I will have all that by next month.

Finally, I would like to thank Heather Young, Rob Wemp and Caroline Yull for helping out when things got out of hand this week. Thanks, guys!

A slip of the typewriter keys! I almost forgot. Ted and Faye Wemp are expecting to be first-time grandparents next June. Congratulations Steve and Bonnie. And... Barbara and Stratton Reid will also be first time grandparents next spring, Good Luck and Best Wishes Jim and Sandra. Newcomer Lori Patchett tells us she too is expecting, sometime in between the two previously mentioned expectancies. Another baby boom for Amherst Island!!! (Believe it or not: John and Maureen Glenn say they are not having any more. Sure.)

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Leslie Gavlas on Wednesday, October 16th. Final plans were made for the Senior Citizen's Dinner on Friday, December 6th. Invitations to this event will be in the mail around the end of October. The Women's Institute has also received a gift

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from Mr. Ameriks. This money has been invested and interest of \$225.00 was received this year. The Institute decided to add this interest money to the Township's Frank Fleming Scholarship fund. Hopefully this contribution will make more money available for our students.

Our guest speaker was Ms. Patricia Shaver. Pat is a graduate in horticulture from the University of Guelph. She is currently employed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food as a consultant in Organic Farming. Pat gave a very interesting talk with some slides on techniques for controlling crop pests. The key is control with minimal use of pesticides rather than complete elimination of pesticides. A lively discussion period followed and Institute members were able to select from a number of relevant government publications brought by our speaker.

Upcoming activities are the Area Convention on October 23rd and the Grandview 40th Anniversary on November 13th.

Our next meeting will be a Pot Luck supper at the Community Centre on Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. when our guest will be our District President. All members are encouraged to attend if at all possible.

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539

- Jean Tugwell

On October 30th a Halloween fun evening of games, dancing and excellent costumes was held in the Amherst Island School.

Prizes were awarded to:

Chris Maleska - Funniest Costume

Beth Albertan - Best Costume 3 & under

Brent McGinn - Best Costume 4-6 yrs

Helen Bell-Smith - Best Costume 7-9 yrs

Angela Fleming - Best Costume 10-13 yrs

Wanda McGinn - Best Costume High School

David Fleming - Best Costume Adult

Andrew & Alison McDonald - Best Group Costume

Mary McCollam - Oldest Costumed

Thomas Fleming - Youngest Costumed

Special thanks to those who lingered to help us clean up, ie: Albertan's and McDonald's and to Herbie's Drug Warehouse for their contribution.

The November meeting of the Legion was held in Lloyd's room. The Branch was visited by the Zone Commander, Erle Kish, and the Deputy-Zone Commander, Tom Miller. Awards were presented to past executive members and Life Membership Crests to Tony Tugwell and Earle Tugwell. Comrade Kish congratulated the Branch for their good working relationships and involvement in the Amherst Island community.

The Remembrance Day Service was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Nov. 10th. A wreath was laid by Leslie Gavlas, acting as the Silver Cross Mother. The Service Wreath was laid by Earle Tugwell. Legion members were joined by the Girl Guides and Brownies.

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The Recreation Committee

- Annette

The Recreation Committee would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all those who helped with repairs to the skating rink and equipment room last weekend.

Jim Whitton

Jack Kerr

Susan McGinn

Betty Wemp

Heather Young

Rick Bedford

Annette Phillips

Linda Wemp

Duncan Ashley

Ted Wemp

Gary McDonald

Ken Albertan

Llew MacArthur

Chris Maleska

Nate Maleska

Andrew McDonald

Alison McDonald

Jeffery McDonald

Jeff Forester

The Recreation Committee wishes to extend our thanks and appreciation to Jim Whitton for his hard work and unfailing enthusiasm for all our projects over the past three years. Jim has been the driving force behind the Recreation Committee since his appointment, and has been largely responsible for making the Recreation Committee an upbeat, positive and very successful organization. He has also been the organizer of, and motivator for many of our larger projects. We hope he will continue to be actively involved.

Thanks, Jim.

Susan/Betty/Annette/Heather/ Jack/Rick/ Jack

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## Obituary

Francis Thomas Welbanks

August 10, 1910 - November 12, 1991

Francis Thomas Welbanks was a young man of 15 when his parents moved to Amherst Island from Prince Edward County. As the son of commercial fisherman, Francis attended public school in Prince Edward, spending his summers fishing off Main Ducks. When it was time for him to attend High School, his parents decided on Amherst Island, not only for the sake of the fishing business but because the superior educational system here included both primary and secondary schools.

Having bought property on Long Point in the fall of 1924, the family spent the winter building cottages there, relocating permanently in the spring of 1925. Over the next few years, Francis finished his High School education during the winter and fished with his father all summer. He continued to fish until the mid-70's, when arthritis and hip replacement surgery forced his retirement.

His interests were many and varied. Anyone who knew Francis, knew him to be a gold mine of information on all matters historical, never forgetting a date or a name or a place. He was, in fact, a source of information for several authors and historians, some of his memories being published in last year's release "Booze, Boats and Billions." He had a particular interest in marine history and in the history of the Great Lakes boats.

Francis was born in Brighton, Ontario, August 10, 1910, to Anna Beartrice Fritz and Elburn Welbanks. Originally British subjects, the Welbanks family is descended from a British (Yorkshire) soldier, an active member of the United Empire Loyalists.

Francis' sister, Thelma Irene, was born in 1919 and later married John Leslie Glenn (Dec. 1938). They owned and operated Glenn's Store on Amherst Island; Irene is still the owner/operator.

Brother Howard, born in 1922, still carries on the family tradition and is a commercial fisherman on the Island. He married Noreen Richards and they live between their two homes: one in the village, the other on Long Point.

Francis married Nessie Eleanor Glenn on September 4, 1937. They lived in the village of Stella, in the house now owned by Rick and Teresa Marton. In 1949, they bought the Edward Fleming farm on the south shore, farming first dairy and later, beef cattle. That same farm has been the family home ever since.

Francis and Nessie had three children. Tragically, their first son, Glenn, died shortly after birth in 1941.

Eric Francis was born in 1943 and married Linda Hicks in 1967. They live at Nicholson's Point in Ernestown Township and have three children: Susanne, Cheryl and Shawn. Eric is General Manager of Sonoco Inc., in Kingston.

Theodore (Ted) Harold, born 1946, has lived next door to Francis and Nessie for more than 20 years. He married Heather Sedore in 1966, they have two sons, John and Rick. Ted is an electrician at DuPont in Kingston. In recent years, Ted and Eric have assumed responsibility for the operation of the beef farm, now keeping only a few head.

Besides farming and fishing, Francis spent one year (1936), working as a miner in Sudbury area. He always had a keen interest in world events and politics, and played a large part in the Island political scene.

Following the death of David Caghney in April, 1938, Francis was appointed to the vacant councillor seat on the Amherst Island Township Council. He was re-elected to that position until 1945 when he went on to take the job of township clerk. He held that post for approximately 30 years.

In April, 1992, Francis would have been a 60-year member of the Maple Leaf Masonic Lodge in Bath. He was a Past Master of Maple Leaf Lodge; Past Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. Francis was also a Shriner, and a member and trustee of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

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## Thank You Notes

Nessie, Ted, Eric, Irene, Howard and families wish to express appreciation to our many friends, relatives and neighbours. Thank you for the food, flowers and donations, and for being there when you were needed. Many thanks to those who helped at the house on Saturday.

Sincerely

The Welbanks family

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I would like to thank my family, friends and neighbours for phone calls, cards, visits and goodies brought me after my brief stay in hospital.

Anna Hitchins

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We would like to thank all our families, friends and neighbours for all the loving kindness shown to us at the time of our mother's death. Many thanks to all the ones

who brought food to the house for the funeral and served us so well.

Ralph & Beatrice Wemp

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The Anglican Church Women would like to express their appreciation for the patronage we received in connection with our Turkey Supper and Sale on October 19th. On that occasion a raffle ticket was drawn for the porcelain doll, Jennifer, and the winner was Ms. Susan Cole of Auden Park. Our sincere thanks are due to Ms Dorothy McGinn who donated the doll and put forth a great deal of effort to make this raffle a success. We would also like to thank all those people who donated time, cooking and money. The help received with serving and in the kitchen and lunch room is especially important in view of our limited numbers of active members and our average age.

Leslie Gavlas, Secretary A.C.W.

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#### Notes From The Candidates

Thank you - Reeve Ian Murray

I hereby gratefully acknowledge the following for their contributions during my term as Reeve:

- 1- The Township staff - Clerk Diane Pearce, Assistant Clerk Ida Gavlas & Judy Miller (retired)., Public Works Sup't Stuart Miller, Captain Lloyd Wolfreys, Captain Earl Willard, Captain Lloyd Strain and to all the other employees for their assistance and encouragement;
- 2- The Volunteers on the Fire Department, the First Response Team, the Recreation Committee and the ad hoc committees for the time and effort invested in making Amherst Island a better place to live;
- 3- The Councillors for their continued support and good will that made the Council chamber a positive place to work; and
- 4- The Electorate for giving me enough votes to continue to sit on Council.

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I would like to express my thanks to those electors who placed their confidence in me through their support on 12 November. I will do my best for you in council and I assure you that my door is always open for discussion of your problems or complaints.

Allen Caughey

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To: the Electors of Amherst Island and Bath -

Thank you for your support in my successful election to the L&A Public School Board.

I look forward to your continued support and involvement in our schools and their vital roles in our individual communities.

I am available and receptive to your educational concerns.

W. Bruce Caughey

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Letter to: Voters of Amherst Island

From: Roger Carkner - Candidate Public School Trustee

Just a short note to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your kind words and friendliness that was extended to

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me recently while campaigning for votes on the Island. The coffees, teas, fresh cakes, etc were very much appreciated along with the time you shared with me in your homes.

In addition, I would reiterate my sincere best wishes and congratulations to Bruce Caughey on his winning of this election.

Lastly, although I lost, I gained many new friends and acquaintances and hope as a result to make many future trips to the Island. I sincerely enjoyed this experience.

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#### Congratulations and Thanks

Congratulations to Reeve Willard and Councillors Caughey, Murray, Tugwell and Woods for their election to manage Amherst Island.

I would like to thank the 142 voters who cast their ballot in my favour and assure them that I will continue to monitor Council's activities particularly with regard to:

- a) non-essential expenditures;
- b) indirect taxation such as the 5% Lot Levy; and
- c) restrictions and invasions on the rights of property owners.

I look forward to working with and assisting our new Council in ensuring that we maintain the character and tranquillity (???) of Amherst Island that makes it a great place to be.

Sincerely, Bill Stoker

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First, I want to thank those Islanders who supported my campaign for school trustee in Ernestown. Quite often while I was campaigning, people told me that a friend or relative from the Island had already recommended me. Campaigning is incredibly lonely, so



that kind of friendly support was really appreciated!

Second, I want to tell all those people who were eligible for the first time on Nov. 12 to vote, that I was very impressed with how many of you turned out to exercise your franchise. It's an important part of civic duty. In case you feel your one little vote doesn't count for much, look at the council election in Bath. The candidates got:

\* Ken Blaber: 214 votes

\* Cynthia Flavell: 211 "

\* Joseph Hudacin: 211 "

\* William Kelly Hineman: 210 "

Lonny Armstrong: 207 "

John Hilliard: 205 "

David John Chesebrough: 126 "

The \* were elected, which means that 3 little votes made the difference between election for Hineman and defeat for Armstrong. So keep up the good work! And besides, having voted gives you solid ground to stand on if you feel inclined to critique your new Council!

Caroline Yull

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#### Awards

In a rare display of common sense, the Syracuse police department did not charge a man who shot a rabid racoon as it was jumping on a bed where his daughter was standing. It is illegal to discharge a gun inside a home. For this, they are award the Common Sense Award.

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#### And Finally

Congratulations are in order to each and every one of us for electing such fiscally responsible politicians to do our bidding. An article in the Financial Post reports that total government debt now exceeds one trillion dollars - that's a one with twelve zeros after it as in \$1,000,000,000,000. This breaks down as follows:

Federal...	\$460 billion
Provincial...	\$290 billion
Municipal...	\$46 billion
Canada Pension Plan...	\$320 billion
Total...	\$1116 billion

We must be a very rich country to afford this much debt which works out to about \$40,000 for each man, woman and child.

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At the all-candidates meeting before the election various suggestions were made about making Council

more open and its actions better known. It was also suggested that the minutes of the Council meetings might be published in the Beacon.

Don and I (Chris) write the Council Reports and they are, unavoidably, a personal view of what we consider important and of interest. An enormous amount is said in a three hour Council meeting and we try to distill it into what we hope is an interesting account in passable English. We have to miss out a lot, some of which other people may consider important. We also try, not always successfully, to keep gossip and personal matters out. As well, every Councillor will, inevitably, during their term of office say the odd thing that they would prefer not to see in print, and we try not to print these remarks either, I call it selective deafness.

We do try to be as informative as possible. However, if we published the complete minutes of the Council meetings each month there would not be room for anything else in the Beacon. There are often seven or more foolscap pages of minutes, and they do not all make very exciting reading (sorry Diane and Ida). For people who want to be better informed, the agenda is available at the Township office before the meeting. The meetings are open to the public, with only personnel matters and matters that may lead to legal action being considered in private, for obvious reasons. The minutes are available at the Township office for anyone who cares to read them. I have also found the Township office staff very helpful in providing additional information when asked.

So we will continue to publish our Council Reports as before, we will try not to tread on too many toes, and people who need more information can go to the Township Office and ask, or even attend a Council meeting.

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#### Notices And Announcements

##### Family & Children's Services

Occasional care-givers are required for individuals with special needs on Amherst Island. An interest in working with children or adults with handicaps and a willingness to work flexible hours are essential. For more information, call 354-9744 and ask for Karen.

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##### Amherst Island Sweatshirts

A new shipment of Amherst Island sweatshirts has arrived - just in time to help you out with Christmas shopping! The hooded sweatshirts have been very popular and we also have a big selection of colours and

sizes in the crew neck sweatshirts as well.

After Nov. 20, the remainder of the stock will be on sale at Glenn's Store. Many thanks from the Presbyterian Church Women for your ongoing support of this project.

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#### Christmas Tea And Sale

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Christmas Tea and Sale will be held on Saturday, November 30th from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Community Centre.

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#### Treasures

Irene, Coralee and Susie want to give you some hot tips on the rare rummage that will be found on the "Treasures" tables at the P.C.W. Tea and Sale. This year we feature: bedspreads of all sizes, applique quilt (old) twin size, jewelry, clothes, dishes, curtains, books, toys and so much more! Shop early. Don't miss it.

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#### The Royal Canadian Legion Book Depot

For a number of years Beacon readers have been bringing books to the exchanges at Glenn's Store. After being read here, I have been sending them on to the Legion Book Depot, in turn they send them on to Service personnel in isolated areas. The new appeal is for - new or used games, jigsaw puzzles, darts, crib boards, etc. Please help us out if you can - it will be gratefully appreciated.

Irene Glenn (Br. 539 Amherst Island)

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#### Aerobics

The aerobic group is now participating in a "no-jump" routine. Our instructors will direct you through plenty of stretching and toning moves with a high-impact alternative if you wish. There is no need to jump.

So join us Monday and Thursday 8 p.m. at the school.

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#### Attention All Anglicans

No, we don't need "Umbrella's in Church" anymore. To those of you who haven't noticed, our repairs and renovations to the roof and steeple were completed to our utmost satisfaction at the beginning of the summer. The completed cost of the renovations amounted to \$7,456. Through many generous donations from both Anglicans and non-Anglicans, residents and non-residents we have received to date \$3,148. We are truly grateful, and thank each and everyone of you for your

generosity. To pay off our expenses and re-instate our building account we still need to raise approx. \$3,000.

To those who have not yet made a contribution, large or small, it would be gratefully accepted. Please address all donations to our treasurer, Jean Tugwell, who will issue a registered receipt.

Thank you from the Wardens.

Elsie Willard & Tena Tugwell

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#### For Sale / Wanted

Found part of a Coin Collection in a broken container. If you can identify, see staff at Glenn's Store.

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#### For Sale

Picnic Tables- super design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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#### Wanted

A TV suitable for Nintendo

Call Ian or Sally at 389-3444

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#### B & B Small Engine Repair

Repairs to all makes.

We do Lawn Mowers, Snow Blowers, Chain Saws.

Big or small, we fix them all.

Contact Bob Halferty at 389-1413.

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#### Printing

For business cards, letterheads & envelopes etc and all your typesetting requirements.

Please contact Peter Morgan at 384-1456

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#### Cookie Heaven

Good supply of many kinds available for instant pickup.

Special orders within a few hours.

Call Laureen Kilpatrick at 389-4078

Mon - Fri after 4 p.m.

Weekends 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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#### Marg's Mixing Bowl

All kinds of Christmas Baking and Catering.

Call Marg Horth at 547-3072 Anytime

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General Contracting  
Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,  
Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.  
Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434  
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Shorewell Maintenance  
Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps  
checked. \$30  
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078  
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Portable Welding  
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172  
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General Contracting  
New Construction & Renovations by an Amherst Island  
company.  
Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387  
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Babysitting  
Amanda Bateman will babysit early evenings and  
weekends.  
Call 389-5387  
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Babysitting  
Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights  
and weekends.  
Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199  
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Cisterns Filled  
Competitive Rates.  
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071  
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Property Maintenance  
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and  
painting.  
Reasonable. References.  
Call Bob Horth at 389-2916  
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Lamb for Sale  
Cut, wrapped and frozen to your specifications.  
Call Topsy Farms 389-3444  
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Clothing  
If you have a tear, I will repair.  
Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569  
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Pumps Of All Kinds -  
Softeners / Conditioners / Filters / Chlorinators /  
Sterilizers / Sprinkler Systems  
Call Tom Miller 389-0105  
Authorized Dealer for Archer Pumps  
Softener Salt in stock at all times.  
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Glenn's Store  
More than 70 VCR titles available.  
Movies... \$2.00 to \$3.00  
Nintendo Games... \$2.50  
VCR Rentals...  
Weekdays... \$6.00  
Sat... \$10.00  
We welcome requests and we will reserve movies.  
We also carry blank tapes.  
Also available:  
Amherst Island Shirts & Caps  
Whig Standard Cookbook  
Emergency Call Cards  
Hunting/Fishing Licences  
Book Exchange  
Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery  
Avon Ordering  
Girl Guide Cookies  
New A.I. Telephone List and  
much much more!  
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Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year  
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#### Beacon Notes

We wish all our readers a very happy holiday season. Our advice to achieve this is to turn off the news and concentrate on yourself and your family. The world isn't going to end if you don't watch or read about the multitude of tragedies happening around the world for a few days.

As you can see by lack of our usual mast head, I still haven't got the mouse fixed. After one concerted attempt (and failure), I've reached the conclusion that I'm way in over my head and will have to drag the computer into town and get someone else to do it. Maybe next month.

Our top news story this month is the seeming grooming of our Reeve for bigger things. He has been interviewed on the CBC Radio Noon show out of Ottawa. There have been newspaper reports in the Whig and a front page story in the Ottawa Citizen. There is a growing suspicion that he is preparing the ground for his jump to Federal politics. The unanswered question is whether he will try for the Prime Ministership if Brian decides not fight the next election.  
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#### Township Of Amherst Island Landfill Site Hours

Please note the following changes to the hours of operating for the landfill site during the holidays. Instead of Christmas Day and New Years Day, the site will be open:

Dec 24 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Dec 31 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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#### Council Report For December 3, 1991 - Chris Kennedy

The new council was inaugurated with ten in the audience, including a reporter from the Ottawa Citizen, come to see Steven Willard, the youngest Reeve ever in Ontario, at his first council meeting. At the start the

Reeve and then the councillors took their oaths of office and pledged allegiance to the crown, saying they would be upright, honest and loyal councillors. Steven made a short inaugural address, saying that he hoped that they could work well together and that he liked to run a tight meeting.

The first item of business was a list of committee appointments that Stephen had drawn up, which he presented to Council. Councillor Ralph Woods immediately challenged several of these recommendations, saying that he did not consider many of them appropriate, and that some of them would lead to conflicts of interest. Ralph presented his own suggestions for committee appointments. These were seconded by

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Councillor Allan Caughey. There followed a brisk discussion around the council table, followed by a recorded vote in which Ralph Woods' suggestions were defeated. Councillors Ian Murray and Tena Tugwell voted with the Reeve. The appointments put forward by the Reeve were then approved by a unanimous vote.

The minutes of the previous meetings were checked and approved, and the agenda and addendum were adopted. Ralph Woods declared conflict of interest on the shore road ownership question concerning the land in front of his property, Ian Murray on any predator payments to Topsy Farms and Stephen on any matters concerning ferry rates and benefits.

Camlo Peiris is the new engineer on the Amherst Islander. He comes from Sri Lanka, trained in Australia, and is at present looking for a place to live on the Island. Council is looking at cheaper insurance for the ferry, but has not yet received all the quotes requested. The possibility of M.T.O. taking over the ferry was briefly discussed. The present ferry operating agreement with M.T.O. has expired, and M.T.O. is asking for a greater contribution from the Township. This is an item that will be pursued at future council meetings.

The ferry hiring policy was discussed. Reeve Willard presented an outline of a policy that was adopted. The Ferry committee will make two recommendations to council for new positions, and council will consider these and may accept or reject these as they see fit. The engineers will be chosen by a special committee that will include the senior engineer. The coast guard has very strict regulations about the qualifications required by an engineer, and it is quite difficult for a local person to put in enough hours to

become qualified.

The new councillors heard a brief discussion of the problems about the ownership of the land between the shore roads and the shore. Council is at present trying to get a definitive legal opinion on this. The Reeve and  
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{Council Report will continue after the following notice.}

The Corporation Of The Township Of Amherst Island  
By-law # 38-91

A by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island to establish the ferry rates for the Motorship Amherst Islander effective January 1, 1992 subject to review after March 31, 1992.

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island enacts as follows:

I. 1 ticket @ 3.00 entitles driver to one round trip passage for:

- a) automobile, pick-up truck, van, or
- b) motorcycle, or
- c) farm tractor;

II. 2 tickets @ 3.00 entitle driver to one round trip passage for:

- a) car and trailer, or
- b) truck (other than pick-up), or
- c) farm tractor and implement;

III. An additional charge of \$3.00 (1 ticket) per space occupied will apply to all vehicles not listed above. The purser and captain on duty are authorized to set the rate for vehicles and/or other objects at a figure commensurate with the number of spaces occupied;

IV. Bulk tickets for use on the ferry will be available as follows:

1 book (35 tickets) for \$50.00;

V. In the event that the ticket price is increased to meet revenue requirements, unused tickets will be refunded for a credit toward a book of new tickets.

VI. Tickets Are Valid Only When Removed By The Purser.

Read on the motion of Councillor Caughey, seconded by Councillor Tugwell, carried and passed in open session this 3rd day of December, 1991.

Staff:

Further to the above, the Township Office informs us that tickets are expected to be available during the last week of December. Also, they will be available through both the Pursers and the Township Office, and that payment by cheque is requested.  
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Councillor Murray explained that the original survey for the Island is missing, and that the whole issue is extremely confusing. If you asked three surveyors you are likely to get three different opinions. Council decided to bring over a surveyor to a special meeting of Council open to the public, to try to explain at least where the confusion arises. It will be very difficult to make any changes to the shore roads until this matter is resolved, and the shore roads are becoming more undermined and dangerous each year.

Some, but not all, of the items on the south end of the Stella 40 ft. have been moved. Since the deadline for their removal 5 now passed, the Road Crew will now be asked to clean up what is left.

The issue of the ownership of the Back Beach will come before the courts on January 16th, 1992, though there is no guarantee that the matter will be decided then.

The ferry rates for 1992 were discussed. Council decided to abandon the pass system, and introduce a ticket system, with bulk tickets available at a discount over the single round trip ticket price. Council found it very difficult to guess at how many people will buy bulk tickets, so the rates proposed will be in effect for the first three months of 1992, when the total revenue collected to that date will be considered and prices adjusted accordingly. The rates are \$3.00 for a single round trip ticket, with bulk tickets available at \$50 for 35 tickets, which makes a ticket worth \$1.43. This year a commuter making 5 trips a week for 50 weeks a year (250 trips) paid \$225, which gives a cost of just under \$1.00 a trip. Tena Tugwell proposed that there should be a fee for passengers as well, but this motion was defeated. The ferry committee will work out the fine details for running the scheme. It seems likely that the pursers will be selling the bulk tickets as well as collecting the single tickets.

Ralph Woods proposed that the printed council minutes and the monthly financial statements be printed in sufficient numbers that they would be freely available to the public. They have always been available to the public at the Township office. It was decided that a copy of the minutes and statements would be placed at Glenn's Store and in the library as soon after the meeting as was practical, though they will not be approved until the next regular meeting. Readers will be requested to initial them to try to gauge whether this service is useful to the public.

Councillors Caughey and Woods proposed that the present Reeve and Councillors should not receive any pay for their work for the next three years, to try to keep tax increases to a minimum. This motion was lost. Ian Murray, the former Reeve, proposed that the Reeve

should receive a pay increase from the present \$3000 a year to \$5000, given the amount of work the Reeve has to do. During the ensuing discussion the Reeve left the room. This proposal was last on a tie vote.

The 5% lot levy was then discussed. Some councillors felt that it had caused too many confusions and misperceptions, and there did not seem to be a need for the public recreational land that this levy was meant to purchase.

The only building permit issued in November was to W. Bruce Caughey for an enlargement of an existing permit. Council decided not to donate a free ferry pass, at any money in lieu, to the I.S.L.E. committee to use as a raffle prize. It was also decided not to give money to Ontario Scholars from the Island. Council disposed of several small items of business and then went into, closed session for the last item of business - a discussion of the walking path in the village and a personnel matter.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Staff:

Annette was a little harried this month so we got only her notes.

Our condolences to Lilly Browne on the death of her husband Bud.

In hospital this past month was John Mayman who now is recovering at home. Also Lucille Brown is home from hospital for the holidays.

Congratulations to Maureen (Wemp) and Andy Tasker on the birth of their baby

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Geoffrey Robert Owen on November 20th in Prince Edward Island. He weighed in at 7 lbs 13 ozs. His sisters are Jennifer and Heather.

A very Merry Christmas to all and thanks for reading the paper over the past year.

Finally, Annette and Bill are headed for Mexico soon. We wish them all the sun and heat they want and suggest that she could fax her column up to us!

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The November meeting took the form of a Pot Luck supper at the school with the District President, Mrs. Barbara Weese in attendance along with other members of her branch of the W.I. Mrs Weese spoke of the History of W.I. and the future plans for the organization. The W.I. was started by Mr. Erland Lee

and Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, who had lost a child due to contaminated milk. The movement originated when a group of women attended a farmer's meeting, and was designed to enlarge the horizons of rural women and to improve conditions for farm wives who had little opportunity for upgrading their education and learning. A move is now afoot to organize 14 new W.I. groups in our district. Those of us in small dying W.I. groups would like to see more movement towards revitalizing our present groups. My work with 4-H on a milk project was very revealing. None of the young people seemed to be able to tell me why milk is pasteurized - and that in a farming community. Nor did they seem aware of the reasons for the fortification of milk with vitamins A & D. These were projects undertaken by W.I. in the past when the women became knowledgeable about the dangers of tuberculosis and brucellosis from unpasteurized milk, and of the importance of vitamin D to calcium utilization in the formation of strong bones. We in the W.I. are aware that there are many such projects that active women's groups could tackle but our hands are tied by our inability to attract younger and more active members.

On Dec. 6th the W.I. hosted the Amherst Island Senior's Dinner, thanks to financial assistance from the Legion and the Orange Lodge. In spite of snowy conditions there was a good turn out and the meal did seem to be greatly appreciated. The evening finished with entertainment by the Camden Valley Express and Mr. Orville Wainman with a comic presentation of song and recitation.

Our next meeting will be a Christmas party starting with supper at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Anna Hitchins. A very Happy Christmas and all good things in 1992 to all!

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#### Attention Knitters!

In January, I plan to make an opportunity available to members of our senior class to learn a bit of knitting. If this isn't a case of the blind leading the blind, I don't know of one, so I'm asking for your help. Here's how:

What we will be making are the "Guardian Angel" hat/mitt/bootie sets for premature infants. To avoid having to spend a lot of money on this, I am asking people to donate extra wool and spare needles. We need:

3-ply fingering or baby yarn (it doesn't take much, I got 2 full sets and another pair of mitts and booties from one 50 gram ball).

Needles - sizes between 3.25 and 3.75 mm are suitable (UK size 9 or 10, US size 3, 4, 5). These can be returned when we're done if you wish.

Crochet hooks - just a few, size 3.5 mm (UK size 9,

US size E or 4). Ditto on the return.

Some resource people - experienced knitters, who would like to pass on their skill and are willing to sit and knit with the children and offer advice and support as needed.

We know we have lots of talents and skills in these children - anyone who hasn't seen last year's quilt project hanging in the school's front entrance should make a point of taking a look. This project will also offer them an opportunity

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to reach out to other children in the community in a helpful and loving way. Call me if you want to help or donate supplies.

Caroline Yull  
384-4071

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Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 539  
- Tom Miller

The 12 Branches of local zone G1 of the Royal Canadian Legion have worked for 6 years to obtain seniors housing. They are proud to announce their success. They formed a charitable organization called the Royal Canadian Legion Villa Kingston which has purchased the Shamrock Hotel. Contractors are now working on the building to modify it for rent-g geared-to-income seniors housing. The target date for new residents is September, 1992.

If anyone thinks they may be interested, or just wishes further information, contact Tom Miller.

All donations are tax deductible, and would be very welcome.

There will be no Legion meeting in January. The next meeting will be February 5th.

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The Ameriks Fund In Memory of Reeve Frank Fleming (For the information of the community, shown below is a copy of the letter sent to each successful applicant to the Fund.)

We, the members of the committee to administer the Ameriks Scholarship Fund in Memory of Reeve Frank Fleming, are pleased to inform you that you have been granted the sum of \$165.00 toward the cost of your studies. We decided to award equal portions of the 1990/91 interest on the Fund's capital (both from the Township and the Women's Institute - a total of \$1,325.) to the undernamed students who made application and who qualified. We trust this will help in your continuing studies

and we wish you success in the coming years.

Janet Duncan - Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

Julie Forester - Universite De Bourgogne, Dijon, France

Adam Miller - Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology, Kemptville, Ontario

Kathi Scott - Seneca College, Toronto, Ontario

Trudy Strain - Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

Steven Ward - Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

John Welbanks - Ontario College of Art, Toronto, Ontario

Steven Willard - Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

Yours sincerely,

Diane Pearce, for the Committee

Irene Glenn, Chair

Ralph Woods, Secretary

Jim Whitton, Member-at-large

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In connection with the Ameriks Fund this might (might not) be of interest to Beacon Readers.

Jim Whitton

Actual Tuition Fees 1991/92

Ontario vs. U.S. Public and Private Universities

Ontario... \$2,036

U.S. Public Universities

Univ. of Massachusetts... \$5,744

Pennsylvania St Univ... \$5,005

Univ. of Michigan... \$4,373

Univ. of Minnesota... \$3,217

Univ. of California... \$2,694

Univ. of Tennessee... \$2,033

US. Private Universities

M.I.T.... \$19,215

Brown... \$19,470

Princeton... \$18,840

Harvard... \$18,829

Georgetown... \$17,961

Duke... \$17,170

Northwestern... \$16,339

Syracuse... \$14,732

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U.S. figures are in Canadian dollars and are for state residents, Out of state students pay a supplementary fee ranging from about \$4,000 in New York to about \$10,000 in Michigan.

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## Thank You Notes

We, the family of the late Francis Welbanks wish to express our heartfelt thanks for cards, letters, floral tributes, food and charitable donations. Special thanks to the A.C.W., the P.C.W. and everyone, who in any way helped through the difficult days of October and November. We were particularly touched by the "In Memorium" from the Township. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

The Welbanks Family

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I wish to thank all my relatives, friends and neighbours for all the gifts of flowers, fruit, cards and phone calls while I've been in K.G.H..

Thanks so much.

Lucille Brown

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Thanks to Heather Young and Tracy Hitchins for putting all your time and enthusiasm into helping us work on volleyball. The senior class and Andrew think you are local heroes. We are looking forward to basketball.

The Senior Class and Andrew

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## More Notes From The Candidates

The last speedy Beacon took me by surprise and my thank you note was not ready. However at this period with each day running quickly towards glorious Christmas, I thank all those who supported my bid for council and wish every Islander the very best in the days to come, and a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New year.

Tena Tugwell

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I would like to express my sincere thanks for your confidence in electing me to the Council of Amherst Island on November 12th. I look forward to work for you and the best interests of the residents of Amherst Island.

Ralph Woods

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## And Finally

The rumour is that the divorce lawyers in California are getting a class action suit prepared against Crest toothpaste. This company has recently come out with a toothpaste tube which maintains its shape and draws the tail ends back into the tube. The lawyers suggest that using this type of tube will dramatically cut into their business. How the tubes are squeezed (end or middle)

and the messy ends are two of the leading causes of divorce and they want to sue for billions in damages. (Just kidding guys! But it's possible, isn't it?)

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Baseball salaries are getting even more outrageous! Bobby Bonilla is getting something like \$29,000,000 over the next 5 years. Let's try and put that into some sort of perspective. The salary has a signing bonus and a variable pay structure but let's presume that it's equal pay over the 5 years.

\$29,000,000

\$5,800,000 per year

~\$16,000 per day

~\$662 per hour

~\$11 per minute,

24 hours per day,

365 days a year!

Okay how about another way: The average worker (if there is such a thing) puts in about 2,000 hours per year. Bobby's wage would be \$2,900 per hour. How does that compare to your salary? In fact, he earns much more in a single day than I do in a year. Does he really get that much more for his money than we normal humans?

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One last way. I may be out a bit on my statistics but let's do it anyway as the end result is still obscene:

\$5,800,000 per year

\$40,000 per game (playing 145 games per year - some games he would be rested because counting all that money is really tiring)

\$10,000 per at bat (4 per game).

Now, think about this for a minute - this guy has exceeded the poverty line by the fourth inning of the first game of the season! He's made as much as the average Canadian family by the end of the first inning of the second game! It just boggles the mind that there is so much money out there for something as essentially useless as baseball. It really gets ridiculous when you think that he could invest that money, he could be making \$3,000,000 per year! Money has really lost its value in the entertainment industry.

Sorry about the tirade but I have a really difficult time with something like this. Bobby is only the top money earner to date but there will be someone else in a couple of months. By the way, the average salary of all baseball players was \$851,492 last year.

Just as a little sidebar to the above - the Oakland A's seem to be trying to buy a championship as their average salary has gone from \$424,000 per player in 1988 to \$1,400,000 per player last year. Even the Blue



Jays were shelling out more than a million dollars per player last year which is only 7th on the list of dollars per player.

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Did you know that a 'drop' is a unit of measure? Our reference book says that there are 20 drops in a cubic centimetre. Yes! you guessed it - more fun with figures. Let's see - if there are 20 drops in a cubic centimeter, how many would there be if an inch of rain fell on a half hectare? The answer is 2,569,000,000 or 2 1/2 billion.

Now, how about a really big number - the number of drops in all the water on earth! Years ago in geography class, I was told that if there was no land the earth would be covered to a depth of 1,000 feet with water which leads to the following number of drops - 594,840,000,000,000,000 (or 600 million trillion drops) which when be rounded off is nearly as incomprehensively big a number as Bobby Bonilla's salary.

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## Notices and Announcements

### To All Historians On Amherst Island

During the recent municipal election on this Island, I suggested that a committee of council be founded for the purpose of preserving and publishing the history of this township. I am now asking for volunteers who would not mind giving up an evening now and again to work on this important project. The committee is open to all and I hope many people are interested. If you are interested please call the township office and ask to be put on the list of volunteers for this committee or call me at 634-3399.

Sincerely,

Steven R. Willard

Reeve of Amherst Island

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### Family & Children's Services

Occasional care-givers are required for individuals with special needs on Amherst Island. An interest in working with children or adults with handicaps and a willingness to work flexible hours are essential. For more information, call 354-9744 and ask for Karen.

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### Amherst Island Sweatshirts

A new shipment of Amherst Island Sweatshirts has arrived - just in time to help you out with Christmas

shopping! The hooded sweatshirts have been very popular and we also have a big selection of colours and sizes in the crew neck sweatshirts as well.

After Nov. 20, the remainder of the stock will be on sale at Glenn's Store. Many thanks from the Presbyterian Church Women for your ongoing support of this project.

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### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, there's an A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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### The Royal Canadian Legion Book Depot

For a number of years Beacon readers have been bringing books to the exchanges at Glenn's Store. After being read here, I have been sending them on to the Legion Book Depot, in turn they send them on to Service personnel in isolated areas. The new appeal is for - new or used games, jigsaw puzzles, darts, crib boards, etc. Please help us out if you can - it will be gratefully appreciated.

Irene Glenn (Br. 539 Amherst Island)

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### Aerobics

The aerobic group is now participating in a "no-jump" routine. Our instructors will direct you through plenty of stretching and toning moves with a high-impact alternative if you wish. There is no need to jump.

So join us Monday and Thursday 8 p.m. at the school.

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### Attention All Anglicans

No, we don't need "Umbrella's in Church" anymore. To those of you who haven't noticed, our repairs and renovations to the roof and steeple were completed to our utmost satisfaction at the beginning of the summer. The completed cost of the renovations amounted to \$7,456. Through many generous donations from both Anglicans and non-Anglicans, residents and non-residents we have received to date \$3,148. We are truly grateful, and thank each and everyone of you for your generosity. To pay off our expenses and re-instate our building account we still need to raise approx. \$3,000.

To those who have not yet made a contribution, large or small, it would be gratefully accepted. Please address all donations to our treasurer, Jean Tugwell, who will issue a registered receipt.

Thank you from the Wardens.

Elsie Willard & Tena Tugwell

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For Sale / Wanted

Found

Part of a Coin Collection in a broken container. If you can identify, see staff at Glenn's Store.

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Watercolour Classes

If anyone is interested in afternoon or evening watercolour classes, please call Shirley Miller at 389-2588

The registration fee is \$60 for 12 weeks.

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For Sale

Picnic Tables- super design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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Wanted

A TV suitable for Nintendo

Call Ian or Sally at 389-3444

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B & B Small Engine Repair

Repairs to all makes.

We do Lawn Mowers, Snow Blowers, Chain Saws.

Big or small, we fix them all.

Contact Bob Halferty at 389-1413.

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Printing

For business cards, letterheads & envelopes etc and all your typesetting requirements.

Please contact Peter Morgan at 384-1456

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Cookie Heaven

Good supply of many kinds available for instant pickup.

Special orders within a few hours.

Call Laureen Kilpatrick at 389-4078

Mon - Fri after 4 p.m.

Weekends 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Marg's Mixing Bowl

All kinds of Christmas Baking and Catering.

Call Marg Horth at 547-3072 Anytime

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General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction, Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

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Shorewell Maintenance

Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps checked. \$30

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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General Contracting

New Construction & Renovations by an Amherst Island company.

Contact Jim Bateman at 389-5387

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Babysitting

Amanda Bateman will babysit early evenings and weekends.

Call 389-5387

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Babysitting

Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights and weekends.

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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Ducks For Sale

We have a selection of Muscovy ducks.

Suitable as breeding stock or eating.

Call 389-3444.

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Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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### Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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### Pumps Of All Kinds -

Softeners / Conditioners / Filters / Chlorinators /

Sterilizers / Sprinkler Systems

Call Tom Miller 389-0105

Authorized Dealer for Archer Pumps

Softener Salt in stock at all times.

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### Glenn's Store

More than 70 VCR titles available.

Movies... \$2.00 to \$3.00

Nintendo Games... \$2.50

VCR Rentals...

Weekdays... \$6.00

Sat... \$10.00

We welcome requests and we will reserve movies.

We also carry blank tapes.

Also available:

Amherst Island Shirts & Caps

Whig Standard Cookbook

Emergency Call Cards

Hunting/Fishing Licences

Book Exchange

Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery

Avon Ordering

Girl Guide Cookies

New A.I. Telephone List and

much much more!

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#### Beacon Notes

We hope that you have had a pleasant Christmas and New Year. We did. There are lots of new toys for us to play with and you are looking at one of them - an upgrade to our word processing program which gives us more and better graphics. We do still have to figure out how all this works so the changes in the Beacon will come slowly.

Speaking of computers - the main reason why we are so late this month is that our computer was on the blink for 5 days. It turned out to be a problem with dirty electricity and was solved (partially) by buying a fairly expensive filter.

The really big news around here is that we now have a fully operational wood furnace which replaces our wood stove. I don't think you folks realize what a luxury it is to be able to go to the bathroom at night and not have to chip the ice out of the toilet bowl before flushing. Twelve years of being either too hot or too cool is now replaced with the comfort of central heat. It really is nice to know that our heating system has now moved into the first half of the twentieth century.

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#### Ferry Fees

During the last Council meeting there was a change made to the fee schedule. The cost for a motorcycle has been reduced from \$3.00 to \$1.50 or a single bulk ticket.

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#### Council Report

For January 7, 1992

- Chris Kennedy

All councillors were present, with about half a dozen in the audience. The minutes of last month's meetings were adopted, with minor changes.

No progress has been made on the new Ferry Subsidy agreement with the Ministry of Transport. The Reeve, at Allen Caughey's request, has talked to the

County Road Engineer about the possibility of the County taking over some of the Island roads. The Road Engineer was not at all interested in taking over any of our roads, nor would it be of any advantage to the island. It would cost the island a lot of money, our own road subsidy would be reduced and all maintenance on County roads, including snow ploughing, would have to come from Napanee.

The Ferry Committee was not in favour of a 5.30 a.m. ferry trip, as it did not feel that there would be sufficient demand, and decided that a quick turnaround service in the winter was not feasible. A notice asking for public

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input on these two ideas will appear elsewhere in the Beacon.

There Will Again Be A Surcharge When The Charlevoix Is In Service.

The Charlevoix uses at least three times the fuel of the Amherst Islander, and another crew member is required, so the operating costs are considerably higher. It is impossible to include the extra revenue required in the regular cost, as Council has no idea how long the Charlevoix will be in use each year.

Council reviewed the bylaw that formalizes the new ferry charging system. After some discussion it was decided that the ferry ticket price will be reviewed at the end of March, as planned. If, at that time, an adjustment is required, all tickets remaining unused will be collected and a credit given towards the cost of the new tickets at the new rate. Drivers are requested to remain in their cars until their ticket is collected.

The I.B.I. interim report on the ferry operation is available at the Township office, and more copies will be obtained so that they are available to the public. Several councillors recommended the report as good bedtime reading.

The Recreation committee approval to pay half the cost of the stonedust used on the racetrack on the Agricultural Society Fairgrounds (behind the Township Road Shed in the village) was discussed. Councillors expressed concern that the Township might acquire legal liability for the racetrack if Township money was spent on it. The Township's insurance agent will be contacted to check this out.

The Cemetery Committee will be asked to bring the map of Glenwood Cemetery up to date. Two building permits were issued in December, one to George Gavlas for plumbing and the other to Topsy Farms for a new workshop floor. Council was questioned about the fee

the dog catcher charges. This fee reflects the time required to take the dog across the bay to the pound in Napanee.

The Building Inspector's year end report was available. Four new house permits, 11 permits for house additions, 3 for barn additions, 6 for garages and 1 for a breakwater were issued in 1991.

The Ducks Unlimited project in the Big Marsh has been held up by the Ministry of Natural Resources, who are now asking for further reports, which will not be submitted until March 1993. All of this after the Ministry showed very little initial concern over the project. This further hold up may doom the project completely, much to the detriment of the Big Marsh. The Township will send a letter urging strong support for this project to the M.N.R. and suitable local politicians will also be contacted to help things along.

Council then went into closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Reeve Stephen Willard's new phone number is 634-3399. This is a private line with an answering machine.

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#### Update From The Reeve

After a recent discussion with the lawyer representing Amherst Island on the Back Beach issue I am pleased to inform the people of Amherst Island that we are ready to go to trial. Our lawyer, Larry Levine Q.C., is confident that we have a good case. Council has instructed Mr. Levine to demand a court date soon. It seems the Township's opposition in this matter does not want an early court date, but because they initiated the suit we feel it is fair to pursue it. I will be keeping you informed of events and I hope to soon be able to spread some good news.

Steven R. Willard

Reeve of Amherst Island

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Et Al

Because Annette is away, we have engaged the services of several people to fill her shoes in getting this column out this month. Special thanks to Irene and Heather for providing us with most of the information here.

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We start by offering our sympathy and condolences to Peter and Eleanor Trueman on the death of his mother.

In hospital this month were: Chris Greg was in Hotel Dieu for hip surgery and is now recuperating at home;

and Howard Welbanks and Vince Aitken have both had cataract surgery.

Several people have left the Island for warmer climates but foolishly have returned to our version of hell frozen over: Ross and Betsy Evans are back from a month in Jamaica; Diane Pearce is back from a week in Antigua; Bill and Annette Phillips along with Donnie Miller and Janet went to Mexico for a week (after leaving Cancun in 90 degree heat, they arrived on a delayed flight to Toronto to be greeted by the recent winter storm). Welcome home to all.

Many people have become ill with the flu or pneumonia - even Dr. Alex Scott. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

From our many contacts around the country, we hear that our Reeve has gained some small measure of notoriety by being featured in newspapers from Vancouver to Nova Scotia. (You know there may be some tourist potential if we could put him on permanent display. How about a glass cage in front of the Township Office?)

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The December meeting started with a delicious supper, prepared by the Luncheon Committee, at the home of Anna Hitchins on Friday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m. A short business meeting followed at which time a Vote of Thanks was passed for the help we received at the time of the Senior's Dinner, to those ladies of the community who helped with the decorations and supervised behind the scenes; to the girls and boys of the 4-H clubs who helped in setting up and taking down tables and chairs, (and to Jacob and Tyler who do not belong yet to 4-H) and who helped with the serving. A very special thanks to the Legion Ladies, Debbie, Karen and Laurel who undertook to wash and dry the dishes. We of the W.I. who are ourselves Seniors really appreciated the opportunity to sit and eat and socialize with our friends in the same age group. Without all the help we received from others this would not have been possible! A program of readings, games, carols and a gift exchange followed.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Helen Miller on Wed., Jan. 15 at 8:00 p.m. Our program will be the Tweedsmuir History project and all members are requested to provide a short history of their membership and a picture.

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The regular meeting was held at the home of Irene Glenn on Wednesday, January 15th. During a short business meeting it was decided that our newly acquired

Sterno pans (used to keep food warm during the serving of buffet type meals) will be made available to other groups in the community with the understanding that such groups will be responsible for the replacement of any Sterno used, and the return of the pans clean and in good order. People who wish to borrow these pans are asked to contact Mrs. Marian Glenn.

Our program was given by Mrs. Anna Hitchins, the Curator of the Tweedsmuir History. These Histories were inspired by Lord Tweedsmuir as a way of preserving the history of the rural communities connected to the various Women's Institutes of the day. Mrs. Hitchins is working at up-dating our book and would very much like to obtain information regarding the histories of the original farms on Amherst Island. Those members of our community are asked to contact Mrs. Hitchins who will provide guidelines for this project. As the years go by these Tweedsmuir Histories are become more valuable as a source of information.

Our next meeting will be held on February 19th at the home of Leslie Gavlas, Our guest speaker will be Beverly Kinnear, the Director of Interval House in Napanee. Since the number of abused women seeking refuge is growing rapidly this program should be of interest to all women. We would offer an invitation to any interested citizens of Amherst Island to join us on this occasion.

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#### The Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee is always interested in hearing your ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to contact any of our members.

Jim Whitton, Chair  
Jack Kerr, Secretary  
Jack Forester  
Noel McCormick  
Rick Bedford  
Ralph Woods  
Al Caughey  
Betty Wemp  
Heather Young  
Bonnie Caughey  
Annette Phillips  
Susan McGinn

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#### 4-H News

- Ruth Scott & Wendy Fleming

On Friday, December 20, the "Milkshakers" 4-H club (Milk Makes It Better) held their final meeting and achievement night at the Caughey's. We invited our

moms to join us for a potluck supper. A short program was given with all members taking part including the history of 4-H, ice cream making and recreation.

Sarah Scott, Lori Caughey, Ruth Scott and Jill Caughey were awarded completion gold bars to add to their plaques. Wendy Fleming received her first project plaque.

Tracey Hitchins and Amy Caughey, both have completed 12 4-H projects and were awarded wooden desk pen sets with the 4-H emblems. Our leader, Susie Caughey, congratulated everyone on their "hard work and exceptional co-operation".

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The next 4-H Club offered on the island deals with Horticulture and "A Greener House". Learn to identify house plants, know their needs, grow your own, arrange flowers and much more. Come have fun with 4-H!

Anyone between the ages of 10 and 21 is welcome to join 4-H. If you are interested, please phone leaders Anne Marie Hitchins (389-5385) or Susie Caughey (389-2012). The first meeting will be early in February.

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#### Letters To The Beacon

Dear Beacon Editor,

Rats on your mouse! Of course the December issue is the one I picked up to look for the address to let you know of Mom's change of address.

I hope you won't mind also printing it in The Beacon and save me from writing to all the remaining relatives on the Island.

At any rate, here's the change:

Edna Cochrane  
1070 Stouffer Ave. F-7  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

She has been wheel chair and walker bound for a couple of years and when she broke her right arm December 20th that ended her ability to live alone so is now in a nursing home.

Too bad there's no way to print pictures in The Beacon. I found lots of goodies when going through Mom's pictures that would be of interest to all including Steven Willard and his committee of historians. I wonder how many remember when the Amherst Islander looked like an overgrown tug boat that could sink at any moment.

Many thanks to Dianne for the recipe. It is pretty much what Man found and I've made. It's pretty tasty though I probably should have a liquor license of some sort for what I've produced. Sure wish I knew how Man got that thick jam she used make. I'll try again next year.

By the way, I'm glad you decided to stick with the

council reports rather than print minutes. Chris Kennedy has such a delightful humour in reporting those meetings that have got to be a generally excruciating experience.

Sincerely, Ellie Moore

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Dear Editor:

We recently had the pleasure of spending New Years Eve and day on your Island. It was our first time on the Island and we will be back. The dance was great, the food excellent. Our bed and breakfast where we stayed was tremendous and most of all the Islanders all made us feel at home.

I am interested in subscribing to your little newspaper the Beacon. Could you please send me the costs of having it mailed to us monthly. This way we could see when your next dances etc are coming up. Also we would like the attached Thank You letter published and please send us the bill for that.

Thank you very much for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly

Dave & Molly

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Thank You Notes

John Mayman and family would like to thank Mrs. Irene Glenn.; the Amherst Island Women's Institute; and to all friends and neighbours for the cards and telephone calls while I was in the hospital and since coming home.

Thank you again.

John Mayman

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank Bruce and Susan Caughey and the members of the New Years Eve Dance Committee for a wonderful time. It was our first time on your Island and we felt very much at home. We look forward to future dances and visits.

All the best in the New Year

David Thompson / Molly Cross  
of Brockville

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Attention Knitters

Caroline Yull has asked us to run her request for help with her project to teach some of the senior class knitting. She needs volunteers as this is done by one-on one teaching. She also needs more needles sizes 3.25

and 3.75 mit (UK size 9 or 10; US size 3, 4 or 5). The students will be making "Guardian Angel" hat/mitt/bootie sets for premature infants. We quote her final paragraph:

We know we have lots of talents and skills in these children - anyone who hasn't seen last year's quilt project should make a point of taking a look. This project will also offer them an opportunity to reach out to the children in the community in a helpful and loving way. Call me if you want to help or donate supplies.

Caroline Yull 384-4071

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Water Levels Well Wishes

- Tom Sylvester

The South Shore lake level appears to have rebounded slightly from the lowest levels I have seen. For a while there, it was adventurous to drive the South Shore to see what the out-going tide left in view. I did my usual routine of watching our well level and trying to research the risk of lower levels. Apparently the Great Lakes have had above-average precipitation nearly continuously since 1965. We (or at least I) have complacently thought the levels have been normal when in fact they have been above historical averages.

Since the year 1916 the winter low has been below last November's 14 times or 19 per cent. I tried to get the Fisheries & Oceans people to comment on whether the data base should be divided into pre & post St. Lawrence Seaway construction. No. Unfortunately their data are not summarized in a form presenting the historical frequency of water levels below specific levels.

I discovered Transportation Canada has a unlisted telephone service of interest to lonely hearts and/or curious lake watchers. Dial 544-9264 and a mechanical voice tells you the current water level in Kingston. It is interesting to follow the storm tides the wind routinely generates on the lake.

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Smug North Shore residents may be puzzled at my dependence on a machine. The South Shore get real waves perhaps even tidal bores!

One other bit of trivia uncovered is that Amherst Island is rebounding faster than Toronto after the last ice age. The Lake Ontario eastern outlet is rising with respect to the western inlet at a rate of about 17 centimetres per century.

We are hiring TMG Rock Contractors Ltd to drill a lower bottom to our existing shore well. They know how and are charging scrooge-approved rates. They have hinted they would rather not be making more than

one trip over. Give me a call, with the week if your well needs this kind of help.

389-1320

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#### And Finally

As mentioned in the opening notes, we now have more books to scan for interesting tid bits of useless information. For example, probably the first Valentine was sent by Margery Brews who sent a letter to John Paston in Norfolk, addressed "To my right well beloved Voluntyne", on Feb 14th, 1477.

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Chris and Dianne went down to the 1991 Annual Meeting of the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency (OSMA). One of the resolutions passed was as follows: Whereas the incidence of predator damage is increasing in Ontario, and;

Whereas the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Natural Resources are abdicating their responsibility in controlling predators by not renewing experienced trappers contracts, and;

Whereas it is farmers responsibility to contain their own livestock, and;

Whereas the Ministry of Natural Resources admit ownership for wildlife in the Province by regulating game seasons and game limits.

Therefore Be It Resolved That; the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Natural Resources, be responsible for erecting predator proof fences around farms suffering predator losses to keep the Governments wildlife away from domestic livestock.

Sounds reasonable to us. If we have to fence our livestock, then why shouldn't the government do the same.

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#### Meynard Laltin Reviews

Now that the winter is here, there's been lots of movies watched and we have some suggestions.

Taps- (Gregory Hines): Good light entertainment with a pretty standard plot line but great tap dancing scenes (family viewing).

Northern Lights- a slice of life movie about a group of American farmers around 1915 with a simple story line which is relevant to today's farmers, interestingly made in black and white.

Defending Your Life- (Meryl Streep and Albert Brooks): better than we expected fantasy of what happens after you die - well done light entertainment. (family)

Terminator 2- (Arnold Schwarzenegger): great

action flick and a 'sequel' to the first. Brilliant visuals and fantastic effects, good acting (believe it or not), a decent story line without too many holes, and one of the best lead roles for a woman in this sort of movie (no typical helpless heroine for Linda Hamilton).

F/X 2- disappointing but that's the usual case with sequels. It can't hold a candle to Terminator 2 which might be unfair but a movie whose premise is special effects should have some tremendous ones.

Backdraft- supposed a block-buster movie about firemen but the poor story line ruins what could have been a really good movie. Still watchable for the fire fighting scenes.

City Slickers- better than I expected but not as funny as it's made out to be. About a group of men who sign on to a cattle drive all experiencing a mid-life crisis. No surprises, well done, and fun.

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#### Notices And Announcements

##### Valentine Dance

at Royal Canadian Legion Br. 539 at 7 p.m. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> with Dancing: 8:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Music by Backersfield Orchestra and

Buffet Lunch from 9:00 p.m. on

Tickets available from:

Irene Glenn

Tom Miller

John Nixon

Tickets for 50-50 Draw available from any members.

Draw to be made at the dance.

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##### Leigh-Morgan Fashions

25-35% off Fall & Winter Merchandise

Everyone is invited to have a cup of cider and try on clothes at Karen and Wayne Flemings.

To be held on February 8th, from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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#### To All Historians On Amherst Island

During the recent municipal election on this Island, I suggested that a committee of council be founded for the purpose of preserving and publishing the history of this township. I am now asking for volunteers who would not mind giving up an evening now and again to work on this important project. The committee is open to all and I hope many people are interested. If you are interested please call the township office and ask to be put on the list of volunteers for this committee or call



me at 634-3399.

Sincerely,

Steven Willard Reeve of Amherst Island

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#### Family & Children's Services

Occasional care-givers are required for individuals with special needs on Amherst Island. An interest in working with children or adults with handicaps and a willingness to work flexible hours are essential. For more information, call 354-9744 and ask for Karen.

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#### Township of Amherst Island

##### Notice To Ferry Users

The possibility of changes to the ferry schedule has been raised by Council. The suggestions include:

1. an additional trip before 6:00 a.m.
2. a regular 50 minute ferry schedule beginning at 5:30 a.m.

Before further considerations is given to the suggestions, Council would like to receive as much input as possible from ferry users. Your written comments and suggestions are required in order for Council to determine if changes are needed and, if so, what form the changes should take.

Please write a brief note indicating your reaction to the suggestions noted above as well as including suggestions of your own. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience, preferably before the February 4th meeting of Council.

Diane Pearce Clerk-Treasurer

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Re: Recycling at the Landfill Site Please

Newspapers and newspaper inserts only. No cardboard, etc.

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, there's an A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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##### For Sale

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Gary McDonald - 384-1456

Susan Sedore - 384-7866

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Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps checked. \$30

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Amanda Bateman will babysit early evenings and weekends.

Call 389-5387

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Babysitting

Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights and weekends.

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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#### Beacon Notes

Another issue already?! It seems like only yesterday that we were getting the last one into production. How time flies when you're having fun.

I suppose everyone has been watching the Olympics non-stop for the last week or so. How did some of these 'sports' ever get started? Take the two-men luge, for instance, which is just the most ridiculous display of weirdness I've ever seen. My guess is that it was the aristocrat's version of the luge with the bottom men being the servant whose purpose is to act as a human cushion.

Yeah! and what sport do the Canadians excel at - the aerials which is where they ski down a short steep hill without poles, up onto a ramp which shoots them a mile in the sky where they twist and turn trying to land on their skis on a slope which looks like it's nearly vertical.

Is there any sport here that isn't life threatening? Maybe that's the attraction of the Winter Olympics - we are totally amazed at these people who are so determined to kill themselves. And, you know, we haven't even seen the Speed Skiing yet which is where the participants can go upwards of 175 km/hr (105 mph) downhill with no brakes - just breaks!!

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#### Council Report

For February 4, 1992

- Chris Kennedy

All members of council were present. The minutes were passed and the usual disclosures of interest made.

The Ministry of Transport has not replied to enquiries about the new Ferry Subsidy Agreement, nor have they sent any money for this year under the old agreement. This means that the Township has to borrow considerable amounts of money to cover the ferry costs until the province pays up. Under the old agreement the province paid the money in advance. Both January and February payments are due. The Reeve will work on

prying the money out of the Ministry.

In other ferry matters; the Township has received no feedback from the public on increasing the ferry service. They will wait another month to hear from the public. Council has received a letter from the previous owners of the Charlevoix (Societe des Traversiers du Quebec), saying that the ferry can operate in heavy ice with safety provided that it is not driven into thick ice at high speed.

At the moment there are only four engineers qualified to work on the ferry, so Council will ask the Coast Guard for an

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exemption certificate for a relief engineer, so the engineers can get time off. The I.B.I. interim report on the ferry operation has been received, and Council will prepare a reply.

Council discussed an incident on the ferry on January 8th, when fire crackers were let off in the lounge. The high school students were on the ferry at the time. The ferry captains will be asked to have a crew member in the lounge whenever the high school students are on board. The crews will be asked to keep a closer check on the passengers at all times.

Allan Caughey brought along a new type of ticket book for council to consider, a flat perforated sheet like a sheet of stamps. These would be much cheaper to print. They will be considered when the present supply of tickets runs out.

Signs will be put up around the ferry docks pointing out that in winter there is an open water channel between Millhaven and Stella. This is for insurance liability protection.

The Island has received approval for a helipad, and Stuart Miller, the public works superintendent, will make plans for building it. There is still considerable controversy about where the helicopter will land in Kingston.

Council has received a bill for \$12,000 for a surveying opinion from Professor Lambden concerning the Back Beach. Professor Lambden is considered the top legal authority on these matters in Ontario. In Council's opinion this legal advice is vital for the Township to win the court case concerning the Back Beach. However it will not help with the tax bill this year.

The Island's dog control bylaw was reviewed but not revised. Council seemed to think that it was working quite well. Council has received another letter from Caroline Yull about the rates charged by the dog

catcher. The Township Clerk was asked to send her a letter thanking her for her comments.

There then followed a long discussion about whether the township should buy the four water coolers that are at present rented. I think that the final decision was to buy.

The Reeve told council that a considerable amount of work would be required over the next few months to finish the budget for this year, so that the tax rate could be set for the second tax bill sent out in June.

Plans are going ahead for the contr

certo.)

In large saucepan, combine sugar, red peppers and vinegar; stir and bring to a full boil. Boil over medium heat for 15 minutes, skimming off the foam. Remove from heat; blend in pectin and stir 2 minutes. Pour into sterilized jars; seal with paraffin wax. Cover with lids and store in a cool dry place. Makes about 6 cups.

I now know one reason why I put all that rhubarb into the freezer. I have found a recipe for Hot Rhubarb Pudding in the Joy of Gardening Cookbook by Janet Ballantyne. The recipe calls for:

2 eggs beaten  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/4 cup all purpose flour  
whipped cream (of course)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Whisk together the eggs, sugar, vanilla, and flour. Stir in the rhubarb. Grease a 1 1/2 quart baking dish and pour in the rhubarb

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mixture. Bake for 40 minutes or until the pudding is firm. Serve warm with whipped cream. Serves 4.

Thanks to the above two recipes I have made a small dent in my freezer space. Wish me luck!

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#### 4-H News

- Jill Caughey & Tyler Hutchings

On Monday February 3rd "Eleven Green Thumbs" gathered at the Caughey's and started a new 4-H Club. Our leaders are Anne-Marie Hitchins and Susie Caughey. We will be learning about house plants.

Officers elected were:

President - Tracy Hitchins

Vice-President - Amy Caughey

Secretary - Lori Caughey assisted by Kristy Grange

Treasurer - Heidi Hitchins

Reporters - Tyler Hutchings and Jill Caughey

Recreation Leaders- Nate Maleska, Wendy Fleming and Ruth Scott

Phone convenor - Sarah Scott.

We had a plant identification contest. Nate won. At the end of the meeting we all planted Baby Tears.

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#### Thank You Notes

Peter and Eleanor Trueman would like to thank all those who sent notes of sympathy after the death of Peter's mother, Jean, on January 8th.

Also thanks to the Presbyterian Church Women and others who helped so much at the memorial service afterwards.

The warmth of our Island Community is never more apparent than during the passing of one of its members - even a new member.

Thank-you to all friends and neighbours who so kindly remembered me in hospital and at home. It makes one appreciate the warmth and caring of the Islanders more than ever.

Sincerely

Chris Gregg

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#### Letters To The Beacon

On behalf of Council and Reeve I would like to thank each and every one of you, for your co-operation with following the new rules and regulations concerning our landfill site.

It is indeed heart warming to hear the glowing reports from Stuart Miller.

Councillor Tugwell

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[Staff: The following letter was sent to the Township. It was written in both English and French with the two letters being somewhat different. As this program is not set up for French letters, we'll stick to the English.]  
Greetings

I am eleven years old and about one year ago our school started a pin collection and made me responsible for the project. All the kids in my class collect pins locally for the project but I have been selected to do the writing of letters to various groups and organizations.

So far our collection has a little over 200 pins from various municipalities, townships and other organizations.

Our teacher says this is a good way to learn our geography and the history behind each town and village in Canada.

Any pin you can provide will be greatly appreciated and of course traders are equally welcomed for these can be used for exchanges.

We would also like to correspond with known pin collectors in your municipality.

Thank you very much.

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Jacque Henri, jr  
103 rue F. Beland  
Gatineau, P.Q.  
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## A.I. History

[Staff: The following note was sent to us along with a copy of the 1950 Auditor's Report for the Island and Municipal Council Minutes for 1860.]

I have tried to find out where the taverns were but all I have heard is that the Mrs McGinnis one was at Emerald and Tena Filson is quite sure the "old Brick" where they lived was the "Cousins tavern" where the Council met before the Twp. Hall was completed. "The Brick" burned down in 1967.

Nessie

## Council Report For 1860

Our Council this past year was made up of Messrs. Howard, Glen, Preston, Perceval and Treleaven who elected Mr Howard to be Reeve at their inaugural meeting in mid-January. At this first meeting the Auditors were appointed for the year (Samuel Girvin, John Hitchins and Wm. Gibson). The Collectors were also appointed - Robert Montgomery and John Cooper. The other major happening was that Council formed itself into a Building Committee to 'superintend the erecting and finishing' of the new Township Hall. Mr Treleaven had tried to get this committee to be independent of Council but this amendment was voted down. After some other business Council adjourned until Feb 10th at 2 p.m.

The Auditors presented their Report for the year 1859 which was accepted by Council. In other business, Mr G. Wright (our librarian) applied to Council to be relieved of his position (accepted) which prompted Council to invite tend

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others) was approved to drain the 2nd Concession Line westward of Allen's Cross Road.

On October 3rd, Council met and inspected the book-cases in the Library. Mr T. Robinson was paid his contract to construct, paint and grain them (\$53). This was the only item of business conducted.

Council next met on October 13th. The Collector reported that his securities would be Hugh Patterson and Win. Jas. Howard which was approved by Council. It then directed the Clerk (Geo. Wright) to prepare bonds before delivery of the Roll. Council then adjourned for the final inspection of the Township Hall after which it resumed. The balance of the contracts was directed to be paid (\$106).

On October 27th, Council met for the Thirteenth Session. The Township Hall was insured with the Royal Insurance Company for a value of \$400 which cost \$5. The bill for draining part of the 2nd Concession (Wm Watson) was directed to be paid (2s. 3d. per rod for a total of 23 rods which amounted to \$10.35).

At the Fourteenth Session (and last) finished passing several of the By-Laws and appointed the Returning Officers and Polling Places for the Municipal Elections, 1861. The allowances to the poor were continued as had been done from time to time during the year. Also the salaries were paid for the various Township Offices: Township Clerk \$80; Superintendent of Schools \$15; Auditors, each \$2 for a total of \$4; Assessor \$32; Collector \$32; Tavern Inspector \$10; and Librarian \$27.50. The time for the collection of taxes was extended until Feb 1st.

The Auditors' Report shows that the Total Receipts for the year 1860 were \$2595.31 of which \$625.87 was the balance on hand from 1859. The amount collected from the Roll was \$1624.85 and the rest was made up of fees for licenses and from the Clergy Reserve Fund.

The balance on hand at the end of the year was \$252.50 leaving a total spent of \$2342.81. Of this payments to schools formed the largest category taking 41% of the total budget. County tax was the second largest being 32%. And of that \$160 went into the County School Fund meaning that the total percentage of the amount spent directed to the schools was 48%. Payments to the poor (4 people) amounted to 5% of the total spent. Municipal wages and payments to Jurors was 11% and which was the same amount as the total Miscellaneous expenses.

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#### Meynard Laltin Reviews

After watching Kevin Costner's Robin Hood, I just had to get Errol Flynn's, version made in 1938. Now this is the Robin Hood I remember. It puts Costner to shame. Go out and rent it - you won't be disappointed.

The title is the Adventures Of Robin Hood.

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We also watched a previously unheard of movie, Matewan. It's fairly recent (1987) and has no big name stars in it. A simple story of the union coming to the West Virginia coal fields in the 1920's. It's a little slow if you stop to think about what's going on but it really draws you into it.

Our last recommendation is Red Sonja with Brigitte Nielson. Arnold what's his name and Sandahl Bergman. It's supposed to be a Conan-like movie. What a hoot! It looks like they spent their entire budget on the locations and had none left over for a script or a director. It's nice to look at but the dialogue and how it's spoken is just a scream. A great movie if you want a good laugh.

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#### And Finally

Titbits from the farming press.

A single serving of chocolate milk, 500 ml, is liable to G.S.T., while larger quantities are not. However Quebec dairies have found a way round it. Yes, you guessed it, a single serving of chocolate milk is now 501 ml. The revenue department is said to be "not amused".

A University of Boston study has shown that children who drink lots of milk have lower blood pressure and fewer heart problems in later life. They also have less osteoporosis, a weakening of the bones.

In the last ten years the retail price of chicken has risen three times as fast as the farm price. In the last nine years the farm gate price of corn has fallen 13% while the price of corn flakes in the store has doubled.

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#### Dates To Remember

Feb 17, 1972 Volkswagen produced its 15,007,034 Beetle thus breaking a record held by Henry Ford's Model T.

Feb 19, 1897 The Women's Institute was founded on this date by Mrs Hoodless.

Feb 22, 1797 The last successful landing on British soil by an invasion force occurred on this date when French invaders landed at Fishguard. They were soon rounded up.

Feb 24, 1938 The first nylon product went on sale this day - no, not nylon stockings which happened exactly a year later - rather the nylon toothbrush.

March 1, 1990 The New Zealand Navy stopped serving rum rations on this day being the last navy in the world to do so.

March 4, 1924 Clayton F. Summy published 'Happy Birthday To You'. [I think that the current

owners of the song's rights have just recently won the right to receive royalties some 65 years or so after being published.]

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A couple selections from Robert Byrne's fourth book.

Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former.

(Albert Einstein)

If God listened to every shepherd's curse, our sheep would all be dead. (Russian Proverb)

I always wanted to be somebody, but I should have been more specific. (Lily Tomlin and Jane Wagner)

Talking with a man is like trying to saddle a cow. You work like hell, but what's the point?

(Gladys Upham)

If you are caught on a golf course during a storm and are afraid of lightning, hold up a 1-iron. Not even God can hit a 1-iron. (Lee Trevino)

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## Notices And Announcements

### Special Council Meeting

On March 9, 1992 at 2 p.m., a Special Council meeting will take place in the Council Chambers. Mr Dieter Eberhardt, a surveyor hired by the Township, will be attending and will answer general questions about the difficulties in trying to establish road locations and ownership of bordering property.

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### Ham Dinner

ISLE will be holding its Annual Ham Dinner on Friday, March 13, 1992 between 12 noon and 1 p.m. Tickets are:

Adults... \$6.00

Children... \$2.00

Preschoolers... free

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### Beef Dinner

The ladies of the Anglican Church Women will be hosting a beef dinner at the Amherst Island Public School on Saturday, March 28th. at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are:

Adult... \$10.00

Children (4-12)... \$ 5.00

Preschoolers... Free

Tickets are available in advance from:

Joyce Blaber 352-5106

Elsie Willard 389-4874

Betty Wemp 389-7907

Tickets numbers are limited so be sure to arrange for yours early. Hope to see you there.

Leslie Gavlas, Sect'y

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## Township Of Amherst Island

### Dog Licenses

Pursuant to By-law #21-90, every owner of a dog shall, on or before the 31st day of March in each and every year or upon becoming the owner of a dog after the 15th day of March, register such dog with the Township Clerk and procure a license and dog tag for each dog owned by him/her. Dog licenses are currently available at the Municipal Office.

### Fees

For each neutered dog:

before March 31, 1992... \$10.00

after March 31, 1992... \$15.00

For each non-neutered dog:

before March 31, 1992... \$25.00

after March 31, 1992... \$30.00

Kennel license fee:

before March 31, 1992... \$40.00

after March 31, 1992... \$45.00

By-law #21-90, including the requirement to purchase a dog license, will be enforced by the Township of Amherst Island By-law Enforcement Officer. If your dog is missing and You believe it may have been picked up, call John McGinn at 384-3047 or the Community Animal Control Shelter at 354-5907.

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## Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, there's an A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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## For Sale / Wanted

### Stereo For Sale

Turntable not working but it has two good speakers, a good tape deck and AM/FM radio.

Also electric blanket for sale - seldom used. Cost \$100 new.

Call 389-4636

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## For Sale

Picnic Tables- super design.



Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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Albertan Homes "A Family Tradition"

Contact Albertan Homes for a no obligation quote on new construction or renovations. No job is too small.

We will build to suit. We have a designer who will design plans for you. Further information, please call our office at 549-0561 or contact one of our Amherst Island resident staff members as follows:

Ken Albertan - 389-2662

Gary McDonald - 384-1456

Susan Sedore - 384-7866

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B & B Small Engine Repair

Repairs to all makes.

We do Lawn Mowers, Snow Blowers, Chain Saws.

Big or small, we fix them all.

Contact Bob Halferty at 389-1413.

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Printing

For business cards, letterheads & envelopes etc and all your typesetting requirements.

Please contact Peter Morgan at 384-1456

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Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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Cookie Heaven

Good supply of many kinds available for instant pickup.

Special orders within a few hours.

Call Laureen Kilpatrick at 389-4078

Mon - Fri after 4 p.m.

Weekends 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Marg's Mixing Bowl

All kinds of Christmas Baking and Catering.

Call Marg Horth at 547-3072 Anytime

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General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,

Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

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Shorewell Maintenance

Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps

checked. \$30

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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Babysitting

Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights and weekends.

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and painting.

Reasonable. References. call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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Pumps Of All Kinds -

Softeners / Conditioners / Filters / Chlorinators /

Sterilizers / Sprinkler Systems

Call Tom Miller 389-0105

Authorized Dealer for Archer Pumps

Softener Salt in stock at all times.

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Glenn's Store

More than 70 VCR titles available.

Movies... \$2.00 to \$3.00

Nintendo Games... \$2.50

VCR Rentals...

Weekdays... \$6.00

Sat... \$10.00

We welcome requests and we will reserve movies.

We also carry blank tapes.

Also available:

Amherst Island Shirts & Caps

Whig Standard Cookbook

Emergency Call Cards

Hunting/Fishing Licences

Book Exchange

Genuine Chinchilla Jewellery

Avon Ordering

Girl Guide Cookies

New A.I. Telephone List and

much much more!

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Beacon Notes

Stop The Presses!! Re-write!!

A Fast-breaking News Story Has Popped!!

Topsy Farms Has Quintuplets!!!

No... not Sally or Dianne... Ewe W18, a four year old, had quintuplets (count 'em 1.., 2.., 3.., 4.. and 5!). She is a very nondescript but proud mamma (just one of the flock) who now will receive our highest honour - a gold ear tag. Congratulations are also offered to both our dorset rams, Wally and Reni (neither has come forward to take the credit). This is the first set of quints in our 18 years of raising sheep. Of course, this special event comes just when I had finalized the computer program to keep track of the birthing records. I say 'of course' because the records are designed for a maximum of 4 lambs per ewe. Hey! the best thing about farming is that there is always something and generally many things to complain about.

Here's something to make you wonder where the years have gone - Leah Murray married Marc Leonard on February 28th in a simple ceremony in Kingston. She didn't want us to make a fuss but, you know, it seems like only yesterday she was....

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Council Report

For March 3, 1992

- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present. The minutes of last month's meetings were read and approved. Apart from the regular meeting, there was also a meeting of the Municipal Control Group. This committee consists of the Reeve, the Clerk-treasurer, the public Works Superintendent, the Senior Ferry Captain and the Fire Chief, and is meant to organize the island if a major

disaster occurs. The Public Works Committee also met, and considered what supplementary subsidies for the roads might be applied for from the Province. They recommended that Council apply for money for a Roads shed on the Clyde property, money to engineer and survey realigned roads on the north shore (1st Concession) and the South Shore Concession road, and also money to pave the Stella 40ft from the village to the 3rd concession. Council also met to consider the I.B.I. Phase 1 report on the ferry service, and there was a Ferry Committee meeting as well.

Council started with a discussion of the best system for calling out the ferry in the night. It was decided that the captain

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on the evening shift will call Cardinal Coast Guard Station each evening to inform them who should be called between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.. The Ferry Committee and the Reeve have proposed that the mates, pursers and deck-hands be changed around from crew to crew on the ferry. This is to give some of the newer workers on the ferry more experience, working under the different captains. The Captains and engineers will remain unchanged.

In response to a letter from David Fleming, the discussion about the supervision of the High School students on the ferry. It is not clear whether the ferry crew or the School Board are responsible for their conduct on the ferry. The Reeve will discuss this with the Ferry Committee and the principal of N.D.S.S.

The Road Superintendent considers that the repairs to the ramp on the Millhaven dock are inadequate and dangerous, but Transport Canada, who did the work, do not agree. Council will send a letter to Transport Canada asking that the work be corrected before March 15th or the Island Road Crew will do the work themselves. There is apparently a steel plate in place that is very slippery and also prevents the Road Crew putting in the timbers to raise the ramp when the water level rises.

The ferry rate will be reviewed at a Council meeting on March 23rd to see if the ferry revenue is sufficient to cover the Township's share of the ferry costs. The Province has finally come up with the ferry subsidy payment for the first three months of this year.

The Public Works Department has prepared a working budget for 1992, with 3.12% increase over 1991. Council decided to think more about the supplementary subsidies requested by the Public Works Committee before sending them on to the province, as

they do not have to be in until next month. \$5000 will be set aside in reserve fund for crushing gravel, which will probably be needed next year. Allan Caughey commented that he drives a lot of township owned roads in Ontario and finds our roads to be as good as any he sees elsewhere in the province.

The Ministry of the Environment is still giving our Township, along with many others in the province, a hard time over garbage. Now the M.O.E. wants Council to find out where the leachate plume from our dump goes. Then the Township may be required to purchase all the land over the leachate plume and a buffer zone around as well. Council is requesting funding assistance from the M.O.E. for this work.

Council is planning some repairs and redecorating to the Township Office and the Council Chamber. A request that Council pay for people taking the C.P.R. refresher course at the end of March was granted. Plans are continuing for the Helipad next to the Stella 40ft.

The Recreation Committee Spring Dance will be on the 16th May. An extra late trip for the ferry will be requested.

The bills continue to come in for the fight to keep the Back Beach open to the public. So far the costs have been \$6,428.35 in 1990 and \$26,423.48 in 1991, and alas the battle is not over yet.

A budget meeting has been set for March 30th. The Township office staff has asked Council to think about either adding improvements to the existing township computer or replacing it with a more powerful model. This would enable them to do much more of the routine

{Council Report will continue after the following ad}

Recreation Committee Spring Dance & Fish Fry

At the A. I. Public School

On Saturday, May 16th

The Fish Fry from 6:30 to 8:30

The Dance from 9:00 to 1:00

with Bakersfield

(There will be a 2:00 a.m. ferry.)

\$22/couple

Tickets available April 1st.

From all Recreation Committee members.

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work with it. I am sure that Ida Gavlas will explain the details to computer experts. (I always thought the RAM was meant something that had four legs, horns and was

covered with wool.) The staff will prepare a full report for the budget meeting.

From last year's accounts it appears that the Official Plan for the Island cost the township just over \$3,000 after grants. This is somewhat less than some of the figures thrown about in the early discussions of the plan.

Council adjourned at about 10.30 p.m.

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Island Kids Contest

Open to Amherst Island Children Grades 1-8

Draw A Coloured Cartoon Character.

This must be your very own creation without any help. Please include a short story about your character.

First Prize - Free Movie Pass

Second Prize - 1 Disney Adventure Book

Third Prize - 2 Candy Bars

Send all entries to the Beacon by April 10th. The Judges will be Scott Marshall and Jim Whitton.

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Special Council Meeting Report

March 9, 1992

- Don Tubb

On Monday, March 9th there was a Special Council Meeting with Dieter Eberhart as a guest. He was asked by Council to talk about the problems involved in surveying roads and deciding their ownership on the Island. He has worked for the Township as his firm did the survey and research on Lot 8 South Shore Concession but more on that later.

To begin at the beginning: All members of Council were present except Allen Caughey. Diane Pearce, the Clerk-Treasurer, and Stuart Miller, the Roads Superintendent, were also at the table. Fourteen members of the general, public were in attendance.

The floor was quickly given to Mr Eberhart who proceeded to give a history of the surveys of the Island. This prompted questions as did virtually everything he said. He also discussed how roads are created, how they are surveyed, and how disputes are settled. Many people both around the table and in the audience asked questions.

The biggest problem with surveying the Island is that the original survey is missing (there was some question as to the existence of a survey prior to Registered Plan 62 of 1867 but Tom Sylvester just found a document which strongly suggests an earlier survey). Without an original survey, there are none of the instructions to the surveyors as to where and how to lay out the roads. Without that information, we don't know how the roads were established. Now there are some records from a commission (the Quarter Sessions)

which operated from 1793 to the 1850's which do define some of the roads that don't follow the concession lines. But even these records are not complete. There is also the problem with determining exactly where these roads were established as the descriptions locating the roads used trees, orchards, fence posts, etc to define the road limits. Many of these things are not around to help locate the road so sometimes it is difficult to know what concession they are talking about.

So, in not knowing how many of the roads came into existence, their boundaries are not known which brought us to discuss the shore roads. It is presumed that the Township owns the shore roads because they have maintained them. (This is one way that the Municipal Act says a road can become township property - others include actual dedication by the landowner and acceptance by the township; if a travelled road has an unknown origin and has not been disputed; defined in a lot deed; or if a township employee spits on the road - just kidding.)

However this does not define the sides of the road. This is where things get really complicated because to a large extent it seems to depend on who is doing the surveying. One surveyor may define the road as only the travelled portion while another may say that it goes right to the water's edge.

The Township had hired Mr Eberhart's firm to research and survey the road across

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Lot 8, South Shore Concession. He had a copy of the deed with him which defined the property to the north to the road with no mention of any property to the south. He then said that the survey map showed that the lot lines stopped at the north edge of the road and that the road was defined by only one line on the north side. The south side was not defined except by the water's edge. His thinking was that if there was no south side of the road allowance defined then it goes to the water and therefore the Township owns it. By his interpretation, this is a fairly clear case. The previous Council which originated the work intended to take this position to something called the Boundaries Commission which after seeing the evidence will make a decision as to boundaries of the road. Other parties disputing the Township's interpretation can present their own evidence. Once the Boundary Commission has made it's decision, it can then be taken to the courts to be set aside or validated. Mr Eberhart thought that the initial appearance at the Boundary Commission would not take too long once the application was made (maybe 6 months) and would be relatively inexpensive (a maximum of \$3,000 maybe) but he has never taken a

case to this Commission.

It was a very good meeting with a lot of information exchanged. Of course, what is written here is only a small part of the two hour meeting.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

So the big question this month is "Why are the police always here?" Meet Constable Wayne Chard, our very own Amherst Island cop. We have had officers assigned to us before, just none who made a practice of coming over regularly. Wayne does. He lives in Amherstview and works out of Napanee. If you require police assistance, you can contact Wayne directly at 354-3369.

Our sympathy to Chris Gregg, whose sister, Daphne Campbell, passed away earlier this month after a long illness.

Best wishes to Ardis Shurleff, recovering at home from surgery.

Welcome home to Ralph and Bea Wemp, who stayed in Florida an extra week to miss the cold weather. So they came home last Thursday instead, at the tail end of the biggest snow storm in years.

Thanks to the two diligent members of the Beacon who made sure I didn't file my column late. They have this new tag-team system for keeping contributors on their toes.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Leslie Gavlas on Wed., Feb. 19 at 8:00 p.m. Our guest speaker was Ms. Beverly Kinnear, Director of the new Interval House in Napanee.

Before Ms Kinnear addressed us the members and guest replied to our Roll Call, "An issue of interest to women". The following discussion led very appropriately into Ms. Kinnear's address.

Ms Kinnear spoke of her long experience working with women in abusive situations. Interval House is intended as a safe haven

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for a small number of such women, and their children, on a short term basis. While resident at Interval House the women and their children will receive support and counselling intended to prepare them for a start at a new, independent life. Ms Kinnear sketched for us a typical abusive situation facing women and pointed out that such situations exist at all levels of society from the

poor, the uneducated to the wealthy and the professional families. Hearing the gruesome details one is forced to ask: "Why do women stay in such situations?" Ms Kinnear explained that the most common reason was a lack of self-esteem, often arising from having been abused as a child. The partner's abuse is then accepted as appropriate since the woman feels worthless. The counselling at Interval House is designed to overcome this negative assessment of self-worth.

Unfortunately this problem is self-perpetuating in that the children use their parents as role models: the boys will later tend to abuse their, partners, and the girls often end up in their turn as door mats to abusive males. Ms Kinnear quoted the current figures on abuse. On a weekly basis in Canada two women are killed by their partners. Also, 1 girl in 4 under the age of 18 is abused and 1 woman in 8 finds herself in an abusive relationship. These figures are based on reported situations - how many abusive situations go unreported is not known.

Ms Kinnear made no attempt to speak of possible solutions. Undoubtedly the abuse of women is nothing new, but until recently it was usually hidden behind a veil of shame. Hopefully, with more public awareness fewer women will be willing to stay trapped and more public support will be made available to help them escape.

On a happier note, our next meeting will be a pot luck supper at the home of Marian Glenn on Wed., March 18 at 8:00 p.m. Our program will be a business meeting followed by a brown bag auction. We were very pleased to welcome a number of guests to the Feb. meeting and hope the trend will continue. See you there!

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#### Interval House Update

- Staff

Interval House received its first clients within a few hours of opening its doors. In the first 10 days of operation, nine women and 8 children have been admitted. The atmosphere of the house has been peaceful though quite busy.

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#### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Dianne and her famous travelling bread dough. {caption with the masthead graphic}

#### Part II - Battle Of The Freezer Monster

I'm presently sitting at the window by the kitchen table basking in the nice warm sun. The sheep, birds, cat, dogs, donkeys and chickens have all been fed and its time to think about feeding my household. I have

been diligent at using up U.F.O.'s (unidentified frozen objects). It is an uphill battle but a gastronomically rewarding one.

My first recipe is from the Fannie Farmer Cookbook. It allowed me to use carrots, peas and meat from the freezer.

#### Old Fashioned Beef Stew

A stew for soup bowls: dark-brown beef and vegetables in lots of rich gravy.

1/3 cup flour

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

2 lbs stewing beef

4 tablespoons shortening

4 cups boiling water

1 teaspoon lemon juice

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon sugar

1 large onion, sliced

2 bay leaves

1/4 teaspoon allspice

12 small carrots, trimmed and scraped

12 small white onions, trimmed

8 small new potatoes, peeled.

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Mix the flour, salt, and pepper and roll the beef cubes in the mixture. Shake off excess. Melt the shortening over high heat in a Dutch oven or heavy-bottomed pot with a cover. When the fat is very hot add the beef, about 5 or 6 pieces at a time so as not to crowd them, brown on all sides, and remove. When the last batch of meat is a rich dark colour, return all to the pot and pour on the boiling water. Stand back when you do it, because it will spit and sputter. Stir and add the lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, sugar, onion, bay leaves, and allspice. Lower the heat, cover, and simmer for 1 1/2 - 2 hours, or until the meat is tender. Add the carrots, onions, and potatoes and cook another 20 -25 minutes or until they can be pierced easily with a fork.

Don will find this next recipe especially interesting as it is one answer to using up zucchini. In the fall, I finely grate the zucchini and carrots and put them in the freezer. From the Harrowsmith Cookbook Volume 3, I then prepare:

#### Carrot - Zucchini Squares

Moist and tasty, these squares are a good way to get children to eat the often unpopular zucchini.

2/3 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

1/2 cup butter

1 egg  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
salt  
2/3 cup coarsely grated carrot  
2/3 cup coarsely grated zucchini, drained  
1/2 cup raisins.

Beat sugar and butter together. Add egg and vanilla and beat thoroughly. Add remaining ingredients and stir together. Spoon into greased 9" by 9" pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 30 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean.

Makes 12 to 16 squares.

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#### Thank You Notes

We wish to thank our friends, neighbours and relatives for their many acts of kindness, floral tributes, cards, calls, memorial donations and food brought to the house when Mother passed away. A special thank you to the Rev. Ken Blaber; the pall bearers; the organist, Mrs Jean Tugwell; the choir; and to the ladies who served the lunch after the funeral. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely

Noreen & Howard Welbanks

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I would like to thank my friends, relatives and neighbours for their cards, visits and phone calls that I received after my eye operation and when I was sick with pneumonia. Also, thanks to the ladies of the P.C.W. and A.C.W.. for their visits and gifts of home baking. Special thanks to Mark and Raymond Wemp, Bill Hogon and Kerry Hogeboom for their help.

Sincerely

Howard Welbanks

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I wish to thank all our friends and neighbours and the children on my bus route for all your cards, letters and flowers while I was in hospital and all your kindness now I'm home.

Both Dick and I would also like to thank Janet Scott and her family for their help and caring. Janet I couldn't have gotten along without you.

Also thanks to Valeri Wolfreys who took Christopher for me without a moments hesitation. He definitely keeps talking about having a water bed.

Thanks again

Ardis & Dick Shurleff

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I want to thank my family, friends & neighbours for their phone calls, visits, goodies and good wishes while I was in hospital and since returning home. A thank you to the Burleigh L.O.L. for their basket of fruit and also to Beth Forester and

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Juanita Glenn for their visit and goodies from the P.C.W. It was all very much appreciated.

Henry Hitchins

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#### Note of Thanks.

The Volunteer Fire Department and Chief Phil Silver wish to thank Llew MacArthur for the use of one of his vehicles for our practice sessions with the Jaws of Life, and also for his offering to take back the remains when we have finished with it. Also a big thank you to Lloyd Wolfreys for painting the Fire Hall sign.

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#### Story Time

Bonnie Marshall With The Help Of Angela Fleming and Jessica Gavlas

#### Not a Novel

I was on the ferry leaving my home. I suddenly had an urge to jump overboard. I jumped onto a piece of ice and sat there for a moment. The ice started to sink! eek! I was stuck to the ice.

The ice went down and so did I. Down and down I went. But something was happening! A merman grabbed me and took me to an underground world. He gave me c.p.r. and returned me to the surface. When I got to the surface I remembered I was carrying my inflatable skidoo and road home on it. When I got home I wrote a book about my adventure. And not before too long I became famous for my lies.

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#### Meynard Laltin Reviews

Just a couple movies for you this month. The first one is Conacher which is a film of a Louis L'Amour book. It stars Sam Elliott and Katharine Ross. There is a really nice relaxed pace about this movie and there isn't the inevitable build to a violent shoot-out. More like a good story you can savour.

The second movie is a blast from the past - The Blues Brothers which stars John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd as brothers trying to raise money for an orphanage by putting their band back together to perform. Its just pure American fantasy where they rent half of Chicago and proceed to destroy it along with dozens of police cars. Now what really makes this

movie is the music done by Aretha Franklin, Cab Calloway, James Brown, Ray Charles, not to mention the fabulous band behind the Blues Brothers. Pretty well done in a loose sort of way.

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#### Awards

We offer the "Don't Judge A Book By It's Cover" Award to the town council of a suburb of Rochester. They decided to spend an extra \$15,000 to buy a John Deere excavator instead of a Komatsu brand in order to support the 'Buy American' campaign. It was later learned that Komatsu is entirely built in the USA while everything except the engine of the John Deere was built in Japan.

[from the National Citizens' Coalition newsletter]

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#### And Finally

Three signs of spring have been seen. The Coast Guard has turned on the beacon at the head of the Island, and this morning, March 4th, there was a flock of Redwing Blackbirds at the bird table. We have the odd one all winter, but these all had suntans from wintering further south. We also have 300 or so lambs running round the barnyard.

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Speaking of farming, we have extracted the following information from the OMAF

Newsletter:

Last year 27 consignors pastured 450 head of cattle with Quinte Pastures. The total gain was almost 100,000 lbs and the average daily gain was 1.5 lbs per day. This was the smallest herd kept (the records in the report are from 1983) with the 9 year average being 570 head.

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#### Dates to Remember

March 17, 1845

Stephen Perry of London, England patented the elastic bands.

March 20, 1780

The first duplicator went into production having been invented by James Watt for use in his office.

April 6, 1910

Kissing was banned on French railways because it could cause delays.

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#### Off The Wall

Just a few more quotes from Robert Byrne's 4th book and I'll promise to stop!

I turned down a date once because I was looking for someone a little closer to the top of the food chain.

Judy Tenuta

Bach in an hour. Often back sooner.

Sign on music store door

There are some things only intellectuals are crazy enough to believe.

George Orwell

The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds, and the pessimist fears this is true.

James Branch Cabell

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In Ireland, a writer is looked upon as a failed conversationalist.

Unknown

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#### Notices And Announcements

##### Can You Type?

If you can, would you be interested in typing some students' writing? The good copies have a nice "published" look if they've been typed. If you're interested, please leave your name and phone number at Amherst Island Public School.

Thank You,

Mary Van Baal

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#### Township of Amherst Island

##### Special Council Meetings

When: 10 a.m. March 23, 1992

Subject: Ferry Rates (Adjustment?)

When: 1 p.m. March 30, 1992

Subject: 1992 Budget

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#### Beef Dinner

The ladies of the Anglican Church Women will be hosting a beef dinner at the Amherst Island Public School on Saturday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m.



Tickets are:

Adult... \$10.00

Children (4-12)... \$5.00

Preschoolers... Free

Tickets are available in advance from:

Joyce Blaber 352-5106

Elsie Willard 389-4874

Betty Wemp 389-7907

Tickets numbers are limited so be sure to arrange for yours early. Hope to see you there.

Leslie Gavlas, Sect'y

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Dog Licenses

Pursuant to By-law #21-90, every owner of a dog shall, on or before the 31st day of March in each and every year or upon becoming the owner of a dog after the 15th day of March, register such dog with the Township Clerk and procure a license and dog tag for each dog owned by him/her. Dog licenses are currently available at the Municipal Office.

##### Fees

For each neutered dog:

before March 31, 1992... \$10.00

after March 31, 1992... \$15.00

For each non-neutered dog:

before March 31, 1992... \$25.00

after March 31, 1992... \$30.00

Kennel license fee:

before March 31, 1992... \$40.00

after March 31, 1992... \$45.00

By-law #21-90, including the requirement to purchase a dog license, will be enforced by the Township of Amherst Island By-law Enforcement Officer. If your dog is missing and you believe it may have been picked up, call John McGinn at 384-3047 or the Community Animal Control Shelter at 354-5907.

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#### L & A Interval House

The phone number for the Lennox and Addington Interval House (Napanee) is 354-1010 (24 hours a day).

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

It you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, there's an A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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For Sale / Wanted

#### Stereo for Sale

Turntable not working but it has two good speakers, a good tape deck and AM/FM radio.

Also electric blanket for sale - seldom used. Cost \$100 new.

Call 389-4636

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#### For Sale

Picnic Tables - super design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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#### Albertan Homes "A Family Tradition"

Contact Albertan Homes for a no obligation quote on new construction or renovations. No job is too small.

We will build to suit. We have a designer who will design plans for you. Further information, please call our office at 549-0561 or contact one of our Amherst Island resident staff members as follows:

Ken Albertan - 389-2662

Gary McDonald - 384-1456

Susan Sedore - 384-7866

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#### B & B Small Engine Repair

Repairs to all makes.

We do Lawn Mowers, Snow Blowers, Chain Saws.

Big or small, we fix them all.

Contact Bob Halferty at 389-1413.

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#### Printing

For business cards, letterheads & envelopes etc and all your typesetting requirements.

Please contact Peter Morgan at 384-1456

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#### Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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#### Cookie Heaven

Good supply of many kinds available for instant pickup.

Special orders within a few hours.

Call Lauren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

Mon - Fri after 4 p.m.

Weekends 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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#### Marg's Mixing Bowl

All kinds of Christmas Baking and Catering.

Call Marg Horth at 547-3072

Anytime

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General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,  
Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

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Shorewell Maintenance

Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps  
checked. \$30

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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Babysitting

Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights  
and weekends.

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and  
painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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Glenn's Store 389-0417

\* Monday - Saturday 8-6 \*

\*\* We Now Sell Coffee \*\*

\*\*\* Weekly Specials \*\*\*

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Games

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Chinchilla Jewellery

A.I. Telephone Directory

Book Exchange

and Much, Much, More

Post Office Hours

Mon - Fri

9:00 - 11:30

2:30 - 5:00

Saturday

9:00 - 12:00

Thank You to all our customers from - Irene, Annette,  
Heather, Heather, and Sheri

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Beacon Notes

Yes. . .spring is here and we can emerge thin and pale from a long winter of just coping. The sun has some heat to it - the North Channel ice vanished on the night of April 10/11 - the lambs are growing - and already farmers are talking about how dry it is or how wet it is depending on who you are talking to and which day it is (Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays are dry days).

Topsy Farms has had its instant of public glory with an item on Global evening news, two sets of pictures in the Whig and one of those pictures was picked up by the Toronto Star and Globe & Mail.

Fame may bring us some opportunities too. We're thinking about a set of sheep trading cards - like hockey cards. The kids will go crazy over them.

Finally, we'll have a policy statement concerning submissions in this issue. We don't like censoring anyone but....

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Children Playing

submitted by Caroline Yull

It's that time of year again - the kids are out in full force on the streets. And on the streets is where they really are! Please be super aware, and adjust your speed downward, driving through the village. No matter where you're going or how close to boat-time it is, it's not worth endangering any of our community's children.

Thank You.

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Council Report

For April 7, 1992

- Chris Kennedy

Before the start of the regular meeting of Council

there was a report on the Island insurance agreement from Bickertons, who presently insure the Township. At the regular meeting there were 17 in the audience, and more chairs had to be brought in. Wayne Chard, the O.P.P. officer assigned to the Island under the province's community policing policy, was there at the start of the meeting.

The crews on the ferry have been rearranged, and Council confirmed these changes. The Ministry of Transportation has finally paid up the ferry subsidy, and stated what they will pay as the subsidy for this year. The Reeve and the Clerk are still working on having the boat ramp at the Millhaven dock removed. With the start of the summer boating season the

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confusion on the dock at ferry time is likely to get worse. The problems with the steel plate on the Millhaven ferry ramp have been corrected.

Ralph Woods had written a letter to Council suggesting that Council have a private meeting with the south shore residents to discuss the problem of land ownership along the south shore. Ian Murray objected strongly to the suggestion that any matter before Council should be resolved in any private meeting that was not open to the general public.

J.R. Barr has written a letter to Council denying a rumour that he obtained a title to the land south of the South Shore road along his land by improper influence with the Director of Titles of the Province of Ontario. Dieter Eberhardt, the surveyor, wrote to Council saying that he did not intend to suggest that there had been any impropriety, and that some people at the meeting may have misunderstood him. Later in the meeting the Council documents relating to the granting of this title, in 1978, were circulated to members of Council, along with the suggestion that they talk to those who were members of Council at the time.

Cheryl and Myles Hutchings, and Helen Bulch have written to Council objecting to the construction of a Township Road Shed on the old Annie Clyde property, down near the ferry. The matter will be reconsidered when, and if, the Township receives the grant from the Ministry to build the shed.

Helen Lamb has offered to plant, and maintain, a flower garden on the Annie Clyde Property round the parking lot. This will make the entrance to the Island much prettier. Council gratefully accepted her offer.

There then followed a long, rambling discussion which was not part of the Council agenda, but revolved around the loading of the ferry.

The County budget has been received. This shows that an increase of about 20% will be required from the Township. Most of this increase has been caused by a 114% increase in the welfare budget over last year. Council has no option but to pass this bill on to the Island taxpayers.

The Lennox and Addington Board of Education has received less money from the Province than it was expecting. This will mean very severe budget restraint by the School Board. The School Board Chairman and a team from the School Board are prepared to meet with Council and interested residents to discuss the budget. A suitable date for this meeting will be worked out. [Staff: April 28, 1992 at A.I.P.S.]

The Township office staff has submitted proposals to Council for the computer improvements they recommend. These will be considered at the next budget meeting. The Township is proposing to increase, and in some cases implement, the charges for municipal services, so that the direct costs to the Township are at least covered. These services include photocopying, document searches, planning applications, copies of official documents, appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board, building permits and so on. The By-law to make these changes will be drawn up ready for the regular meeting of Council in May.

Tom Sylvester requested that Professor Lambden's report on the Back Beach be made available to the public. Prof. Lambden said that he had no objection, as the opposition had already seen it, so the report may be seen at the Township office. Mr. Sirman, the Township lawyer, requested that his documents on the south shore ownership

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{Council Report will continue after the following notice}

#### Township Of Amherst Island Ferry Rate Increase

[Staff: We reprint this for the off-islanders who did not get the circular sent around by the Township.] Effective Friday, April 10, 1992, the following ferry rates will apply:

1. individual tickets - \$3.50
2. bulk tickets - \$50.00 for 28 tickets (\$1.78 each)

Bulk tickets already purchased will be honoured with the additional payment of \$0.36 per ticket. For example, if you have 25 tickets remaining in your book, you will pay the purser (25 x .36) \$9.00. Your book will be signed by the purse to indicate that the additional payment has been made. Additional payment for remaining tickets can be made at the Township Office as well.

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{Council Report continues}

problem be kept confidential, and only released to Council members. The Reeve made very clear to members of Council the seriousness of any breach of confidentiality of Council documents.

Council briefly discussed the budget. Allan Caughey wished that the property taxes not be increased this year, but it is not at the moment clear how this can be achieved, since both the County levy and the School Board levy, which come out of property taxes, are likely to increase substantially. Of a property tax dollar approximately 50 cents goes to the School Board and 20 cents to the County, and only 30 cents to the Township.

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#### Special Council Meeting Report March 30, 1992

- Don Tubb

We don't have space to delve into the details of this meeting which is good because the meeting was a lot of talk and not much action. However, the result was that Dieter Eberhart will go and do more research into the Quarter Session minutes to see if there are any other references to roads being defined on the Island. He is to report in a month which might mean the next regular Council meeting but we have no confirmation of that.

Council also dealt with an adjustment to the ferry rates. The rates which had been set were too low so Council had to raise them to keep the ferry operation as close to break even as possible.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Ron and Lillian Miller on the birth of their new granddaughter. Carly Michelle Stuart was born in Ottawa on Wednesday, March 25 and weighed 8 lbs 2 ozs.

Congratulations also to Reeve Steve and Earle & Donna Willard. They have their first nephew/grandson. Chris and Michelle, Jenny and Nicole Willard welcomed their brother Troy on Friday March 27 who weighed in at 10 lb 1 oz.

Our sympathy to Phyllis Strain on the loss of her mother.

Further condolences to Helen Miller who broke her ankle while babysitting at my house last week.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The regular March meeting took the form of a Pot Luck Supper at the home of Marian Glenn on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. The evening was devoted to planning for upcoming events. The Annual Mother's Day buffet will be held at A.I.P.S. on Saturday, May 9 from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children (5-12 years old) and pre-schoolers are free.

The W.I. will again canvass for the Cancer Society in the month of April. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15th at the home of Jean Baker. This will be our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. We hope for a good turn out and would be very happy to welcome new members.

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Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Have Dough Will Travel

{The above line was a caption to the graphic heading}

I would like to thank Tena Tugwell for her timely recipe for Hot Cross Buns. I have never had homemade Hot Cross buns but I am sure they would have to be an improvement over the store bought ones I've tasted.

Hot Cross Buns

1 Tbsp yeast (1 package)

1 tsp sugar

1/3 c lukewarm water

2/3 c scalded milk

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1/3 c sugar

1/2 tsp salt

2 1/2 Tbsp shortening

2 beaten eggs (divided as below)

1 Tbsp water

1 cup plumped raisins (see below)

2/3 to 1 cup mixed peel (optional)

3 1/4 to 3 1/2 cups all purpose flour (divided as below)

1 tsp cinnamon.

Plump the raisins by pouring boiling water over them to cover and let stand until needed.

Into a large mixing bowl measure yeast, one tsp. sugar and lukewarm water and let stand 10 minutes.

To scalded milk add the 1/3 cup sugar, salt and shortening, stir then cool to lukewarm.

Beat eggs, add 1 Tbsp water and measure out 2 Tbsp and reserve them for brushing tops of buns later. Add lukewarm milk mixture to risen yeast liquid along with raisins (which have been drained and patted dry

with paper towels), peel, and add beaten eggs, 3 cups of the flour and cinnamon, and beat as well as you can to thoroughly mix. Cover with towel and let rise until double in bulk - about 2 hours at room temperature.

Punch down dough. Sprinkle board with remaining flour and knead dough 50 times. Shape into a twenty inch long even roll about two inches in diameter. Cut into 12 or 14 even pieces.

Shape each into a smooth ball and flatten on greased cookie sheets - two inches apart.

Flour leading edge of your lifter and cut deep crosses in top of each bun.

Brush with reserved beaten egg. Let rise again until well puffed and expanded (about 1 1/2 hours)

Bake at 400 degrees F about 10 to 12 minutes.

Serve warm. These freeze very well and can be reheated by splitting and toasting or whole in microwave.

Happy Hot Cross Buns Season!

This next recipe comes all the way from Scotland. Chris's niece, Katherine, says it is very easy and gooey sweet to eat with ice-cream, pancakes, waffles or plain sponge.

Butterscotch Sauce

6 oz butter

3 Tbsp Golden Corn Syrup

1 lb demarara sugar

15 oz tin of evaporated milk.

Put butter to melt in a saucepan over low heat (do not let it burn). Add sugar and syrup. Stir until sugar has melted and all blended together. Pour in evaporated milk and beat well to combine all ingredients. Heat well. Can be stored in a screw top jar in fridge. Reheats well.

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Science Fair

- Jessica Gavlas

Amherst Island Public School held their annual Science Fair on Wednesday, March 4th, 1992. It was only the senior room that participated.

The three types of projects that could be done were: demonstration, collection, or experiment. Most of the projects that had an experiment went on to Napanee. A lot of us went to Napanee. Since this up-date is late I can tell you that Jacob Murray and Scott Marshall went to Kingston where they placed 3rd with their project on "Worms". Congratulations.

Also a special thanks to our three honourable judges: Mrs Caroline Yull, Mr Jack Kerr and our Principal Mr Halliwell. Also thanks to the families, friends and the younger students at A.I.P.S. who came to see our projects.

[Staff: Chad Miller also had a project at the Kingston

Science Fair.]

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#### 4-H News

- Jill Caughey & Tyler Hutchings

On Sunday, April 5, the "Eleven Green Thumbs" 4-H club toured Potters Greenhouse near Odessa. It was really fun! We learned a lot and even got to transplant some flowers. Special thanks to Mrs. June Potter for her time.

On Tuesday, April 7, the whole club and our leaders travelled to Selby for the County 4-H Achievement Night. Tyler Hutchings and Nate Maleska were awarded

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first club plaques and Heidi Hitchins was recognized for completing her 6th club and received a 4-H pin. Wendy Fleming, Kristy Grange, Jill Caughey, Tracy Hitchins, Ruth Scott, Lori Caughey, Sarah Scott and Amy Caughey all were awarded gold bars for their achievement plaques. The club had a display on "How To Make Terrariums" - and members exhibited their terrariums.

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#### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

[Staff: We fully intended to reprint the householder mailing sent by the Rec. Committee, however, we do not have space. We have offered to print up our Beacon mailing list so the off-islanders can receive a copy.]

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#### Amherst Island Mixed Slow Pitch League For 1992

It is time again to start organizing for our new season of slow pitch softball. Our league is a mixed league with ages starting from fourteen and is open to all people over that age. Last year we had four teams and played twice a week on Wednesday and Sunday nights at 8:00 p.m.

Our rules were as follows:

- 1- No stealing bases.
- 2- No sliding.
- 3- No bunting.
- 4- Do not touch home plate when scoring just run to the line drawn to the right of home plate.
- 5- Catcher will call foul balls if we only have one umpire.
- 6- Ten players on the field defensively which include a minimum of 2 women.
- 7- When batting the whole line-up will bat but we only go through the line-up once.
- 8- When a hit ball touches the pitcher then it is a dead

ball and there is no play.

9- Foul balls along the fence or between the fence and the light poles are out of play.

10- Home team coach will make sure that we have an umpire.

Again this year we will use last year's team lists to form this year's teams and add or delete names as people indicate whether they want to play this year or not.

New players: Either sign your name to the list in Glenn's Store or phone Brian Ward at 389-5767. If you played last year but cannot play this year please let me know as well.

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#### Letter To The Beacon from Caroline Yull

This is to notify the irresponsible person who shot my dog with a full-sized bow and arrow in the early evening of April 16th that they are a criminal. The OPP has been notified and will be pursuing the matter. If charges are laid, they will be Criminal Code charges.

Shooting such a weapon off in the confines of a built-up village is not only a criminal offense. It is also foolish and dangerous in the extreme. The arrow that was protruding from the dog's flank is a lethal weapon, and has the potential to kill or seriously maim a person. God help you if one ever hits anyone belonging to me!

I think it's high time we moved out of the frontier mentality and recognized that this is not a tolerable behaviour anymore. I will definitely co-operate with the OPP in pursuing the matter, including the pressing of charges.

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#### Island History

As reported in the March Beacon, Tom Sylvester has been working on the survey history of Amherst Island. It is turning out to be a subject that could never be exhausted, nor complete. He has spent far too much time sorting out the early land transactions, using the Lennox & Addington County Land Registry Office, Napanee; and researching details and slim possibilities in the L&A Museum, Queens University Archives, National Archives, Ottawa and Archives of Ontario, Toronto.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, in his popular Sherlock Holmes character, advised "After you have eliminated the possibilities, explore the impossibilities". The specific references Tom would appreciate help with are:  
1. The presently unidentified detailed survey of Amherst Island circa 1790's. How many people have known

about this fascinating and important manuscript that has been carefully filed in the Township Office since at least 1977? Any memories, fragile old maps in the Attic?

2. William J. Fairfield Survey circa 1823. This survey is referred to in at least 10 original deeds and Hitchins Book of Rentals. I believe it was a resurvey of the presently called North & South Shore Concessions.

3. Mount Cashel Survey circa 1838. This survey was a subdivision of a 641 acre "Town Plot" into the presently identified Lots No. 30-38, Con I.

4. Richard Hitchin's Book of Rentals. Dr. Burleigh borrowed this book from someone in his time, transcribed (at least part of it) and his notes are available at the Queens Archives. This book is the resident agent's record of leases and land transfers for the period 1824-1846.

5. William Percival/William Moutray Rental Book. This record, if it still exists on the Island, would help tremendously to identify which property Robert Percival Maxwell thought he owned and the gradual disposal of it.

6. Does anyone know when was the last time Maxwell estate paid taxes to the Township? Tom Sylvester would appreciate any input (613) 389-1320.

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#### Thank You Notes

We would like to thank our friends, relatives & neighbours for cards, phone calls, flowers and food brought to the house in the loss of a dear granddaughter Jennifer. A Special thank-you to Rev. Ken Blaber for his comforting words and guidance and to Ann Marie Hitchins and Hazel deHaan for looking after the lunch. Thank-you to Reggie Hitchins for helping with chores.

Thank you again

Stratton & Barbara Reid

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I wish to thank my friends, neighbours and relatives for their many acts of kindness, floral tributes, cards, calls and memorial donations when my husband passed away. A special thank you to the Rev. Lindsay McIntyre, the organist (Mrs Beth Forester) and to the many friends who brought food to Susie Caughey's house for the luncheon after the funeral and to Susie and Bruce for the use of their home. My deepest appreciation.

Lily Browne

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Thank you so much to all the kind friends, who once more remembered us in our troubles with calls and cards of sympathy. Also thanks to Beth for her nice

visit for the P.C.W.

Daphne was a very talented and busy person and will be missed in her community, as well as by her family.

We appreciate the support and prayers of all our friends.

Sincerely

Don & Chris Gregg

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Thanks To

Allan Caughey and Ralph Woods

For extra effort and special consideration from

Bob Horth and some crew members of the Amherst Islander

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#### Policy Statement

- Staff

We received two submissions this month which required us to consider whether we would publish them. One was fairly straight forward in that we felt that the Beacon was not the place to air such a complaint. There are far better ways to try and get action than through the Beacon and therefore we have sent the letter back with an explanation. The second one was more difficult and while we are opposed to censorship, we considered it. In the end, we decided to print the submission but we would like to suggest that in the future people express their political opinions in political forums.

We consider ourselves more of a newsletter for the extended Amherst Island family wherever they may be scattered. We do not consider ourselves a newspaper nor even an impartial newsletter. We print as much good news as possible. We air as little dirty laundry as possible.

Thank you.

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#### Awards

Our You Can't Always Get What You Want award this month goes to the three guys who tried to walk over to Wolfe Island just before the ice broke up. They chose to not heed the warnings of the Kingston Police Department and ended up attracting two Emergency Response teams, one private air boat, an air rescue helicopter and the Pittsburg Township OPP. Finally the Kingston police commandeered the Wolfe Islander, pushed up to where they were, and strongly suggested they give up this foolishness. You know, with all these rescue and emergency organizations around now, a

person can't do anything just plain stupid anymore - how are we going to keep the genetic pool strong if we don't allowing people with death wishes to eliminate themselves from it.

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Positive, adj.

Mistaken at the top of one's voice.

[The Devil's Dictionary, Ambrose Bierce]

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## Preliminary Township Budget For 1992

- Don Tubb

Council is now well into its annual wrestling match with the Township budget. The Clerk has produced a preliminary run-through and Council has had an initial chopping session. There was no action at the last Council meeting but there is to be a Special Meeting of Council on the 27th of this month.

I was delegated to try and explain what the budget is about this year. So with no foreboding thoughts, I wandered into the fray. Now I wished that I had drawn the assignment of covering the civil war in Yugoslavia. This is complicated stuff but I persisted and think that I can offer you a little insight into what it's about.

At this point in the deliberations, the amount to be raised by taxes is \$144,351 which is about \$16,500 more than last year's budget. There will be more cuts as every member of Council feels the pressure to keep any tax increase to a minimum. This is difficult because the senior levels of government keep 'downloading' responsibilities and reducing the level of support. For example MTO used to grant the Island 75% of the basic operating budget for the Roads department. Now it's 62%. That's 13% extra that the Township has become responsible for. So, the following is a series of notes about things in the Budget which is laid out on the next page. This layout is my own as I could not make a great deal of sense of the one that Council uses - the numbers were just too large and it was difficult to see just how much we (the Township residents) had to actually come up with. I rearranged the Council's budget layout to show the expenditures, revenue and how much we were responsible for side by side. I assigned the revenues to the various budget items which is a little artificial in that it doesn't really work this way in practice.

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The largest item is the Ferry. The taxes we pay to the Township do not go to support the ferry operation and the ferry operation does not support the Township. The 10% of the ferry operating budget that we pay is supported by the ticket sales alone. When the Township

does anything for the ferry from adjusting the dock heights to figuring the pay checks, it is charged to the ferry operating costs. Just an aside is that wages and related costs like WCB, UIC, CPP, etc make up 79% of the operating budget (that is nearly \$900,000 out of the 1.1 million dollar budget).

MTO starts the budget process for the roads with some formula which, this year, set the figure at about \$138,000. They then grant us 62% of this or \$85,600 (this is where the level of support has dropped from 75%). Then the Public Works Supervisor looks at this and, this year, felt that another \$32,000 was needed to do the job. This extra is completely the responsibility of the Township to raise. There are no capital expenditures in this budget because MTO is still making decisions as to what they will fund.

The Environmental Concerns has been significantly changed from the initial run-through. The three studies which we have to do have been spread out over two years which reduces both our revenue and expenditures (MOE funds 75% of the cost of these which are to find out where the leachate plume from the existing site is going and to find out how long the existing site will last). The operating portion of this item is to operate the existing land fill site and is 65% labour - both to the Township Public Works department and to the Attendant.

The next area is the General Administration and Miscellaneous area. This is nearly impossible to explain in any reasonable number of words. This is because of something called GARAF (General Administration - Roads and Ferry). Basically it is an easy way of assigning costs related to the Roads, the Ferry and the general administration of Township business. The figures on the next page with the \* represent only 23% of their total. For example, the payroll is \$13,000 which is only 23% of the total (\$36,500). The GARAF says that 23% of the time is spent on general administration of the Township. It also says that 62% of the time is spent on the ferry administration and that 14% of the time goes to the roads administration. Not only is the payroll divided up this way but everything that has an \*. I think that if you asked Diane and Ida that they would put the percentages somewhere about 90% ferry, 33% roads and 50% general administration, however, this is what we have and MTO has accepted it.

Recreation has a significantly large budget but virtually none of it comes from the Township (only \$500 this year out of a total budget of \$12,333). They support themselves with grants from the senior levels of government and money raised locally.

The Back Beach budget is a real guess because no one knows how long this court case will last. Maybe it will yet be settled out of court. Then again, maybe it



will bankrupt us. Who knows?

The Planning item has been significantly reduced because there is no expectation that we'll be getting the Official Plan back from the Municipal Affairs until the fall when there will be little time to do anything on the Zoning By-law.

The last item I'll comment on is the deficit from last year. There are four items noted which make up the majority of the deficit: the Back Beach, an OMB hearing, remuneration for the animal valuers, and banking charges. These are things that either were not budgeted for or were unusually high. The Back Beach had a budget of \$14,000 last year and we ended up spending \$26,000. The animal valuers had no budget and we ended up spending \$1350 but who would have guessed that there would be well over a 100 farm animals killed by predators? Lastly I should mention that Council has taken \$6300 from the accumulated Lot Levy fees and applied it against the deficit run up by the Back Beach case.

I hope that this little introduction will be of some use when you start thinking about the budget. The next page is the preliminary budget laid out so I, at least, can understand it. Don't forget that the next Budget meeting will be on April 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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Preliminary Township Budget 1992

Item	Expenditure	Revenue	Our Taxes	Notes
Ferry	1131263	1131399	-136	- agreement with MTO says we pay 10% of total or \$113,263 financed with ticket sales
Roads				
- operating	170000	85600	84400	- \$85,600 is a grant from MTO
- capital				
Environmental Concerns				
- operating	1045026560	30019238	101507322	- operating the landfill site
- Waste Management studies				- 75% grant from MOE
General Administration & Etc				
Council Honoraria	8,000			- there are a lot of general grants which cannot be easily assigned so I haven't but they total \$54,386 and range from General Support grants to GST rebate to Sundry Revenues to Interest on Deposits along with quite a few others.
Gen. Adm,				
- payroll	*13,000			
- group insur/WCB	*1,400			
- supplies/service	*4,000			
- hydro/heat/maint	*1,800			
- travel/fees	*600			
- insurance	*800			
- pro. fees	*2,500			
- capital expend.	*1,000			- the * items are subject to GARAF which is explained in the additional notes
Interest & Bank Charges	3,000			
Street Lighting	1,400	54386	-16886	- see note above
Building Inspection	4000	2500	1500	
Animal Control				
- valuers	10003000	1100	10001900	
- services				
Fire				
- operating	180009000	0	18,000	- \$9,300 for honoraria, WCB & insurance
- capital			\$9,000	- new equipment
Emergency				
- supplies/services	3.0001e+11	0	3.000e+11	- 911 & dispatch
- First Response team				- honoraria & training for First Response
- capital expenditures				- grid system
Recreation				
- supplies/services	73335000	68335000	5000	- operating \$ for most on-going programs
- capital projects				- for building (boat ramp & equip. room)
Back Beach				
- supplies/services	10000	0	10000	
- professional fees				- legal fees (lawyers, surveyors, etc)

Cemetery - operating - capital expenditures	54501100	36000	-18501100	
Planning - operating - official plan - zoning by-law	260002500	320000	-60002500	-no grants available to do this by-law
Reserve for Working Capital	5,000	11,000	-6000	-transferred from fund for new dump site
Deficit from 1991	19,351	6,300	13051	- mainly made up from Back Beach (\$12,000), planning (mainly the OMB hearing \$3,000), banking charges (\$3,000), valuers (\$1,350)
The Bottom Line	Expenditures \$1,474,807	Revenue \$1,330,456	Our Taxes \$144,351	- twp reserves total \$25,000?????

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Notices and Announcements

Filling The Gaps And Sir John Johnson's Legacy

Tom Sylvester will be presenting the detailed Survey of Amherst Island conducted early in Sir John Johnson's ownership of the Island (1789-1803). It is a puzzle as to who paid for it, when it was done and who was involved. Tom will attempt to put the survey into the context of Sir John's career. Sir John Johnson's crown patent to the entire Island has had a dramatic effect on the possible settlement patterns and long term implications to today's tax base, etc.

There will be a presentation of Tom's reconstruction of three missing plans to the Island and numerous early maps showing the development of our present road network.

Thursday, April 23, 1992. 8:00 p.m.

Municipal Building, Amherst Island.

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Dance & Drama Performance

The Thursday after school dance and drama class led by Julia Lava is having a performance of several works in the school gym at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 30. All are welcome to come and watch and enjoy.

There are children from pre-school age to grade 8 in three groups, so they offer something for everyone.

Many thanks to the aerobicizers for agreeing to a slight time-change so we could use the gym that night!

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L&A Interval House

The phone number for the Lennox and Addington Interval House (Napanee) is 354-1010 (24 hours a day).

They urgently need basic supplies for women setting up new households: mugs, kitchen utensils, books, sheets, towels and furniture. Call Elsie Densem, Island

Co-ordinator, at 389-2874 if you have items to donate.  
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#### Mother's Day Ham Dinner

The Women's Institute is sponsoring the annual Mother's Day Ham Dinner on Saturday, May 9th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Community Centre.

#### Tickets:

Adults... \$6.00

Children (5 & older)... \$3.00

(under 5)... free

#### Available from:

Glenn's Store

Anna Hitchins

Marion Glenn

Phylis Strain

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#### Your Recreation Committee Sponsors

Fish Fry/ Spring Dance

Saturday, May 16, 1992

Fish Fry 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Dance 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Music by Bakersfield

Must be Age of Majority

#### Tickets:

Glenn's Store 389-0417

Jack Forester 389-5582

Betty Wemp 389-7907

(Council providing a 2 a.m. ferry)

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#### Your Recreation Committee Sponsors a Neighbourhood Picnic

Saturday, June 13, 1992

3 p.m.-?

Amherst Island Public School

\* Euchre \* Games \* Dancing\*

\* Come & Strum - Bring Your Guitar & Join in

Flea Market

Food

Fun for All Ages

Children Welcome

Admission Includes Dance

\$3.00 Adults,

\$2.00 Seniors & Students

Preschool Free

Groups or Individuals Wishing to Participate in the Flea Market, please contact Annette at 389-0417, 389-0512 or Heather at 389-1326.

This Event Licenced By L.C.B.O

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

#### Special Council Meetings

There will probably be three Special Council Meetings in the coming month:

- April 27th, 8:00 p.m. Council Chambers

A budget meeting to continue the process of setting the 1992 budget for the Island.

- April 28th, 8:00 p.m. A.I.P.S.

Representatives of the L&A School Board will be coming over to make a presentation about its budget.

- not scheduled yet

The IBI people will be invited over to make a presentation about their latest proposals for our ferry.

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#### Your Recreation Committee Sponsors A

Canada Day

Wednesday, July 1, 1992

6 p.m. to Dark

Parade

Fireworks

Music

Games

Prizes

Food

Featuring The Limestone City Stompers

Everyone Welcome!

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#### Chicken Bar-B-Que

The Anglican Church Women are very appreciative of the community support for our Annual Beef Dinner which enabled us to present the Church with a substantial donation. At the invitation of the Recreation Committee, we will be holding our Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que in connection with the Dominion Day Celebrations on July 1st. More details next month!

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

Rabies Clinic

May 2nd from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall

Cost \$8.00 per animal

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, there's an A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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Beacon Notes

Happy Mother's Day (belatedly, of course)!!

On the home front it's been really interesting this past month. We've just about finished lambing for this spring with the total of 1200+ lambs being born. The coyotes have already hit us hard with 16 lambs killed this week but more on that later.

Our pet dog, Lucky, fell over the bluffs (about a 35' fall into very shallow water) and survived with only a sore leg. A couple of days later a lamb went over the bluffs and had to be rescued by canoe. These aren't the only animals to go over the edge: we lost a steer over the edge a long time ago (broke its back I think), and one of our Border Collies jumped off to get a drink, who upon being called proceeded to climb back up (this is a vertical face of loose rock which just goes to prove that these animals have no sense at all).

That's about all on the home front, I wonder what's been happening on, the Island? I guess I had better read on.

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Special Council Meeting Report

April 27, 1992

- Don Tubb

All members of Council were present and there were about 12 members of the public in attendance. A delegation on behalf of the Fire Department was made by Mr Kirk Parsons of the Ontario Fire Marshalls Office. He admitted that he was somewhat biased but after a quick review of our equipment and the proposed budget for the Fire Department, he felt that there was no fat in the budget. The only places where he thought money might be saved was in the honoraria and perhaps not buying a radio headset for the pumper. He made the following other comments:

- safety checks will soon become yearly items for all the fire vehicles,
- training is becoming more and more important for both the safety of the firefighters and so the Township is not 'charged under the act',
- he suggested that we replace our two tankers with a tanker/pumper because most of our equipment is considered too old

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(they figure a quarter century is old enough for any equipment to remain serviceable and we have a 39 year old tanker, a 19 year old tanker and a 24 year old pumper),

- the fire shed needs work as the doors have to be regularly trimmed so they can be opened but that the heat is better now than it was,
- he thought our Fire Department was not over-sized for our municipality and that we were at a higher level of performance than either Wolfe or Howe Islands,
- finally he suggested that Council set up a capital reserve fund for equipment purchases.

Council turned its attention to the Audited Financial Statement which was pretty incomprehensible to me because I had no copy of it. Even after obtaining a copy, it was still incomprehensible. The important point is that the auditors found our finances to be in order.

Council has raised the cost of Building Permits. It has gone from \$3 per \$1000 to \$4.5 per \$1000. This was in response to the Building Inspection running a \$838 deficit last year. By comparison, Ernestown has fees of \$7 per \$1000.

There is now a new Tariff of Fees By-Law which lists the fees charged for the Township services. They include things ranging from \$5 towards the cost for an agenda for a regular Council meeting to \$5000 deposit for O.M.B. proceedings.

Council considered the only tendered insurance policy for the Township. After some debate, they decided to ask for a couple of minor changes. The total premium will be around \$10,200 which covers all Township employees and volunteers, all equipment, property, errors and omissions, legal expense, crime, environmental liability, and general liability.

A list of repairs and improvements was shelved until after the budget is set. This was generally painting and some minor repairs to the drywall along with some sound insulation between the Council Chamber and the library.

Council did approve the purchase of a payroll program for the office computer. This will handle our

extremely difficult payroll where a single person might work at 3 or 4 different jobs in a pay period all of which have different rates of pay. The cost is about \$800 of which the Township will pay about \$185 as the rest is GARAFable.

At long last we reached the budget deliberations which were not to be. Heck, I don't remember what happened but there was essentially no deliberation and it was put over to the May 5th Regular Meeting.

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Goodbye And Thank You

I would like to thank all my customers for their support and helping me to cut down on missing papers. This is my last month and Jason & Tyler Hutchings will be taking over the route.

Thanks

Douglas Gavlas

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Council Report  
For May 5, 1992  
- Don Tubb

All members of Council were present for this Regular Meeting of Council. Also present were about 12 members of the general public. This was a very short meeting basically because the budget deliberations were put off until May 22nd.

There were, as always, several items concerning the ferry operation. First there was a letter from Ted Welbanks informing Council of a problem with the emissions from the ferry stack. Ted said that the boat discharges 'large flakes' during some weather conditions when it accelerates away from the dock. These flakes when they fall on a vehicle ruin the finish. Council referred the letter to MTO for its consideration but the Clerk reported that in phone conversations with MTO, they said there is a similar problem with the Wolfe Islander and that adjustments were made to the stacks.

A request from Camlo Peiris to be compensated for his First Class Marine Engineer examinations fees was tabled. That is until the Clerk can write up Council's unwritten policy concerning compensation for Township employee's educational expense.

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While there was nothing included with the Beacon's agenda, some comment was made about a dispute with P&P Typesetting. Apparently a resolution to the problem has been reached but not implemented yet. It involves the Township paying for the design work for the new type of ferry tickets.

Before I forget, Reeve Willard asked that we mention that the change in the crew structure was cost neutral, that is there was not a significant cost or savings in the month's wages.

Next up were several items with respect to the Roads:

- Bruce Caughey's quarry has now been designated under the Aggregate Resources Act and the Township has been requested to inform him of such,
- there was a closed session at the end of the Regular Meeting at which Council decided to hire Dave Hieatt to find about 3 acres of land, centrally located and preferably with a water supply for a new Public Works Building,
- the Boundaries Act application was tabled until the Budget meeting (May 22nd) at which time Council will decide whether to go ahead with it. There was some debate as to whether the Island could afford the cost.

Council has decided to continue insuring the Clyde house which costs a mere \$250 for \$25,000 coverage.

Council 'received for further action' the revised budget from the Fire Department. In their covering letter, they expressed their disappointment in Council's preliminary cuts which reduce the budget by 14% and were even more disappointed with Councillor Woods proposal to cut the budget by 25%. (Ralph is Council's representative on the Fire Committee). In a related move, Steven Willard gave 'notice of motion' to remove Councillor Woods from the Fire Committee and the Recreation Committee. He said that there had been a number of complaints from these committees concerning the lack of support from Councillor Woods particularly with regard to their budgets. Councillor Woods replied that he felt he was responsible for the over-all Island concerns and not those of a specific committee. After a few other comments, Council moved on.

There is a Revised Cemeteries Act coming into force which was received with Steven taking a look at how this will affect us.

Draft policies regarding contracts for goods and services, surplus goods, and safe working by employees have been prepared. These were tabled and will be circulated for comments. They will next be discussed at next budget meeting (May 22nd). They will formalize the process of buying and disposing of both goods and services. Most of this will be done by sealed tender after being advertised.

After a number of other items, Council adjourned the Regular Meeting about 9:30 and went into Closed Session which ended a little after 10 p.m.

The next meeting of Council will be on May 22nd at 7 p.m. to consider (and hopefully pass) the budget.

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## Special Council Meeting Report

April 28, 1992

- Don Tubb

This meeting was held in the Community Centre but could have easily been fitted into the Council Chambers. There were 3 members for the L&A School Board, 4 of the 5 members of Council, our representative to the Board (Bruce Caughey), Diane Pearce as Clerk to write the minutes and 7 members of the general public. This meeting was one of a series that the school board has been holding throughout the County and they had a well-rehearsed presentation down pat.

The presentation was made up almost entirely of numbers which, at the time, made a certain amount of sense. Their budget had just been passed and amounts to an overall mill rate increase of 5% for the County as a whole and a 6.5% increase for the Island. In trying to limit the increase as much as possible they had to cut several programs but A.I.P.S. will not be affected as we had already lost those programs. I am sure that their budget is now available if you wish to study it.

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### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Tony and Penny deHaan on the arrival of their third daughter, Amanda Kimberley. Amanda is a new granddaughter for Helen McCormick and Hans and Hazel deHaan.

Best wishes also to Dan and Maria Visintin on the birth of their first daughter, Alexandria. Island grandparents are Guido Visintin and Jeannie Levesque.

Congratulations also to Amherst Island's own pin-up, Peter Trueman. He was the April/May cover-person for Pathways magazine and posed in his bathtub no less! It was a great cover shot at any rate, accompanied by a really fine article on being 'downwardly mobile'.

We were sorry to hear about the death of former Islanders Ada Filson and Bob Bach. Our sympathy to their families.

Best wishes to Keith Miller, recovering at home after leg surgery last month.

Finally, (and at the risk of being edited for political controversy) what is with these God-awful ferry tickets? Even the pursers cringe when they see a sheet of them being handed out the window. In fact, they usually ask the driver to tear them off themselves.

And why does Council give a hoot if I tear them apart or if the purser tears them apart? (There must be some reason or the tickets would not say "valid only if removed by purser").

Lets get real Councillors. Few people have a spot to put a sheet of tickets that size without them getting wrinkled and torn. And it just does not make sense for each member of a household to have to buy a full sheet of tickets. If we have to pay \$50 at one shot for the tickets, we should be able to use them as we like.

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Reply from Councillor Murray:

1) The present ticket format was done to save money. If, after a reasonable time, this ticket layout is found to bad as bad as Annette says, then a new format will probably be tried out.

2) Bulk tickets are 1/2 the price of individual tickets. If bulk tickets can be distributed individually, Council fears that a black market in tickets could develop.

Council has the responsibility of raising 10% of the operating revenue. There is no way this can be done that everyone will think is fair.

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### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Irene Glenn on Wednesday, April 15th at 8:00 p.m. This was our Annual Meeting, so the program was business.

Phyllis Strain advised the meeting of the progress of the canvass for the Cancer fund. Members were advised to complete their canvass by the end of the month. Final plans were made for the Mother's Day Ham Dinner on May 9th. The meeting was also advised of the upcoming District Annual Meeting in Selby on May 20th, and that Pitch-In week will be May 4 to 10.

Leslie Gavlas took the Chair for the election of officers with Marian Glenn as Secretary. The Officers elected were:

President... Jean Baker

1st Vice President... Helen Lamb

2nd Vice President... Anna Hitchins

Secretary... Leslie Gavlas

Treasurer... Irene Glenn

P.O.R.... Jean McIntyre

Program Co-ordinator... Phyllis Strain

District Director... Jackie Sylvester

Alternate... Helen Miller

Tweedsmuir Curator... Anna Hitchins

Assistant... Marian Glenn

Resolutions... Jackie Sylvester

Auditors... Marian Glenn Leslie Gavlas

Good Cheer... Thelma Howard

Delegates to District And Area Annuals

... Jean Baker

... Jackie Sylvester



... Phyllis Strain

The next meeting will be held at the

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home of Phyllis Strain on May 27 when we hope to have the Dairy Princess, Karen Paul, as our guest speaker. Our annual visit with the Dairy Princess is always very interesting and informative, and we would welcome any interested visitors on this occasion.

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#### Amherst Island Public School A Book About Amherst Island

The students at Amherst Island Public School are working on a book. It will be an Amherst Island A-B-C, mentioning an interesting aspect of the Island for each letter of the alphabet. Is there anyone interested in volunteering to take Photographs of the points mentioned in the book? If you are, please contact Mary Van Baal at 354-4253 or leave your name and number at the school. Thank you for your interest in the school's activities.

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#### Rumors Can Hurt

- Douglas Gavlas (Grade 8)

Rumors are sometimes true,

Rumors are sometimes lies,

Rumors can hurt,

Rumors can make people mad,

Rumors can be funny,

Rumors you never know who started them,

Which makes you go crazy,

Sometimes they turn out to be predictions.

And yet

You Never Know

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#### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

We would like to extend our thanks to all those who attended our annual Fish Fry & Spring Dance. Again it was a tremendous success and was sold out well in advance. Many thanks to the fish friers: Don and Judy Miller, Raymond and Linda Wemp, and Jack and Beth Forester for a great meal.

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#### Up Coming Recreation Events

Neighbourhood Picnic Saturday June 13th from 2 p.m. to midnight.

Swimming Lessons Registration on July 13th and Lessons starting on July 14th.

Summer Theatre Program Registration on August

14th and goes for 3 weeks.

Dog Obedience Training Classes start on June 16th.

Canada Day July 1st.

[Staff: More details on these events are to be found later in the Beacon.]

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#### Letter To The Beacon

[The submission below from Caroline Yull was titled: Daughter's Brag Department]

It may interest those Islanders who have met my mum, Kay, that on June 6, at 72 years of age, she will finally receive her B.A. degree! Mum dropped out of high school during the depression to help support her family at a \$12/week job on the London Free Press (and felt rich as Croesus!) After marrying and while having and raising 5 children, mum continued to work at many interesting, mind-stretching jobs, and finally took her first university level psychology course in the mid-60's at Carleton University in Ottawa. Over the years since, and in universities in many places between Ottawa and the west coast, she's taken courses in psychology, sociology, criminology, corrections, women's studies, economics, political science, history of science, communications, social work, and philosophy/theology. A truly well-rounded course of study! I can't express how incredibly proud I am of her. Congratulations, mum!

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#### Obituary

Ada Filson

Funeral service for Ada Filson, a long time resident of Amherst Island, was held in St. Paul's church on May 7th. Ada was for many years our local telephone operator. She and her husband lived here until they sold their family farm and moved to Lansdowne where they were very happy until ill health caused her to be hospitalized at St. Mary's of the Lake and later to Carveth nursing home in Gananoque where she passed away peacefully on May 4th.

She was a modest, kind and generous person. Many acts of kindness were known only to herself and the recipient. Although not active in later years, she was a member of St. Paul's, a choir member and often soloist. The number of people who called at the Robert Reid funeral home was an indication of the high regard in which she and her family were held. Rev. Lindsay McIntyre, who conducted the service paid tribute to her as a wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Surviving her are her husband Gordon, two sons, Robert and his wife Bernadette; Bill and his wife Mary; daughter

Ardeth Couvell; grandchildren Stephanie Filson, Katrina and Andy Couvell; Sister Genevieve Fleming; Sister-in-law Tena Filson. She was predeceased by her son-in-law Jim Couveil and three brothers, Marshall, Ross and Harry. Pallbearers were Garry Filson, Hugh Filson, David Fleming, Wayne Fleming, Stuart Miller, Peter Wemp. Interment was in the family plot in Glenwood cemetery.

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#### Thank You Notes

I wish to thank everyone for the calls, visits and gifts following my recent surgery. Also a special thanks to Adam, Shirley, Donald, Judy, Donnie and Chad for taking over my daily tasks.

Keith Miller

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We wish to thank our friends, neighbours and relatives for their many acts of kindness at the time of Ada's death; for cards, phone calls, the visit from Marian and Beulah and their treats on behalf of the P.C.W.; the beautiful floral arrangement from my Loyal Friend.

Special thanks to Rev. Lindsay McIntyre, to Beth and the choir, the pallbearers and to Harry and Barbara.

Sincerely

Ernest and Genevieve

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#### Awards

We have been very remiss in not giving McDonald's the Logo Modification Award. Whatever you may think of their food, you should be able to admit that the McDonald's Pizza with the two 'golden arches' used as the z's is brilliantly simply and completely identifiable with the company. Someone earned their pay with that gem!

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#### Movie Review

I've been waiting for The Commitments to come out on video for months now. I'd heard that it was good which usually leads to unfulfillable expectations on my part but, in this case, I was more than pleasantly surprised - I was blown away! What a blast!

The story is pretty thin - just the formation and early days of band playing soul music but the catch is that it's set in Dublin and the musicians are pretty much a catch-all of working class kids. I had better mention this right here - there's a tremendous amount of swearing which I didn't find offensive at all. After all, these are the Irish and virtually all words are uttered with passion if not a shove or punch.

So if the story isn't much, what takes this movie over the top? The music! The Music! The Music!!! With loving care in the choice of songs (Mustang Sally, Treat Her Right, Try A Little Tenderness, and 47 more credited songs), with basic but not sparse arrangements, with tremendous voices, the

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whole band lets it all hang out. Andrew Strong as the lead singer performs well beyond his actual age of 16 with several power-house performances. The music was shot 'in-concert' meaning that it was all done live.

So send the kids away for the night, turn up the tv and tune up your voices because you'll be raising them in song before the movie is over.

If you like the movie, there's also two soundtrack cassettes and a 'Making Of The Commitments' videoette with a sampling of the songs and some profiles of the actors.

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#### And Finally

We start off this month with a special Lost and Found. We have found (and presumably someone else has lost) an arrow on our land up at the Head. Judging from the tip, it was not being used for target practice. It is an Easton (Made in USA) Trebark #2117. If the owner would like it back, you may claim it through the Napanee OPP or the MNR Conservation Officer by identifying the colour of the 'feathers' and the type of tip or head or whatever it's called. We'll be sure to keep an eye out for you when we're up in the bush. Thank you for your attention.

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Topsy Farms was sent its usual copy of the Worker's Compensation Board's 1992 Assessment Rates. Many of you might think this rather dry reading but it's full of surprises. For example, what's the job with the lowest rate? Why, it's accountants who pay to the Board only 15 cents for every \$100 in wages. There are two other really safe jobs listed: architects at \$0.41 per \$100 and school boards at \$0.54 per \$100.

On the other end of the scale there is the current 'most dangerous job' -stevedoring at \$22.92 paid to the Board for every \$100 in wages. However, the new champ will soon be tree surgery which is going up to \$32.16 per \$100. Now, that may give you some idea as to why these guys charge several thousand dollars to remove a large sick tree. And you might think about their liability insurance. If the workers are getting hurt that badly and that often, the damage to the surrounding buildings and other structures must be staggering.

Farming seems to be relatively safe at \$5.07 per \$100 which is about the same as working in a textile factory or in a quarry.

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#### The Only In Toronto File

In the Whig of May 5, there was an interesting perspective on the recent riot there. MPP Paul Johnson was in a Burger King when the rioters passed by and he watched from the second floor their path of destruction. He was quoted as saying, "And curiously, while the first group were breaking windows and throwing items onto the street, some older people who came up behind were actually picking items up and putting them back in the stores."

To this, one can only mutter in disbelief, "Only in Toronto".

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We've just about finished with the late lambing and have brought a total of 1,200+ lambs into the world this spring. So far, after 5 days on pasture, the coyotes have helped themselves to 16 of them (4 were taken from one of our donkey's flock). It looks like we might be headed towards building a predator proof fence which is 5+' high, about 10 strands of 5000 volt electric wire, razor wire on the top, watch towers manned 24 hours per day, direct telephone link to the Air Force for air strikes!

The Ministry of Natural Resources has cut the meat and bones out of its predator control program. The fat went a few years ago. But that's sort of okay since the Ministry of Agriculture and Food pays for predator damage. This compensation is for the meat value of the lambs which doesn't take into consideration their replacement value which is much higher.

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#### For Sale / Wanted

##### For Sale

TV cart. \$10

Microwave cart \$35

Coffee table \$25

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##### Wanted

The Millers are again looking for Whig TV Times which they use around the barn.

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Susan Sedore - 384-7866

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#### Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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#### Cookie Heaven

Good supe 0.12 9.92 0 Tdy yo

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

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#### Shorewell Maintenance

Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps checked. \$30

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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#### Seaway Homes

Distributor for Grenville Log Homes Steve Roy (Wolfe Island) 385-2067 or mobile 545-5376

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#### Babysitting

Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights and weekends.

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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#### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, and painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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#### Clothing

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2:30- 5:00

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#### Notices And Announcements

##### Sponsors Needed

All the orthopaedic doctors in Kingston have asked the patients having had new replacement hip or knee joints to join a short walk-a-thon to raise money for arthritis research.

Anyone caring to sponsor me, in this worthy cause, please call Chris Gregg at 389-2647

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##### Your Recreation Committee Sponsors A

##### Neighbourhood Picnic

Saturday, June 13, 1992

2 p.m. - Midnight

Amherst Island Public School

\* Baseball \* Euchre \* Games \* Dancing \*

\* Come & Strum - Bring Your Guitar & Join In \*

Flea Market

Food

Fun for All Ages

Children Welcome

Admission Includes Dance

\$3.00 Adults,

\$2.00 Seniors & Students

Preschool Free

Groups or Individuals Wishing to Participate in the Flea Market, please contact Annette at 389-0417, 389-0512 or Heather at 389-1326.

This Event Licensed by L.C.B.O.

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##### Your Recreation Committee Sponsors

##### Dog Obedience Training

Classes Start: Tuesday, June 16

Location: Park in Village

Fee: None

Instructor: Ardis Shurtleff

Please note: Class size will be limited.

Please contact Ardis as soon as possible if you wish to participate.

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##### Your Recreation Committee Sponsors A

##### Canada Day Celebration

Wednesday, July 1, 1992

6 p.m. to Dark  
Parade  
Fireworks  
Music  
Games  
Prizes  
Food  
Featuring The Limestone City Stompers  
Everyone Welcome!  
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#### Chicken Bar-B-Q

The Anglican Church women are holding their Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q as part of the Dominion Day Celebrations, Wednesday, July 1, at the Community Centre from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Tickets:

Adults... \$8.00

Children, 12 & under... \$4.00

Tickets are limited so order yours early from Jean Tugwell (389-4636) or Tena Tugwell (389-5569). Hot dogs and drinks will also be available at our snack bar.

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#### Your Recreation Committee Sponsors

Swimming Lessons

Registration: Monday, July 13

Lessons Start: Tuesday July 14

Fee:

\$25 for the 1st child

\$10 for each additional child

Duration: 4 weeks

Instructor: Leslie Furter

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#### The Royal Bank Bar-B-Q

On July 15th, 1992 the Royal Bank of Canada plan to hold their 3rd Annual BBQ at noon.

Everyone is welcome to come along and have lunch with us.

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#### L & A Interval House

The phone number for the Lennox and Addington Enterval House (Napanee) is 354-1010 (24 hours a day). They urgently need basic supplies for women setting up new households: mugs, kitchen utensils, books, sheets, towels and furniture. Call Elsie Densem, Island Coordinator, at 389-2874 if you have items to donate.

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#### Your Recreation Committee Sponsors a

Summer Theatre Program

Registration: Tuesday August 4

Age: 4 and up

Fee: \$50 per child

Duration: 3 weeks, daily classes

Location: A.I.P.S.

Instructor: Julia Lava

(This program encourages participation of teens.)

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

Special Council Meetings

A Special meeting of Council will take place at 7:00 p.m. on May 22, 1992 in the Council Chambers to continue the budget deliberations.

No date has been set for the I.B.I. meeting but keep your eyes peeled.

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#### Township of Amherst Island

Composters

We were asked to remind you that the Township still has some composters. The prices are extremely reasonable as the M.O.E. is picking up part of the cost. The Township office can fill you in on the details.

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, there's an A.A. member available for information at 389-3549.

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Beacon Notes

You probably don't see any difference but this is being written on a new portable computer. It's absolutely amazing to have something so small that can do everything a full-size one can. It weighs 4 1/2 lbs and is 8 1/2" by 11" by 1 1/2". It's also blindingly fast and has a huge memory. All of the above is fantastic but it is so different to use. It's not a shrunk down computer. I've been trying to come up with an analogy and the best that I can do is to compare the experience of watching a movie in a theatre and on a portable tv - it just isn't the same thing.

We have had a firm rule at the Beacon not to print items that came unsigned. However, as you will note soon enough, we have broken this rule. I guess it only goes to show that there is only one firm rule -that every rule has an exception.

We've got lost of stuff - good stuff - for you this month. We've got Council stuff, baseball stuff, school board stuff, and generally lots and lots of good stuff. So without further delay, we launch this edition as we always do with the....

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Special Council Meeting Report

May 22, 1992

- Don Tubb

This Special Meeting of Council was called to bring down a budget. One needs to be completed and passed by the June Council meeting. All members of Council were present as well as 30+ members of the public.

As with virtually all special meetings, there are other bits of business to be discussed. So, just as soon as everyone got settled, we were asked to leave allowing Council to hold a closed session for the purpose of discussing a confidential matter. This lasted about a

half hour and while nothing was reported at the end of the closed session, comments by some members of Council later in the meeting revealed:

- that Council is trying to find some land to situate a new Public Works shed,
- that MTO has approved \$60,000 towards the initial cost of this of which the Island's contribution is \$2,400 (4% of the total), and
- that next year we will receive another

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\$420,000 towards completing the shed.

MTO has also approved \$110,000 towards paving the Stella 40' southward from the village. It is likely that this is enough money to allow paving to go all the way to the 3rd Concession. Our portion of this is \$6,000 or 5.5%.

Council has received some more news about the Back Beach court case. Our lawyer, Mr LeVigne, has asked for a court date in the fall and that the trial be held in Kingston. No decision on either request has been given as yet. He was asked but could not give us an estimate of the costs. He suggested that \$25,000 would not be unreasonable. Mr LeVigne also said that if there was an appeal, he would do it 'pro bono'. Because the trial would probably be late in the year, he said that we would be billed over two years. This last bit of news prompted Council to include \$12,500 in this year's budget. (By the by, if the Back Beach costs were removed from the budget, there would have been a slight surplus this year with no increase in the mill rate.)

Continuing with other business, the improvements to the Municipal Building were raised from the table, briefly discussed and then I think they were tabled again.

The Clerk reported that the Office has purchased the payroll program which has been included in this budget. Because this is GARAble, our portion is very small.

The Cemetery Committee submitted its proposed budget which requires \$2,885 in tax dollars to balance (expenditures of \$6,210 against a revenue of \$3,325).

The next item of business was the budget proposal from Ralph Woods which was received. There was no discussion so it was voted on and was not adopted. It proposed deep cuts in all areas: Roads at 80% of the initial budget amount, Environmental Concerns at 80%, Fire at 75%, Emergency Plan at 75%, Recreation was not specified but implied that no money from Council should be allocated to them. This would have yielded (by his figures which I did not check) a savings of

\$51,251 part of which would be redistributed with \$12,400 budgeted for Prof. Lambden and \$20,000 for Mr Levigne. The net savings from the initial proposed budget would have been \$18,850.

The other budget proposal which had been prepared by the Clerk was then received for consideration. A revised proposal was handed out to reflect the figures which had been received as recently as that morning. The budget as it was approved is on Page 4 (done up like the previous issue).

After all the changes have been made, the bottom line is that we have to raise

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{The Council Report will continue after the following two items}

June 25, 1992

The day it dawned and Betty yawned

What is so different today?

My bones they ache, my eyes won't wake,

In bed I will have to stay.

Then David hollered and Laura yollered

What is the great commotion?

I must get up and feed the pup

But I can't get the body in motion.

She glanced to the right and started in fright

On the calendar loomed the date

Then she started to cry, Oh my oh my

Betty has reached 2 years and thirty eight!

Oh yes the big 40, oh Lordy Lordy,

She leaped from the bed with a bound.

With the uplift brassiere, wrinkle cream behind each ear

No excess weight on her body could be found!

She advanced downstairs as they lit the flares

Oh her cake as it sat on the table

Someone called 911, fireman came on the run

They were sure it was a fire in the stable!

The flames they did douse, Betty quiet as a mouse

Which is most unusual as you know!

But as stated in the pages, as you enter the middle ages,

Your mind is the first thing to go!

Happy Birthday!

I cannot sign my name in fear of retribution. Could this please be printed in the June Beacon? Betty has taken such an interest in other people when they reach the big 40 that we felt it only fitting to remember her on

this big day.

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Moving Sale

Furniture - Rugs - Appliances - Antiques

June 13, 20 & 27 from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Giant Garage / Lawn Sale

Wednesday July 1st to Saturday July 4th

From 1 to 4 p.m. each day (weather permitting)

Jeanne Johnstone at the Old Fowler Place 'Last Chance for Island Treasures'

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\$137,664 instead of \$144,351 (a savings of \$6,687 over the original proposed budget). The amount to be raised this year is 7.7% more than last year which translates into a 6.37% increase in the mill rate. You may notice that both the total revenue and expenditures are up considerably over what the preliminary budget which is largely because of the two supplementary grants from MTO (paving and Public Works shed). The rest of the changes are a nip here and a tuck there which the Clerk had prepared.

During the discussion of this budget, Councillor Caughey made a series of proposals which in part were:

- that Council actively petition MTO to pay 100% of the ferry operating costs. In the end it was decided that Councillor Caughey would word a petition to that effect for Island residents to sign. Reeve Willard pointed out that there was no chance of changing this year's agreement and that he thought it nearly impossible that MTO would ever agree to this.

- that the Union be approached to see if they would suspend the existing union agreement to allow Public Works employees to be employed on the boat when they were not needed on the Island. Some other members of Council felt that this was impractical but Reeve Willard will take this to a meeting of the Union representative and the Public Works superintendent for their comments.

- that the people being hired to manage the loading of the cars on the mainland side be done away with by first painting parking squares and numbering them and then by getting the purser to manage the flow onto the boat and the re-alignment of the cars that are left over. This proposal will be taken to the Ferry Committee by the Reeve.

- that the Councillors take a 15% reduction in their honoraria. This motion was lost.

- that the Fire budget be cut significantly by eliminating

the honoraria for all members except Chief and cutting their request for capital purchases (eliminating some items and cutting others by a half or two thirds). This motion was lost.

- that the Public Works department take over the job of opening graves and that the fees paid for this purpose be transferred to the Township. Reeve Willard will take this to the Cemetery Committee for their consideration.

There was also a proposal from Councillor Tugwell that the Boundaries Act application be removed from this year's budget (ie do not apply this year). It was not clear from the discussion whether she wanted to drop it completely or just delay it until next year. This motion was lost on a tie vote (Councillor Woods declared conflict of interest and did not vote). As a postscript to this vote, there was a short sharp exchange between Bill Stoker and Councillor Murray over what Mr Stoker felt was a conflict of interest on Mr Murray's part. This was not taken up by any member of Council so the matter was quickly gavelled to an end but not before there was a question from the audience concerning the choice of Lot 7 South Shore Concession. Reeve Willard explained that the lot had been chosen long before Mr Woods decided to run for Council and that it had enough characteristics to be a good trial case on which to get an opinion.

After this the discussion of the rest of the budget was wrapped up and it was quickly approved. It will be formerly approved at the next Regular meeting of Council.

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## Township Budget 1992

Item	Expenditure	Revenue	Our Taxes	Notes
Ferry	1131263	1131399	-136	- agreement with MTO says we pay 10% of total or \$113,263 financed with ticket sales
Roads				
- operating	330000	247200	82200	- \$247,200 is a grant from MTO
- capital				
Environmental Concerns				
- operating	1045020000	30015000	101505000	- operating the landfill site
- Waste Management studies				- 75% grant from MOE
General Administration & Etc				- there are a lot of general grants which cannot be easily assigned so I haven't but they total \$54,386 and range from General Support grants to GST rebate to Sundry Revenues to Interest on Deposits along with quite a few others.
Council Honoraria	7,500			
Gen. Adm,				
- payroll	*13,000			
- group insur/WCB	*1,400			
- supplies/service	*4,000			
- hydro/heat/maint	*1,800			
- travel/fees	*600			
- insurance	*800			- the * items are subject to GARAF which is explained in the additional notes
- pro. fees	*2,500			
- capital expend.	*1,000			
Interest & Bank Charges	2,500			- see note above
Street Lighting	1,400	55186	-14686	
Building Inspection	4000	2500	1500	
Animal Control				
- valuers	10003000	1100	10001900	
- services				
Fire				
- operating	160009000	0	16,000	- \$9,300 for honoraria, WCB & insurance
- capital			\$9,000	- new equipment
Emergency				
- supplies/services	2.8001e+11	0	2.8001e+11	- 911 & dispatch
- First Response team				- honoraria & training for First Response
- capital expenditures				- grid system
Recreation				
- supplies/services	73335000	68335000	5000	- operating \$ for most on-going programs
- capital projects				- for building (boat ramp & equip. room)
Back Beach				
- supplies/services	12500	0	12500	
- professional fees				- legal fees (lawyers, surveyors, etc)

Cemetery - operating - capital expenditures	62101888	52130	9971888	
Planning - operating - official plan - zoning by-law	210002500	320000	-110002500	-no grants available to do this by-law
Reserve for Working Capital	5,000	11,000	-6000	-transferred from fund for new dump site
Deficit from 1991	19,351	6,300	13051	- mainly made up from Back Beach (\$12,000), planning (mainly the OMB hearing \$3,000), banking charges (\$3,000), valuers (\$1,350)
The Bottom Line	Expenditures \$1,627,895	Revenue \$1,490,231	Our Taxes \$137,664	- twp reserves total \$38,000

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Council Report  
For June 2, 1992  
- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present, plus an audience of twelve. One thing this new Council has achieved is a bigger turn out from the public, though this may not be a positive sign.

At the start of the meeting Ralph Woods questioned several parts of last month's minutes, but did not succeed in persuading the Reeve that the minutes were inaccurate. In meetings last month, it was announced that the Council has approved in principle the purchase of approximately seven acres of land in Part Lot 1, North Shore Concession from Emily Tugwell for the new Roads Shed.

Council has authorized the start of the quick turn around service for the ferry for the summer, to start when the school year ends. The exact date will be posted. Camlo Peiris, the new engineer on the ferry, has completed his six month probationary period, and has been placed on the permanent seniority list. Allan Caughey has requested that the pass system be reinstated on the ferry. This is in response to complaints from commuters that the cost to them has increased since the ticket system was introduced. Some discussion of the ferry charges followed. The matter will be discussed at the next regular meeting of Council, when the tickets will have been in use for six months.

Council discussed adding new township offices to the new Roads Building, but it not immediately clear where the extra money for the building would come from, as it would not be financed by the Ministry of

Transport, who, it is hoped, will pay for the new Roads Building. Council will try to explore the possibilities further, and in the meantime will not do any major work on the present office.

The Township is requesting that the Ontario Fire Marshall's office conduct a review of the Municipal Fire Services. This is done on a regular basis to encourage long term planning for the Fire Department. The Fire Department is also considering another Street Dance, at the end of August. Council asked the Fire Department to present detailed plans, particularly of the policing of the dance. Caroline Ackerman has written to Council expressing some of her concerns about another Street Dance.

The Township Budget has finally been finished and, in a recorded vote, was passed by Council. Councillors Caughey and Woods voted against the budget. Councillor Tugwell has been moved to the Fire Committee. Other changes to Council committees will be held over until the Reeve receives more input.

Four building permits were issued in May: to Keith McGinn for a house addition, to Doug Shurtliffe for a house, to John Sneepe for a house at the Foot next to Gary Filson's, and to Gerald Kudor for renovations to a house on the South Shore.

The Auditor has inspected the Township accounts and reports that they are in good shape. Steven Willard declared conflict of interest over the next item and left the room. Non-union township employees are to receive the same pay raise as the union workers, 0.5% plus \$3.73 per week.

The Clerk is to proceed with a by-law to prevent overnight camping, and another one to prevent littering and dump fires.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church requested, and received, an exemption from the building permit fees for the addition to the church. Council then wrapped up its business at about 10:30 p.m.

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#### Special Council Meeting Report

June 8, 1992

- Don Tubb

This was the first meeting for this Council which continues the process of bringing into effect a new Official Plan and Zoning By-law. There is virtually nothing to report as the meeting was largely taken up with our consultant, Robert MacKenzie, leading Council through the process of what has taken place in the past and what needs to be done.

Robert Mackenzie did report that the Official Plan is still being examined by the relevant ministries and that initial comments from them suggest that only minor

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changes will be needed. We will likely get the Plan back in the fall.

Because there appear to be only minor changes needed to the Plan, we can now start work on the Zoning By-law. While doing the Official Plan, Robert did a little preparatory work on the Zoning Bylaw. This he presented to Council and proceeded to explain how it was laid out and how he thought Council should proceed in discussing it. After answering a number of questions and participating in a general discussion of the Zoning By-law, Official Plan, etc Council adjourned at 9:30 p.m. They will continue this work in about 3 weeks (no date was set).

By the way all members of Council were present except Alan Caughey and there were no members of the general public present.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to Chad Miller, who is recovering after wrist surgery. And congratulations to Helen Miller, who got her cast off last week.

Welcome home to the Grace family, back for their summer vacation.

Welcome to all our new Island residents - the French family on the Front Road (Bews house) - and Jan Sneep and Bonnie Azulay & family at the Foot.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E.S. McIntyre

The monthly meeting was held at the home of Marian Glenn on Thursday May 28th at 8 p.m. Our speaker for the evening was the Dairy Princess, Erin Paul. Erin is graduating student of Ernestown Secondary School and will be entering Western University in the fall to study music.

She spoke to us of the 'Ideal Food' for the young, the elderly and all those in between - milk. She also said that yogurt was a good substitute for milk when a person suffers with lactose intolerance.

During April the W.I. canvassed the Island on behalf of the Cancer Society. We would like to thank all of those who gave so generously when we called, and to say it was a great pleasure to give a donation of twelve hundred dollars from Amherst Island to the Cancer Campaign.

Our June meeting will be held on our regular meeting day Wednesday June 17th at 8 p.m. at the home of Jean McIntyre.

Our speaker will be Ann Kerswell (my sister) a W.I. member from Dorset England, who with her husband is spending the last weeks of their holiday with us on the Island after visiting Hong-Kong, Singapore, Bali, Australia, New Zealand and Western Canada. She will give us some impressions of their travels.

A warm welcome is extended to all those interested in the work of the Women's Institute.

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#### Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

People continue to be hungry, and Islanders continue to share what they have.

Duncan and Coralie Marshall are once again delivering food donations to the Kingston Food Bank. They travel once a week on Thursdays, usually on the 10 a.m. boat. Some people (more energetic than I) are cleaning out freezers, sending last year's vegetables, still frozen, to the soup kitchens. Others have sent rhubarb or early lettuce.

If your garden has an abundance of an item you can donate, please call them at 389-5031 to arrange pick up/delivery. If you need help picking - for example, if you will be away while your garden is producing - call Sally at 389-3802. Thank you for your support.

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Quick Turnaround Is Coming June 25, 1992

See Notice Section for Details Page 11

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School Board Update

- Bruce Caughey

Due to a greatly reduced Transfer payment from the Ministry of Education - 1% in 1992 - the Board found itself in a serious financial position. The first estimate was for an average 16% mill increase. This situation may be credited to large salaries negotiated in November, 1991. To bring the budget to an acceptable level, reductions had to be made, for example:

Supplies budget - 0%

Furniture & Equipment - 50%

Capital (major repairs, constr.) - 70%

Custodian - 1/2 position reduction

Secretaries - 2 positions reduction

Program - Design Technology/Family Studies, Instrumental Music, and Librarians.

As 80% of our Budget is in Personnel, to make any appreciable difference, the numbers of teachers, custodians, and secretaries had to be reduced. Due to contractual restraints, and the need to have a teacher for every class, the Board had little choice but to cut programs that were delivered by other than the classroom teacher.

Our financial commitment to all our staff for next year remains at 4.5%. The government has told us we will receive a 2% increase in Transfer Payments for 1993 (we are now told it could be lower).

Our Board did receive 55 cents on the dollar from the Provincial Government. With this greatly reduced Transfer Payment combined with contractual obligations we must seek creative ways to continue to deliver a quality education program despite the financial constraints under which it appears we will be operating for the foreseeable future.

At a regular meeting of the Education and Personnel committee in January, the following resolution was approved after much debate:

"It is recommended that the Administration review the Scholastic Program/Progress of Amherst Island Students as they prepare for Secondary Education under the present arrangements within this school and report back to the Education and Personnel Committee."

The review was conducted March 23 thru April 16, 1992. Pupil performance was examined in the areas of Language, Arts and Mathematics. Scores in Reading and Mathematics indicate the school's performance is consistent with other schools in our County. Oral Reading Tests confirm they are receiving results within an acceptable range for intermediate students. Spelling skills are adequate and Mathematic tests indicate skills are what you would expect from this age group.

The report states all areas of the curriculum are covered and the time being devoted to each area is consistent with County policy. A teachers time is spent over a wide variety of age groups and subject areas,

consequently, students develop good independent work skills. Peer tutoring and having older children assisting the younger ones is common. Parent volunteers are necessary to make the system work.

The program at Amherst Island is unique and future success will depend on the continued support of the community as well as the maintenance of a strong teaching staff at the School.

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#### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

We sincerely appreciate the help and support of those who volunteered their time and talents to help make our Neighbourhood Picnic a success. Thank you to the business people for advertising; to all who participated in the flea market, and to everyone who left donations. And thank you to the community of Amherst Island for attending.

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Our very special thanks to the following individuals and organizations for their volunteer time:

Keith Miller, Reg Hichins, Sherry Ward, Peter Morgan (P&P Typesetting), Rob Wemp, Dayle Gowan, Chester Tugwell, Beth Forester, Judy Miller, Irene Glenn, Garnet Willard, Dale Willard, Lynanne Clapham-Whitton, Angela Fleming, Bill Underhill (Corby Distillers), Vicky Holtham (Bath Liquor Store), Caroline Yull, Stephen Street, the P.C.W., Shirley Miller, Peter Trueman, Stan Burke, Jack Forester, John McGinn, Reggie Coulter, Video Home Rent-all, the Chip Truck, Glenn's Store,

Township of Amherst Island: Reeve Steven Willard, Councillor Ian Murray, Diane Pearce (Clerk-Treasurer), Ida Gavlas (Assistant to the Clerk-Treasurer),

Public Works Department: Stuart Miller, Ron Miller, Garry Filson

Amherst Island Ferry Crews: Doug Shurliffe, Don Miller

Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Department: Phil Silver, John Nixon, Dave Fleming.

The Community spirit and enthusiasm shown on June 13 should make all of Amherst Island proud. Please Join with us on July 1st to celebrate Canada's 125th Birthday. (see the ad at the end of the Beacon)

The winners of the A.I. Mutual Fire Insurance Draw at the Neighbourhood Picnic: Liz Hogeboom, Joye David, Beatrice Wemp & Ted Welbanks.

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#### Obituary

Herbert Harris Reid

In memory of Herbert Harris Reid age 97 years who died in Watrous Saskatchewan, April 29, 1992.

He was predeceased by his parents -William and Agnes (Sinclair Brown), sisters and brothers, 3 sons and 3 daughters.

He is survived by his wife Edythe Mary Crawford formerly of Oso, Ontario, and five children, 23 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and 8 great great grandchildren.

Herb was born on Amherst Island, the family moved to Saskatchewan in 1903. He made a few trips east.

His grandfather - John Reid and his wife Elizabeth McKee emigrated from Ballyhalbert Ireland in 1856 and settled on Amherst Island Ontario in 1856.

Herb and Edythe celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary on Oct 3, 1991.

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#### Thank You Notes

The Family of the late Ada Filson wish to extend many thanks to all friends and relatives for their acts of kindness during such a difficult time. We would like to extend a special thanks to Rev. Lindsay McIntyre for the lovely funeral service, to Barbara and Harry Filson for the lovely lunch after the funeral, to Beth Forester and the choir, and to the pallbearers, Hugh Filson, Gary Filson, Peter Wemp, Stewart Miller, David Fleming and Wayne Fleming. We would also like to thank everyone who was so kind to make sandwiches and squares for the lunch. Ada was a very dear wife, mother, grandmother and words could never express how much we will all miss her presence. She will Always and Forever be remembered.

Sincerely,

Gordon Filson and Family

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I would like to thank my family, friends and neighbours for helping me out so much when I broke my ankle. Thanks to the P.C.W., A.C.W., Eastern Star and all who brought food and flowers, also for the many cards and phone calls I received. I had visitors almost every day as well as family and it certainly helped pass the time.

Sincere thanks to everyone

Helen Miller

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#### Quick Turnaround Is Back!!

June 25 - September 7 (Inclusive)

Mondays - Fridays (Including Holidays)

Leaving From Stella At

a.m. 6:00 / 6:45 / 7:30 / 8:15 / 9:00

p.m. 4:00 / 4:45 / 5:30 / 6:15 / 7:00

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And Finally

And You Wonder Why Farmers Complain

Remember I told you about the trouble with the wool market. We've just received our Wool Grading Statement and it was a shock! We shipped over 4300 pounds and received an average of 8 1/4 cents per pound. Nearly one third of our wool went for 2 cents or less with our best wool getting 12 cents per pound. This means that we received on average about 35 cents per sheep.

To do a major shearing, we need three shearers / at least four others to help gather sort, roll and pack / three of us at no real wages / a large rented truck and a driver to take the wool to Carleton Place. This translates very roughly into about \$3 per sheep in costs. Even us farmer types can cypher enough to figure that \$0.35 received does not equate well to \$3.00 in costs. So what do you do ... well, you stop thinking about shearing as a money earning activity and twist it in your head to make it a medical procedure. Now it's not quite that bad in the end because the government may come through with a wool stabilization payment and we do get some gain when we sell our sheared lambs but really...

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It's Not All Bad News Though...

In an exclusive interview with the Beacon, we may have the only piece of good news to come out of the farming community in months.

Syke Fleming has told us that Fleming Isle Farms has made the Above Average County Composite BCA List. Their combined BCA was 170 made up of milk at 168 and fat at 173. The county average was 157. This was the first time in a while that they have made the list. We're sure that no-one minds them tooting their own horn.

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Awards

The Rumour of the Month goes to an unknown instigator who suggested that Glenn's Store opening last Sunday was responsible for the lack of a service at the Anglican church.

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Amherst Island 1992 Slow Pitch League

Schedule

June  
 21 Teams B vs A  
 24 C vs B  
 28 A vs C  
 July  
 2 A vs B  
 5 B vs C  
 8 C vs A  
 July  
 12 B vs A  
 15 C vs B  
 19 A vs C  
 22 A vs B  
 26 B vs C  
 29 C vs A  
 Aug  
 2 Rain Outs  
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Team "A"  
 Darrell Miller  
 Duncan Ashley  
 Kim Ashley  
 Rob Wemp  
 Heather Young  
 Jeff deHaan  
 Wayne Fleming  
 Hugh Filson  
 David Wemp  
 Reg Hitchins  
 Jack Forester  
 Earle Tugwell  
 Noel McCormick  
 Laura Wemp  
 Debbie Fleming  
 Sarah Scott  
 Ruth Scott  
 Chris Maleska

Team "B"  
 Brian Ward  
 Dan Wolfreys  
 Alan Glenn  
 Cathy Glenn  
 Derek Grange  
 Mike Strain  
 Ian Murray  
 Dale Willard  
 Jamie Scott  
 Rick Bedford  
 Tim Glenn  
 Steve Ward  
 Cheryl Hutchings  
 Sherry Ward

Amy Caughey  
 Lori Caughey  
 Pam McCormick

Team "C"  
 Warren Kilpatrick  
 Donald Miller  
 Judy Miller  
 Donnie Miller  
 Janet Fenwick  
 Garnet Willard  
 Jeff Forester  
 Sandy Scott  
 Mark Wemp  
 Richard Grace  
 Kevin McCormick  
 Peter Winstock  
 Chris Kennedy  
 Hazel deHaan  
 Tracey Hitchins  
 Sue Shurtliffe  
 Rita Brown  
 Douglas Gavlas  
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For Sale / Wanted

Yard Sale on June 19 & 20th at H. Belmont (Front Rd.)  
 32' extension ladder (alum), Boat & Motor 9.9, Snow  
 Blower, Exercise Machine, Riding Mower, Roto tiller,  
 Bicycles, Scaffolding, Seed spreader, + many small  
 items. Sale of items anytime during weeks to come - till  
 mid July  
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For Sale  
 Misc. glass and windows. Any reasonable offer  
 accepted. 389-8434  
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Tired Of The Ferry Line-up!  
 Canoe - 15' fibreglass, life jacket & paddle. Good  
 condition \$300.  
 Aluminum run about 16', life jacket & oars... \$400  
 352-3329  
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Wanted  
 2 girl's bicycles, one for a 9 year old and one for a 12  
 year old.  
 Jack Sylvester 546-7714  
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#### Wanted

The Millers are again looking for Whig TV Times which they use in the barn.

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#### For Sale

Picnic Tables - Super Design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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#### Albertan Homes "A Family Tradition"

Contact Albertan Homes for a no obligation quote on new construction or renovations. No job is too small.

We will build to suit. We have a designer who will design plans for you. Further information, please call our office at 549-0561 or contact one of our Amherst Island resident staff members:

Ken Albertan - 389-2662

Susan Sedore - 384-7866

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#### Printing

A Complete Printing and Design Service for Letterheads, Invoices, Envelopes, Business Cards, Computer Forms, Price Lists, Brochures, etc.

Contact Peter Morgan 384-4102

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#### GLM Construction

##### General Contracting

All facets of home decorating, renovations, additions and new construction. Custom design service also available. For quality workmanship contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456

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#### Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur 384-4071

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#### B & B Small Engine Repair

Repairs to all makes.

We do Lawn Mowers, Snow Blowers, Chain Saws.

Big or small, we fix them all.

Phone Bill or Bob Halferty at 389-1413

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#### Cookie Heaven

Good supply of many kinds available for instant pickup. Special orders within a few hours.

Call Laureen Kilpatrick at 389-4078.

Mon - Fri after 4 p.m.

Weekends 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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#### General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction, Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.

Contact Rick Bedford 389-8434

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#### Shorewell Maintenance

Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps checked. \$30

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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#### Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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#### Babysitting

Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights and weekends.

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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#### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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#### Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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#### Pumps Of All Kinds -

Softeners / Conditioners / Filters / Chlorinators / Sterilizers / Sprinkler Systems

Call Tom Miller 389-0105

Authorized Dealer for Archer Pumps

Softener Salt always in stock

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Glenn's Store 389-0417

\* Monday - Saturday 8-6 \*

\*\* We Now Sell Coffee \*\*

\*\*\* Weekly Specials \*\*\*

150 VCR Movies and a VCR to rent plus Nintendo Games

Also Available:

Hunting & Fishing Licences

A.I. Sweats, Shirts & Caps  
Chinchilla Jewellery  
A.I. Telephone Directory  
Book Exchange  
and Much, Much, More

Post Office Hours  
Mon - Fri 9:00 - 11:30  
2:30- 5:00  
Saturday 9:00- 12:00  
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#### Notices And Announcements

Township Of Amherst Island  
Summer Ferry Schedule  
The Quick Turnaround Service Will Be In Effect As  
Follows:  
From June 25, 1992 up to and including Sept 7th, the  
ferry will leave from Stella:  
6:00 / 6:45 / 7:30 / 8:15 / 9:00 a.m.  
Thereafter on regular hourly schedule until 4:00 p.m.,  
the ferry will leave Stella:  
4:00 / 4:45 / 5:30 / 6:15 / 7:00 p.m..  
Note: The quick turnaround service is in effect Monday  
to Friday only including holidays.  
Notice To Suppliers: Our busy trips are from 6:00 -  
9:00 a.m. and 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. By avoiding these trips,  
you will save yourself trucking time and help to relieve  
congestion with commuter travellers.  
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Your Recreation Committee Sponsors A  
Canada Day Celebration  
Wednesday, July 1, 1992  
6 p.m. to Dark  
Parade  
Fireworks  
Music  
Games  
Prizes  
Food  
The Parade Starts At 7 p.m.  
Featuring The Limestone City Stompers  
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Chicken Bar-B-Q  
The Anglican Church women are holding their  
Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q as part of the Dominion Day  
Celebrations, Wednesday, July 1, at the Community  
Centre from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Tickets:

Adults... \$8.00  
Children, 12 & under... \$4.00  
Tickets are limited so order yours early from Jean  
Tugwell (389-4636) or Tena Tugwell (389-5569). Hot  
dogs and drinks will also be available at our snack bar.  
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Your Recreation Committee Sponsors  
Swimming Lessons  
Registration: Monday, July 13 4 p.m.  
Lessons Start: Tuesday July 14  
Fee: \$25 for the 1st child \$10 for each additional child  
Duration: 4 weeks  
Instructor: Leslie Furter  
Lessons will be held at the ferry dock beginning at 4  
p.m. Lessons will take place Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday and Friday.  
(Please notify the Township Office immediately of the  
number of children who will be registering this year.)  
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The Royal Bank Bar-B-Q  
On July 15th, 1992 the Royal Bank of Canada plan  
to hold their 3rd Annual BBQ at noon.



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#### Township of Amherst Island

##### Special Council Meetings

There will be an upcoming Special Meeting of Council in the next month to continue discussions on the new Zoning by-law.

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Composters

We were asked to remind you that the Township still has some composters. The prices are extremely reasonable as the M.O.E. is picking up part of the cost. The Township office can fill you in on the details (389-3393).

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Request for Tenders

##### Washing Windows - Municipal Building

Contract will include removing, washing and replacing storm windows in Council Chambers and washrooms in Office and Library and washing all other windows, inside and out. Bidder must supply own ladders and equipment.

Tenders for the above, sealed and clearly marked as to content, will be received at the Municipal Office, Stella, Ontario until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 30th, 1992. Notes To Bidders:

1. The date for commencement of work shall be mutually agreed upon by the bidder and the Township.
2. The work is to be completed by July 17th, 1992.
3. The successful tender shall be the one having the lowest price providing that, in Council's judgement, it is not in the best interests of the Township to choose a tender having the higher price. Council retains the option to choose no tenders.
4. The successful tender shall form the basis of a contract between the tenderer and the Township.

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#### Beacon Notes

Nice summer so far, eh? Boy... you've got to be really careful what you say to people these days. They don't talk about the weather but instead just grumble under their breath. I'm at a loss to explain the wet summer as my excuse for all bad weather has ceased to exist with the collapse of the Soviet Union. Well, it must be good for someone or something but I can't figure out the who or what.

With any luck at all you should be looking at the first Beacon printed with our stencil cutter. This was made possible by our latest toy - a laser printer. This fabulous piece of equipment is capable of making tremendously sharp originals. We've had the stencil cutter for a while but never got around to making it work well until now. It's considerably slower at cutting the stencils but does a wonderful job when it's working well. Just wait until I figure out how to down-load (or is it up-load) my other fonts which are different print styles.

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#### Council Report

July 7, 1992

- Don Tubb

Chris was not available to do the meeting this month. He was taking full advantage of one of the rare days when the hay and the weather were ready at the same time by baling at Gowan's property in the village.

All members of Council were present except Councillor Caughey.

After the usual preliminaries, Councillor Murray made a motion to table the Boundaries Act application until after the Back Beach is resolved. In a recorded vote, the motion was carried with Councillor Woods declaring conflict of interest during the vote.

Reeve Willard had prepared a draft response to the IBI Short List Of Options which had been presented at the Special Council meeting in June. After some re-working, a one page summary will be sent out in a householder mail (there will be extra copies available in the Township Office and Glenn's

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Store). Council welcomes any comments.

Plans for some secure parking are continuing through the approval process. Council's thinking is to keep the gates locked after dark except when the ferry is docked on the mainland. When the ferry is tied up for the night, the gates will be kept locked.

At a previous meeting, Council decided to see what it would cost to build a new office attached to the new township road building. Reeve Willard has found out that we would be expected to pay a very large portion of the extra cost. Council decided not to pursue this further at this time. In a related matter, the Clerk was given the okay to put the other repairs to the present Municipal Building out to tender. In yet another related matter, there was only one tender for the window washing work. GLM Construction was the successful bidder at \$250 but there will be some negotiations as to what exactly gets done. (By the way, there was more to the job than just washing the windows.)

The Fire Department has made arrangements to have two OPP officers on hand for its Street Dance (August 29, 1992). They will be here to enforce liquor laws both inside and outside the boundaries of the dance. The location for the dance will be from the Fire Hall to the east side of the parking lot.

Council approved the appointment of Sheri Cox to the Recreation Committee which now has 11 members.

There was some general discussion of derelict and unsafe buildings on the Island. The Building Inspector will be asked to prepare a report for next month's meeting.

Next, Council moved into high gear and looked like a well-oiled machine. They moved, seconded, discussed and voted on 7 by-laws in some 12 minutes. The following is a short (very short) summary of what was passed:

- A by-law was passed to adopt the budget estimates and set the mill rates for 1992. This may seem like deja-vu but Diane found a tiny mistake in the previous by-law so a new one had to be passed.

- A by-law to amend the Continuing Education Policy by-law was passed. It details the courses for which the Township will pay for its employees.

- A by-law to set out the policy to govern the purchase of goods and services, and the sale of surplus goods. Virtually all goods and services will be tendered with some exceptions which will have to be reviewed by Council or which have a value of under \$300. Virtually all surplus goods will be sold by tender with very few exceptions.

- A by-law to set out the Occupational Health and Safety policy of the Township. This is basically a notice to all employees (casual, part-time and full-time) that protective footwear and clothing must be worn and it details the disciplinary measures to be followed.

- A by-law to make it an offence to set a fire in the landfill site with fines ranging up to \$2000. There will be a reward posted for information.

- A by-law to prohibit overnight camping and unruly behaviour on Township property.

- A by-law to prohibit littering and leaving personal belongings on Township property.

The accumulated ferry revenue (\$59,999) is very close to expenses until the end of June (\$59,562), so Council decided to leave the fare structure as is. The ferry pass sheets, however, did not do so well. They will be replaced with the old-style books when the present supply of sheets run out (sooner rather than later).

The Clerk will post a new list for Occasional Workers soon which will be used until late next spring.

Council quickly wrapped up the other bits of business and adjourned.

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#### Special Council Meeting

#### Zoning By-law

July 14, 1992

- Don Tubb

This was the third meeting held to discuss the new Zoning By-law. All members of Council were present except Councillor Caughey. Also present were the Clerk, our consultant (Robert MacKenzie) and this reporter. No members of the public were in attendance.

It is nearly impossible to accurately report on the discussions and the progress to date. However, I have to say something so here we go.

The Official Plan is still being circulated to the various ministries and other bodies for their comments. It is expected back to us in the fall. As you will remember, this is the document needed to provide the reasoning behind zoning by-law's restrictions and regulations.

The zoning by-law lays out the lot sizes, the setbacks from roads, shore lines and lot lines, the lot frontage on a road among many other things. It also

defines the terms used like 'building height' or 'marina' along with all other terms used in both the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan.

Council has, to date, been led through the document to become familiar with it. No firm decisions have been made yet. Robert MacKenzie staged with our existing by-law, rearranging, eliminating and modifying to both organize it better and to reflect the requirements of our Official Plan.

Between now and the next meeting, tentatively scheduled for the middle of September, Robert will try to get the definitions updated and the General Provisions drafted out. This should give us a full document to examine.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

A huge welcome home to Lyn and Larry Fleming, Jason and Stephanie. The Flemings have been living in Florida for the past several years and have now officially moved home. They will take up residence in the white house on the corner next month.

Welcome also to all our new Island residents - it's been a long time since we had so many new faces all at once. In the new house at the foot (next to Garry Filson) are Jan Sneepe, Bonnie Azulay, Jessica and Brittany. At Holbeth Farms, we have a new sheep operation with Mark Ritchie, Cherry Allen and family. Moving into Thelma Howard's are Garth and Penny Coleman and family.

Congratulations to Ted and Faye Wemp, who are new first-time grandparents. Kayla Marie Emily Wemp was born June 29 at 8 lbs. 7 ozs. Parents are Steve and Bonnie.

Our sympathy to Keith and Kaye McGinn and families on the death of their sister, Nora (McGinn) Delisle.

I want to know what is with the recent crime wave on Amherst Island. First we have cottages broken into, then we have cars broken into. Now we have some idiot using the Island Phone Directory as a guide for making obscene phone calls in the middle of the night. Get A Life People!

This newsflash just in - a white pelican has been spotted at the foot of the Island by Matt Herrington. Matt says it is out along Bush Bar and can be seen from the Kingston Field Naturalist property. He has seen it several times this past week. Thanks, Matt.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E.S. McIntyre

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Wednesday, June 17th at the home of Jean McIntyre.

The meeting opened with the Ode & Collect & the singing of O Canada. After the business meeting we heard our speaker Mrs Ann Kerswell tell of her visit to Hong-Kong, Bali, Singapore & Australia & New Zealand. Showing her colourful slides of these areas it was a very interesting evening. She told us of a visit she made to a branch of the New Zealand's Women's Institute with whom her own W.I. branch in Winfrith, Dorset, England has corresponded with for the past thirty years. In June we catered to a supper for the blind.

Our next meeting will be held on July 1st at 8 p.m. at the home of the President, Mrs. Jean Baker. The program will be our Cultural Activities & the speaker is Mrs. Millicent Harrison, a noted sculptress, living on the Island.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539

- Jean Tugwell

The July meeting was held at Lloyd's Room with 12 members present. Following the opening ceremony and business procedures several items of new business were discussed.

Branch 539 received its Charter in 1952. This being the Fortieth Anniversary it was decided the members and their spouses would celebrate by having a pot luck dinner September 12th.

Tom and Audrey Miller gave a report on the Dominion Convention which they attended in Quebec City in June. One By-law passed at the Convention of interest to all of us stated that as of October 1st, 1992, grandchildren of ordinary legion members or anyone eligible for ordinary membership can become a voting associate member of The Royal Canadian Legion.

You are eligible for ordinary membership if you are a veteran serving, or ex-service person of the Regular or Reserve forces, or the R.C.M.P. Those eligible for associate membership are sons, daughters, spouses, widows and widowers, and as of Oct. 1st 1992 grandchildren. New members are always welcome.

Branch 539 now has a limited supply of Cash Calendars in support of Royal Canadian Legion Villa Kingston, which can be purchased at Glenn's Store. Legion Villa consists of 44 self contained units as well as handicap units for Seniors. The outside area will have parkland for the enjoyment of our residents. A Legion Villa Open House 671 Princess St. (formerly the Shamrock Hotel) will be held July 19th 1-4 p.m.

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Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

People continue to be hungry, and Islanders continue to share what they have.

Duncan and Coralie Marshall are once again delivering food donations to the Kingston Food Bank. They travel once a week on Thursdays, usually on the 10 a.m. boat. Some people (more energetic than I) are cleaning out freezers, sending last

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year's vegetables, still frozen, to the soup kitchens.

Others have sent rhubarb or early lettuce.

If your garden has an abundance of an item you can donate, please call them at 389-5031 to arrange pick up/delivery. If you need help picking - for example, if you will be away while your garden is producing - call Sally at 389-3802. Thank you for your support.

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Library News

- Karen Fleming

It's Summer Reading Club time again, and the theme this year is "Readers Are Good Sports". Children are encouraged to read throughout the summer and report to the librarian when a book is finished. Any child reading six or more books is eligible for a draw at the branch level. Any child who reads at least ten books, or at least six sports-related books, qualifies for a county-wide draw.

In addition to these draws, Amherst Island Branch 539 or the Royal Canadian Legion, has once again generously donated \$50 for prizes within Stella branch. Each time a child reports a book, his or her name goes into a box for the draw, which will take place at the end of the summer. Prizes will be sports-related items such as a soccer ball, badminton set, etc. They should be available for viewing at the library by July 18. Come out and join us! The more you read, the more chances you have to win.

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Amherst Island Recreation Committee

The members of the Rec Committee would like to extend our thanks to the community for your support of our many projects this year, in particular The Neighbourhood Picnic and Canada Day events.

Upcoming Events

Swimming Lessons

Summer Theatre

(see the Notices for details)

Look For....

A new boat launch to be installed on the west side of the Stella dock sometime in July.

Don't Forget

Glenn's Store is now carrying our Nevada Tickets, all proceeds to the Rec. Committee. A few Canada 125 Caps are still available also at Glenn's Store.

Canada 125 Poster/Poem Competition

Winners:

JK... Whitney Fleming

SK... Peter Vrooman

Gr 2... Shannon Baker

Gr 3... Shawna Phillips

Gr 4&5... Jacob Murray

Bonnie Marshall

Gr 6&7... Crystal Bedford

Jessica Fleming

Angela Fleming

Gr 8 Kristy Grange

Poems:

1st - Jacob Murray

Hon. Mention - Tyler Hutchings

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The A.I Volunteer Recreation Community Centres  
Committee

Jim Whitton, Chairman

Jack Kerr, Secretary/Treasurer

Annette Phillips

Betty Wemp

Heather Young

Sue McGinn

Bonnie Caughey

Sheri Cox

Noel McCormick

Rick Bedford

Jack Forester

Councillors Woods & Caughey

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Thank You Notes

Thank you to those kind Islanders for the cards, flowers, gifts, visits and prayers during my stay in hospital. Also thanks to Rev. Blaber and the A.C.W. It was all greatly appreciated and brightened many a day.

Margaret Blenkinsop

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We would like to thank the following people for their

help in getting our take out counter ready:

Rick Bedford, Tom Miller, Dave Fleming, Bill Phillips, Donnie Miller, Ted Welbanks, Heather Welbanks, Hank Bloc, Shirley Miller, Scott Marshall, Bonnie Marshall, Helen Bell-Smith, Sarah Whitton, Shawna Phillips.

Glenn's Store

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We wish to extend our thanks for the acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of a dear sister, Norah. For the many phone calls expressing words of sympathy, cards that followed and the A.C.W. members for their kindly visit and baked goods.

Sincerely

Kaye & Dorothy McGinn

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And Finally

And We Thought We Were Having Troubles

(from the Detroit News June 28, 1992)

In Canterbury, New Zealand, a government helicopter will be used to hunt down a sheep-killing dog that has evaded army snipers, farmers and officials.

The decision is a response to a plea from owners of the Whiterock farm, Conservation Minister Dennis Marshall said Friday.

Claire and Warren Mason say the dog, a cross between a Rhodesian ridgeback and a bull mastiff, has killed about 700 sheep - one-fifth of their flock - in the past 12 months.

Claire Mason said the toll has reached \$70,000 in lost wool, meat production and other costs.

The dog is believed to have been owned by a pig hunter who lost it on adjoining land in February 1991. Army sharpshooters have wounded the dog twice.

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Awards

This month we present the 'Good Book-Keeping' Award to Dianne Marshall who not only managed to keep track of all but one of our late lambers but also got it written down on the cards. This borders on the miraculous as it amounts to 799 of our 800 late lambs.

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The Texas legislature is famous for passing a tremendous number of bills in the last day of its sitting. We, hereby, present the 'Texas Legislature' Award to the Amherst Island Township Council for its attempt to emulate their speed with 7 by-laws passed in 12 minutes.

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A related award is given to the Clerk-Treasurer, Diane Pearce, who nearly got everything perfect with the above mentioned by-laws enabling such blinding speed to be achieved. She gets the 'Amherst Island Clerk Of The Month' Award.

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For Sale / Wanted

For Sale  
150' of Snow Fence  
Almost new \$60  
Call Bob at 369-2916

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For Sale  
80 Acres Mixed say standing or Square Baled  
Call 389-1080 or 389-4143

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Babysitter Needed  
We're moving to the Island this summer and looking for a babysitter for week days starting the end of September.  
Call Bonnie or Jan Sneep at 634-0664

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Wanted  
The Millers are again looking for Whig TV Times which they use in the barn.

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For Sale Picnic Tables- Super Design.  
Custom made all steel weather vanes.  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2508

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Albertan Homes "A Family Tradition"  
Contact Albertan Homes for a no obligation quote on new construction or renovations. No job is too small. We will build to suit. We have a designer who will design plans for you. Further information, please call our office at 549-0561 or contact one of our Amherst Inland resident staff members:

Ken Albertan - 389-2662  
Susan Sedore - 384-7866

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Printing  
A Complete Printing and Design Service for Letterheads, Invoices, Envelopes, Business Cards, Computer Forms, Price Lists, Brochures, etc. Contact

Peter Morgan 384-4102

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GLM Construction  
General Contracting  
All facets of home decorating, renovations, additions and, new construction. Custom design service also available. For quality workmanship contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456

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Hair At Home  
Quality work without the travel! I will come to you. Specializing in permanent waves and cuts. Call to arrange a time. Shelley Glenn 389-3113

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House Cleaning  
Professionally trained house cleaner looking for Island work. Island references. Call Laurel at 384-6617

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Cisterns Filled  
Competitive Rates.  
Call Llew MacArthur 384-4071

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B & B Small Engine Repair  
Repairs to all makes.  
We do Lawn Mowers, Snow Blowers, chain Sawn. Big or small, we fin them all.  
Phone Bill or Bob Halferty at 389-1413

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General Contracting  
Renovations & Restorations, New Construction, Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.  
Contact Rick Bedford 389-8434

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Shorewell Maintenance  
Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps checked. \$30  
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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Portable Welding  
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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Babysitting  
Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights and weekends.  
Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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#### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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#### Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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#### Pumps Of All Kinds -

Softeners / Conditioners / Filters / Chlorinators /

Sterilizers / Sprinkler Systems

Call Tom Miller 389-0105

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Softener Salt always in stock

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Glenn's Store 389-0417

Take Out Counter Now Open

Ice Cream Cones \$1, \$1.50, \$2

Sandwiches

Egg Salad

Your choice cold cuts

and cheese... \$2

Deli sandwiches

Smoked Ham or Pastrami on a Kaiser with Swiss or

Regular Cheese... \$3.25

Subs

Ham or Salami... \$4.25

Assorted Cold cuts.. \$4.50

#### Post Office Hours

Mon - Fri 9:00 -11:30

2:30 -5:00

Saturday 9:00 -12:00

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#### Visitors Welcome at Watercolours Et Cetera

Paintings

Pottery

Pine

Sculptures

3rd concession - 389-2588

If we are home we are open.

Local Artist and Artisans

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#### Notices And Announcements

#### 25th Anniversary

The families of Eric and Linda Welbanks are holding an anniversary dance in the school on August 22nd. The celebration will begin at 8 p.m., music by a disc jockey, lunch will be provided.

Come help us celebrate.

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#### St. Paul's Annual Garden Party

Will be held at the Community Centre on Saturday, July 25th from 1-4 p.m. There will be a Chinese Auction at 3 p.m. The ferry leaves Millhaven every hour on the half hour.

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Summer Ferry Schedule

The Quick Turnaround Service Will Be In Effect As Follows:

From June 25, 1992 up to and including Sept 7th, the ferry will leave from Stella in the morning:

6:00 / 6:45 / 7:30 / 8:15 / 9:00

Thereafter on regular hourly schedule until 4:00

p.m., the ferry will leave Stella in the afternoon:

4:00 / 4:45 / 5:30 / 6:15 / 7:00

Note: The quick turnaround service is in effect Monday to Friday only including holidays.

Notice To Suppliers: Our busy trips are from 6:00 - 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. By avoiding these trips, you will save yourself trucking time and help to relieve congestion with commuter travellers.

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#### Your Rec Committee Sponsors

##### Swimming Lessons

Registration: Mon. July 13, 4 p.m.

Lessons Start: Tues. July 14, 4 p.m.

Fee: \$25 First Child, \$10 Each Additional Child

Lessons will be held at the ferry dock on Mon, Tues, Wed and Fridays.

Duration: 4 weeks.

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Occasional Workers Needed

The Township of Amherst Island has posted a list for occasional workers for various short term jobs, e.g. office help, registration, deliveries, traffic control, painting on the ferry and temporary work for the Public Works department. The hourly rate for all work is \$8.00. If you are interested in occasional work, please sign the list posted at the Township Office or Glenn's

Store and forward references and a summary of work experience to the Township Office.

The list will be posted until August 1, 1992 and considered by Council at the regular monthly meeting of Council on August 4, 1992.

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#### L & A Interval House

The phone number for the L. & A. Interval House (Napane.) is 354-1010 (24 hours a day).

They urgently need basic supplies for women setting up new households: mugs, kitchen utensils, books, sheets, towels and furniture. Call Elsie Densem, Island Co-ordinator, at 389-2874 if you have donations.

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, there's an A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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#### Your Rec Committee Sponsors

##### Summer Theatre Program

Registration: Tuesday August 4

Age: 4 and up

Fee: \$50 per child

Duration: 3 weeks, daily classes

Location: A.I.P.S.

Duration: 5 days/wk for 3 wks

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Composters

We were asked to remind you that the Township still has some composters. The prices are extremely reasonable as the M.O.E. is picking up part of the cost. The Township office can fill you in on the details (389-3393).

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Request For Tenders

The Township Of Amherst Island is calling for tenders for the following:

1. Interior painting of the Municipal Building.
2. Supply and installation of (up to) four aluminum storm windows in the Municipal Building.
3. Construction of storage cupboards in the Council Chambers.

Tender forms for each item are available at the Township Office. Sealed tenders, clearly marked as to

content, are to be received in the Township Office by 4:00 p.m., August 4, 1992.

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#### Happy Birthday On Your Fortieth

July 22, 1992

After consulting with the Fire Department, we agreed that it would be dangerous to put 40 big ones on a single cake. Instead you get the above arrangement which meets all local, provincial and federal fire regulations.

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Beacon Notes

Quite a summer! Yes, indeed. Quite a summer!

We're not yet done with haying - three dry days in a row will see it over with. Heck, we'll settle for a couple pairs of dry days. One small consolation of stretching haying out for two plus months is that you don't get done on sitting out for two plus months is that you don't get into the

Steven said at the start of council that he liked to run a tight meeting he wasn't kidding.

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#### Street Dance

August 29 At 7:00 p.m.

Disc Jockey music for all

No Admission

(but Donations Gladly Accepted)

Hot Dogs, Hamburgs, Fresh Corn Served

Fun Dance For The Whole Family

Cash Bar

(Not a BYOB affair) Police will be on duty at this event.

Let's Have Fun & Say Goodbye To The "Summer" Of The "90-Dew"

Sponsored By Your Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Department

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Our sympathy to Grace Eves and family on the death of Grace's daughter Carolyn Burnet earlier this month. Also to

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Tena Tugwell on the loss of her brother-in-law.

Best wishes to Charles Plank (Sr), recovering from illness at KGB, and to Chester and Earle Tugwell's sister, Gladys Martin, also in hospital.

A speedy recovery also to Sheri Cox, recovering slowly after (another) bad fall. The most recent injury is a broken or damaged tail bone.

And many happy returns to Eric and Linda Welbanks on their 25th wedding anniversary, which will be celebrated with an open house party at AIPS August 22.

Finally, as we go to press, the Filson family is eagerly awaiting the arrival of their new baby. Todd and Andrea are due to deliver at any moment, making a new grandchild for Glenn and Sandra. And in keeping with the new family tradition, Kim and Dave are also expecting their first child, sometime after Christmas.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E. S. McIntyre

The July meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jean Baker.

The meeting opened with the Ode and Collect and the singing of O Canada. The programme for the evening was on Cultural Affairs. The proposed speaker

Mrs Millicent Harrison was unable to attend. In her place Mrs Jean Baker, our President gave an illustrated talk on the life and works of the French Impressionist artist, Claude Monet.

During the business section of the meeting arrangements were made for serving tea in the Napanee Arena on the Sunday afternoon of the Napanee Fair.

There will be no meeting in August. The September meeting will be held at the home of Mrs Phyllis Strain on Sept. 16th at 8 p.m. The programme for the evening being the "Tweedsmuir History Book".

A Brown Bag Auction will also be held. The proceeds of which will go to our Pennies for Friendship Fund.

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#### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

I was looking for a recipe that was quick and easy and one that would use a variety of summer vegetables. An April 1991 Canadian Living provided me with such a recipe. This recipe is made even better by the fact that it is microwaveable.

#### Lemon-Herb Chicken and Vegetables

(I didn't have all the herbs available so I just used what I had. I also used cooked leftover chicken instead of fresh uncooked.)

The classic 'fines herbs' is a dried mixture of chervil, parsley, chives and tarragon. You can substitute a mixture of just parsley, chives and tarragon. Serve over noodles or rice.

2 tbsp butter

3 carrots (thinly sliced diagonally)

1 onion (cut in thin wedges)

1 large clove garlic (minced)

1 tbsp liquid honey

3/4 tsp dried fine herbs

1/4 tsp each salt and pepper

2 tsp cornstarch

1 tbsp water

1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts (cut in 1/2 inch wide strips)

2 cups small broccoli florets

2 tbsp lemon juice

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In 12 cup (3 L) microwaveable casserole, microwave butter at High for 30 to 60 seconds or until melted. Add carrots, onion and garlic; toss to coat well. Microwave, uncovered, at High for 3 to 5 minutes or until carrots are tender-crisp, stirring once. Blend in honey, fines herbs, salt and pepper. Combine cornstarch

with water; stir into casserole.

Add chicken and broccoli, mixing well. Cover and microwave at High for 5 to 8 minutes or until chicken is tender and no longer pink, stirring twice. Let stand, covered for 3 minutes. Stir in lemon juice. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: about 250 calories, 30g protein, 7g fat, 18g carbohydrates, good source of iron.

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#### Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

The Partners in Mission Food Bank organizers send their thanks to the many Islanders who send their fresh food produce. Duncan and Coralie Marshall, and John and Mary Beth Hall have done a great job, transporting frozen goods or fresh produce on Thursday mornings.

Please continue to send food. If you have any extras, if you are tired of preserving and could donate one picking, if you are cleaning out your freezer to make room for this year's goodies, Please call Duncan or Coralie at 389-5031 to arrange for delivery. If you need special help, call Sally at 389-3802. If you will be away, with your garden still producing, we will be glad to pick.

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#### Controlled Deer Hunt

- Reeve Willard

Since many people have shown an interest in this I decided to call the Ministry of Natural Resources and find out at what stage the hunt is at. As I understand it those people who are not residents of Amherst Island, or who do not own at least fifty acres in the Township, must apply to MNR for a license by the end of August. People can get an application at the Township Office but you must return it to Napanee, the Township is not administering this hunt. People who do not own fifty acres or more must have written permission of a landowner with fifty acres before they can receive a license. This requirement will prevent mainland hunters from coming over here and hunting wherever they wish.

Landowners (and any family member) can get their licenses from MNR any time up to and including the last day of the hunt. I do not know what makes up a family member but the people at MNR can answer that.

If there are any questions you can contact Neil McLean at the Napanee MNR office. If you have problems with them feel free to call me and I will see what I can do.

Council hopes that this will be a safe, well behaved deer hunt so that it can continue next year. Please make sure you respect others' property and be careful with those guns.

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{The following appears to be added by the Staff but not credited}

The hunt (if it goes ahead which is not a done deal yet according to two MNR people standing around the Township Office this morning) will take place on Nov 23-26, 1992.

Also, any woolly animal built fairly low to the ground is not a deer. The 2,300 sheep on the Island are not fair game even if you cannot find a deer.

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#### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee has had an other reasonably successful year of swimming lessons. Unfortunately the weather was not terribly co-operative and some lessons had to be cancelled when the water was too cold. Many thanks to Ardis Shurtleff for generously letting us use her pool for lessons and for our swimming party. Thanks also to our instructor, Lesley Furter, for a great job.

We were sorry to have to cancel the Summer Theatre program, but the number of registrants was not high enough to enable us to pay the instructor. Due to the amount of money spent by the Rec Committee on swimming lessons, we could not subsidize the full amount required by the summer theatre instructor. Thanks to all those who came out to support this project.

Our new boat launch ramps are set to be installed next week - one on the west side of the ferry dock and one at the Third Concession Beach.

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#### Island History

(We received the following letter from J.E. Bowler who says it came from the Daily British Whig of Jan 6th, 1854. We hope anyone finding bits of Island history like this will share them with us.)

#### To The Editor Of The British Whig

Dear Sir:-

I send you the names of the five gentlemen elected to serve as Counsellors in the Township of Amherst Island for the year 1854 -viz., John Boyes, Geo Howard, Samuel Glenn, John Treleaven and William Howard, who were elected by a show of hands, no other candidates being proposed; and it must surely be gratifying to the feelings of those gentlemen, three of whom have now been elected the fifth time to serve as Counsellors. After the other business for which the

voters were called together was got through with, the Counsellors elect invited all the people assembled to partake of a cold lunch; and, I declare, it would have done even you, Mr. Whit, or any one good to have seen the manner in which the victuals, washed down with some of Morton's best, disappeared.

An Eye-Witness

Amherst Island, Jan 3, 1854.

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[We received the following newspaper clipping from someone but don't know if it is a pointed submission or not. You can be the judge.]

Bigger Is Not Always Better -

When you're trying to get your point across in writing, remember that more words don't necessarily equal communication. The following demonstrates when less is definitely best.

Number of words in:

The Lord's Prayer... 56

23rd Psalm... 118

Gettysburg Address... 226

Ten Commandments... 297

USDA order on the price of cabbage... 15,629

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Obituary

(from The Napanee Beaver of Aug 5)

Brunet - Carolyn (Sam).

Suddenly at home on Monday, August 3, 1992. Carolyn Dale Burnet (nee Eves) of RR2, Tamworth, beloved wife of Jim Brunet. Dear mother of Sarah, Molly, Maggie, Laura, Jesse and Elizabeth. Beloved daughter of Grace and the late James Eves, Amherst Island, dear sister of Lance and Vincent of Amherst Island; Gay Hornak of Thunder Bay; Charlotte Campbell of Kingston and Charlene Faraday of Toronto. The family received friends at the Hannah Funeral Home, Tamworth on Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 on Wednesday, August 5th at 11 am, Rev. Cyril Betts officiating followed by cremation. Donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

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Thank You Notes

Many thanks to friends and neighbours for their cards, phone calls, condolences and the visit from the A.C.W. and P.C.W. on the death of my brother, Don.

Lloyd Wolfreys

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Landfill Site Regulations

Revised per By-law #32-92

1. The waste disposal (landfill) site located in part Lot 29, Concession 1 shall be used exclusively for the disposal of waste originating within the Township.

2. The site is intended for the disposal of domestic wastes. The following materials may not be dumped:

a. Dead animals

b. Abandoned motorized vehicles

c. Waste oil

d. Septic tank wastes

e. Other hazardous wastes

f. Tree stumps

g. Earth and/or rock fill except when authorized and supervised by the Township Public Works Superintendent.

An attendant will be on duty at all times.

3. Effective April 27, 1992 fees will be charged to dump the following:

i) Yard waste:

sorted leaves, grass cutting & brush... \$5/load

ii) White goods (appliances)... \$5 each

iii) Construction/renovation waste - must be sorted  
Half ton truck... \$20/load

Dump truck:

single axle... \$125/load

double axle... \$250/load

iv) Old metal fencing - all fence posts removed

Half ton truck... \$20/load

Dump truck:

single axle... \$125/load

double axle... \$250/load

v) Tires... \$3 each

5. No person or corporation shall throw, place or deposit refuse or debris in Township waste disposal site except as directed.

6. Old metal fencing shall only be accepted as follows:

i) all fence posts must be removed

ii) fencing must be either cut into 4' pieces and bundled and tied or rolled compactly and tied.

7. Removal of items from the, landfill site:

Removal of items from the landfill site (scavenging) shall be permitted at the scavenger's own risk and with the exception of items from the metal pile. Vehicles must be parked out of the way so as to not interfere with other landfill site users.

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And Finally

What would you say if I had a child of say 6 or 7 and I sent them daily to a person who physically put them in danger of severe injury and who mentally

manipulated these children so they would develop an obsessive personality. Why you would call the Children's Aid Society and I would probably end up without my child and in court on charges of child endangerment (or something). Now think about the young Olympic gymnasts. These people were so young that they had to have started their careers as babies to get this good. I can't believe that they have wanted to work out at this for so long. They are magnificent but at what cost.

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#### Maynard Laltin Reviews

Finally, I've seen some movies after an extremely busy couple of months. Got some good ones and some real dogs for you this time.

The dog of the month is Barton Fink with John Turturro and John Goodman which starts off as just a standard odd movie but by the final reel it falls off the edge of anything that could be considered reality. I can't tell you much about the plot as there isn't enough to go around. The acting is fairly good as are the production values but I have a lot of trouble with movies that set me up to think that I'm dealing with people in our current reality and then yank the rug out from under me. It's not as bad as a Kinsela book but it's the same sort of thing where he tantalizes you with a bit of oddness and then Bam you're in the 'twilight zone'. Enough space wasted on this movie. (0 out of 10)

Black Robe is a real powerhouse of a movie. It's the story of a Jesuit missionary travelling to the Huron mission in the early days of New France. A really beautiful film to look at with good acting by all - you believe every scene. I found the violence disturbingly graphic and unnecessarily so in my opinion but well worth watching. (8 out of 10)

Grand Canyon which is advertised to be the 'Big Chill' of the '90s may well be but it sure is different in look, feel and tone. It's set in the big city with Kevin Cline and Danny Glover playing the leads. Sudden and random violence is its theme. (6 out of 10)

Frankie and Johnny is a light romance with Michelle Pfeiffer and Al Pacino. Well done, light, decent writing, a good night's diversion. (6 out of 10)

Glenn's Store has got some really good movies in:

- M\*A\*S\*H - if you haven't seen it then think of the tv M\*A\*S\*H with an attitude. Really fine performances by everyone (the leads are Elliot Gould and Donald Sutherland). (7 out of 10)

- Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid with Paul Newman and Robert Redford is still an excellent movie after 20 years. (7 out of 10)

- Cat Ballou with Lee Marvin and Jane Fonda (when she didn't have to exercise for hours every day to stay

trim). It's not a classic western like The Good, The Bad and the Ugly or The Magnificent Seven but fun. (5 out of 10)

- A new release is Dead Calm - an extremely engaging thriller. There are flaws in that things did not have to happen the way they did but what the heck, I had to pause half way through and make popcorn to stop hyperventilating. (8 out of 10)

- And finally, let's not forget, The Commitments which is one of the best movies I've seen in years and years. Irish soul music with feeling!! (9 out of 10)

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#### Awards

The 'Shiniest Bronze Metal' Award to Silken Laumann. She deserves this award not because she battled back from severe injury but because in the last 100m of the race, she took third back from a surging American. Makes the neck hair stand on end to think about it.

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The Prediction Of The Month is that the National Rowing Program will either be disbanded due to 'un-Canadian-like' success or will become part of the Regional Development Program with, for example, 4 of the 8 rowers on the east coast, 4 on the west coast and the coxswain in Winnipeg.

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#### Beacon Sales Report

Having the time to become bored enough to find counting the places we sell the Beacon exciting, I felt obliged to pass this trivia on to you our loyal readers.

Our print run (that sounds so professional but you should see the papers flying around the Orchard House when the Gestetner machine goes crazy) is about 320 for the last couple of months of which we keep about 10 around here (7 for the archives and a few others to pass out if a visitor wants one). This month about 170 will go down to Glenn's Store (we sold out the June issue) and Leslie will get 142 to be sent off into the black hole of Canada Post. Those 142 go to many far flung places but the majority are kept pretty close to home:

We sent the Beacon to 6 countries:

- Canada (127 subscribers),
- USA (10),
- England (2),
- British West Indies (1),
- Holland (1), and
- Mexico (1).

In Canada, We go to 5 provinces:

Ontario (117 subscribers),  
Alberta (1),  
British Columbia (6),  
Quebec (2), and  
Saskatchewan. (1).

In Ontario, we go to 38 cities, towns, villages and hamlets:

Kingston (48 subscribers),  
Stella (11),  
Bath (9),  
Ottawa (5),  
Toronto (4),  
Copper Cliff, Guelph, London, Mississauga (each with 2), and 29 others from Belleville to Wolfe Island with 1 each.

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Have you ever worried about microwaves blasting you when you open the door just when the timer goes off? Worry not. Let's say it takes one second to hear the buzzer and open the door enough to allow microwaves out. Let's also presume that the microwaves hit all six sides of the oven to complete a cycle. If a cycle is say 4', then the microwaves would travel 250 million times around that oven in that one second. The chance that they wouldn't strike the casserole or whatever has got to be next to nil in 250 million tries.

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(from the London Free Press so it has to be true)  
Beijing - More pandas are turning from a diet of bamboo to eating sheep in Sichuan province. Pandas, usually vegetarians, have devoured 48 sheep this year in two villages, the Xinhua News Agency said. Farmers didn't take any action against the pandas because the endangered animal is considered a national treasure. In April, the Workers' Daily reported that a single panda killed 31 sheep. About 1,000 to 1,500 pandas remain in the wild in China. Western experts blame its decline on human encroachment on feeding grounds.

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For Sale / Wanted

Missing  
About 8 cassette tapes in a small cardboard box. If seen call Kelly Baker at 389-2404.

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Sweet Corn For Sale  
We will have tomatoes, pickling cucumbers and green peppers later.

Jim & Marjorie Baker (3rd Concession) 389-2404  
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For Sale  
Two adult sleeping bags.  
One electric griddle.  
Call 389-0987  
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For Sale from Topsy Farms  
Lamb (whole/halves)... \$2.90/lb  
Young Mutton... \$1.90/lb  
Lamburger / muttonburger / patties / sausage... \$2-\$3/lb  
Chickens... \$2.25-\$2.50/lb  
Call Dianne at 389-0554 or Sally at 389-3444  
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Wanted  
The Millers are again looking for Whig TV Times which they use in the barn.  
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For Sale Picnic Tables - Super Design.  
Custom made all steel weather vanes.  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588  
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Albertan Homes "A Family Tradition"  
Contact Albertan Homes for a no obligation quote on new construction or renovations. No job is too small. We will build to suit. We have a designer who will design plans for you. Further information, please call our office at 549-0561 or contact one of our Amherst Island resident staff members:  
Ken Albertan - 389-2662  
Susan Sedore - 384-7866  
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Printing  
A complete Printing and Design Service for Letterheads, Invoices, Envelopes, Business Cards, Computer Forms, Price Lists, Brochures, etc. Contact Peter Morgan 384-4102  
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GLM Construction  
General Contract  
All facets of home decorating, renovations, additions and new construction. Custom design service also available. For quality workmanship contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456  
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#### Hair At Home.

Quality work without the travel! I will come to you.  
Specializing in permanent waves and cuts.  
Call to arrange a time. Shelley Glenn 389-3113  
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#### House Cleaning

Professionally trained house cleaner looking for Island work. Island references.  
Call Laurel at 384-6617  
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#### Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.  
Call Llew MacArthur 384-4071  
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#### B & B Small Engine Repair

Small engine service and repairs.  
Lawn mowers, lawn tractors, weed eaters, chain saws, roto-tillers, etc.  
If you have a problem, Call 389-1413 and leave a message.  
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#### General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New construction, Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.  
Contact Rick Bedford 389-8434  
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#### Shorewell Maintenance

Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps checked. \$30  
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078  
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#### Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172  
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#### Babysitting

Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights and weekends.  
Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199  
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#### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, painting.  
Reasonable. References.  
Call Bob Horth at 389-2916  
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#### Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.  
Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.  
Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569  
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#### Pumps Of All Kinds -

Softeners / Conditioners / Filters / Chlorinators / Sterilizers / Sprinkler systems  
Call Tom Miller 389-0105  
Authorized Dealer for Archer Pumps  
Softener Salt always in stock  
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#### Glenn's Store 389-0417

Take Out Counter Now Open  
Ice Cream Cones \$1, \$1.50, \$2  
Sandwiches

##### Egg Salad

Your choice cold cuts and cheese... \$2

##### Deli Sandwiches

Smoked Ham or Pastrami on a Kaiser with Swiss or Regular cheese... \$3.25

##### Subs

Ham or Salami... \$4.25

Assorted Cold Cuts... \$4.50

#### Post Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00 -11:30  
2:30 - 5:00

Saturday 9:00 - 12:00

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#### Visitors Welcome at Watercolours Et Cetera

##### Paintings

##### Pottery

##### Pine

##### Sculptures

3rd Concession - 389-2588

If we are home we are open.

Local Artists and Artisans

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#### Notices and Announcements

#### 25th Anniversary

The families of Eric and Linda Welbanks are holding an anniversary dance in the school on August 22nd. The celebration will begin at 8 p.m.. Music by a disc jockey. Lunch will be provided.

Come help us celebrate.

All welcome.

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Township Of Amherst Island  
Ameriks Scholarship Fund  
In Memory Of Reeve Frank Fleming  
Purpose: subject to the conditions, to provide economic assistance to any student attending any recognized institute of higher learning  
Conditions: that the student has had a -residency of at least five years on Amherst Island  
Applications, available from the Township Office, will be received at the Township Office until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 1992.

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Your Rec Committee Sponsors  
Amherst Island Jackets

The Rec Committee is offering Island residents the opportunity to purchase an Amherst Island jacket. These are the same style jackets many of you have seen Rec Committee members wearing.

They are a windbreaker, pouch-style nylon shell with a zip-front and zip in hood. A sample is available at Glenn's Store.

Colours Available:

Red, White, Navy, Royal, Forest Green & Grey

Prices (including taxes):

\$30 for sizes S, M, L, XL

\$35 for sizes XXL, XXXL, XXXXL

Design:

Logo on Front (outline of Island) 'Amherst Island' on back

Optional:

Name embroidered on sleeve (\$5)

Please Note:

These jackets are available by order only, and the order will only be placed once. There will not be extras. Please submit your order to Annette Phillips at the Store (389-0417) or at home (389-0512) before August 28.

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Township of Amherst Island  
Summer Ferry Schedule

The Quick Turnaround Service Will Be in Effect as Follows:

From June 25, 1992 up to and including Sept 7th, the ferry will leave from Stella in the morning:

6:00 / 6:45 / 7:30 / 8:15 / 9:00

Thereafter on regular hourly schedule until 4:00 p.m., the ferry will leave Stella in the afternoon:

4:00 / 4:45 / 5:30 / 6:15 / 7:00

Note: The quick turnaround service is in effect Monday to Friday only including holidays.

Notice To Suppliers: Our busy trips are from 6:00 -

9:00 a.m. and 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

By avoiding these trips, you will save yourself trucking time and help to relieve congestion with commuter travellers.

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L & A Interval House

The phone number for the L. & A. Interval House (Napanee.) is 354-1010 (24 hours a day).

They urgently need basic supplies for women setting up new households: mugs, kitchen utensils, books, sheets, towels and furniture. Call Elsie Densem, Island Co-ordinator, at 389-2874 if you have donations but please no clothing.

Thank you to those who have made donations.

Lennox & Addington Interval House is now recruiting volunteers for working with women and/or children, for fix-it jobs in the house, for driving, moving, office work and more. All potential volunteers will be screened and interviewed. Please call Sandra Jass, Volunteer Coordinator for more information at 354-0808.

If anyone with a truck or van who could occasionally deliver donated goods from the Island to Napanee please call Sally Bowen at 389-3802.

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Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, there's an A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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Township Of Amherst Island  
Composters

We were asked to remind you that the Township still has some composters. The prices are extremely reasonable as the M.O.E. is picking up part of the cost. The Township office can fill you in on the details (389-3393).

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#### Beacon Notes

I really shouldn't be doing this but this is being written as the August issue is being printed. It's a good thing this paper only happens once a month. That gives us 3 weeks to forget the frustrations of the previous issue. Putting the Beacon together on the computer is work, but there is progress to be seen. However, cutting the stencils and printing the paper are definitely trials which we must bear. The August issue took over 6 hours to cut the stencils (4 spoiled for unknown reasons) and the printing is going to take about 3 hours (it's a good thing Chris does that). The two things that this present system has going for it: the cost is incredibly small per page because we value our labour at \$0/hr); and, the tremendous speed when compared to taking it to town and getting it printed in a print shop (2 or 3 days).

We tried a little experiment by printing the last page of the August issue with the laser printer. To do the whole Beacon this way would take about 10 hours which is not outrageous compared to what we do now. But the costs are high at about 6 cents per page meaning about 60 to 72 cents per issue which is far too expensive.

While we're on the subject of costs - we ran the stencil cutter into town to be serviced and for a mere \$126.50, they worked on it for an hour (can you believe anyone gets to charge their labour at \$110 per hour plus tax?). We certainly hope that it works not only more reliably, but also cuts better stencils. That is yet to be seen.

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Council Report

September 1, 1992

- Chris Kennedy

Councillor Allen Caughey was absent for this meeting. The agenda was very short, and so was the meeting.

Paving of the Stella 40 foot is tentatively scheduled to start on

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September 21st.

At a Ferry Committee meeting in August, it was announced that the work on the Millhaven dock is due to start in late November or early December, when the west side will be dredged. This will provide temporary berthing for the ferry while repairs to the dock face are done in February and March. The Township will be kept informed as the plans continue.

Council has received an estimate for surveying the road across the south end of lots 66 & 67, Con. 3., the Nut Island Shooting Club property. They will try to get the initial cost reduced by asking for only the centre line to be surveyed, rather than the whole road bed.

Prompted by a letter from Sally Bowen, Council discussed the accumulation of recyclable garbage at the dump. The Public Works Department, a.k.a. the Road Crew, will be asked to remove the glass to the recycler.

In response to a letter from Llew MacArthur, the Reeve stated that Council is not required to pick the lowest tender submitted for any Township work, but may, if it has a good reason, pick a higher tender.

The 911 emergency system in this area received about 38,000 calls in its first year of operation, of which 96% were genuine, and only 4% were crank calls. The system will be changed to a more advanced system soon, where all calls can be traced immediately.

The two boat launching ramps have been installed. Unfortunately the one at the Sand Beach was washed out in the storm on the 29th of August, as had been suggested might happen. The boat ramp at Stella is rather short, but a request that it be lengthened was turned down, as it would interfere with docking the ferry on the west side of the dock when the ferry is out of service. The Reeve, the Senior Captain and the Recreation committee will meet to try to work out a solution to the problem.

Three building permits were issued in August: to Helen McCormick; to Dan Claus; and to Patrick Gray, (the Fowler house) for extensive renovations.

At last month's meeting some derelict barns were mistakenly attributed to G. Frontini, when they are in fact owned by the Garofalo brothers, and the Clerk apologizes for the error.

There is apparently no money available in the

provincial coffers this year for our helipad. Council will try to figure out some other method of financing it.

Council has received the Annual Review of the Property Assessment Programme. This document is apparently quite dry to read, but

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{Council Report will continue after the following notice}

#### Notice of Public Meeting

Re: Amherst Island Public School

When: Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1992

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Where: Amherst Island Public School

Who: All Residents of Amherst Island

Why:

1. Report of Parent Volunteer Committee
2. Election of new Committee to co-ordinate volunteers according to mandate.
3. Report of Amherst Island Education Committee
4. Election of new Committee
5. Open discussion.

We Hope That You Will Take The Time To Participate In This Very Important Meeting

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does provide a good deal of background information on the assessment process, should members of the public be interested in how their property is assessed.

Council still does not know when the Frontenac II, formerly the Charlevoix, will arrive to replace the Amherst Islander when it goes in for its annual overhaul. The usual answer given is "when we see it steaming up the bay". The Frontenac II requires only five crew members, as opposed to six when it was the Charlevoix, so the \$0.50 surcharge will not be needed to cover the extra cost.

The Clerk will arrange a date for the next Zoning Bylaw meeting. The Reeve requested that the date of the founding of the Township be added to the Township letterhead. At the next printing, therefore, will be added the information that Louis XIII of France founded the township by Act of Seigneurie in 1676, granting it to La Salle, who apparently flipped it about two days later in a fast real estate deal to Tonti. Presumably the local inhabitants at the time were unaware of the whole business.

The Reeve then, claiming another record for short meetings, called for adjournment at 9:18 p.m. The

Beacon also wishes to make an award to commemorate the fact that it took three separate bylaws and four months to appoint Sheri Cox to the Recreation Committee. Sheri fortunately did not wait for the paper work to be completed before setting to work.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

You will remember last Beacon we were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the newest Miller family member. Well, he has finally made it, but barely in time for this month's column.

A long-awaited welcome to Cameron James Filson, born September 11 weighing 7 lbs 12 ozs. Great grandson to Helen Miller: Grandson for Glenn and Sandra Filson: nephew to Kim and David Redden. Oh, and a son to Todd and Andrea Filson. Many congratulations.

Congratulations and best wishes also to Brent Wolfreys and Roxanne Shetler who are to be married Thanksgiving weekend.

Bruce Caughey, Lindsay McIntyre, Anna Hitchins, and Garry Hitchins all spent time in hospital this month. We hope they are all feeling better. Jim Baker is recovering after a leg injury; Steve Street is recovering from a foot injury and Shannon Baker is scheduled for surgery next week. Best wishes to all.

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#### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

The following recipe is for yummy, yummy (yes it deserves two ) Pecan Butter Tart Squares. These squares never last long in our household and are always a Big Hit after long physical work.

Base -

2 cups all-purpose flour

1/3 cup sugar

1 cup cold cubed butter

Mix together and pat into bottom of 9 x 13 pan,

Bake at 350 for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile mix together:

1/4 cup melted butter

3 lightly beaten eggs

2 cups packed brown sugar

1/2 cup rolled oats

3 tablespoons all purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup raisins

1/2 cup coconut

1/2 cup chopped pecans  
Mix together and pour over base.  
Bake at 350 for 20 - 25 minutes or

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until lightly set. Let pan cool on wire rack. I would think this would also be good with walnuts. There have been times when I have been out of coconut and it tasted just fine. I also tend to increase the amount of nuts - but that is all up to you.

The next recipe is for Stir-Fry Ratatouille. Difficult to pronounce but very colourful and it uses a number of fall vegetables. The recipe comes from the Light Hearted Cookbook and it suggests that the ratatouille would go well with grilled lamb chops. Therefore, it must be a good recipe!

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion sliced
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 8 medium mushrooms halved
- 1 small sweet yellow or red pepper
- 2 cups unpeeled eggplant
- 1 small zucchini sliced
- 2 tomatoes cut in wedges
- 1/2 teaspoon of thyme and basil
- salt and freshly ground pepper

In large nonstick skillet, heat half of oil over medium - high heat; add onion, garlic, mushroom and sweet pepper and stir-fry until tender- about 4 minutes. With slotted spoon remove to side dish and set aside.

Heat remaining oil in skillet; add eggplant, zucchini; stir-fry for 4 minutes or until tender. Return mushroom mixture to pan, add tomatoes, thyme, basil; cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Makes 6 servings. Can be served either hot or cold.

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Food Bank  
- Sally Bowen

The Partners in Mission Food Bank organizers send their thanks to the many Islanders who contribute their fresh food produce. Duncan and Coralie Marshall, and John and Mary Beth Hall have done a great job, transporting frozen goods or fresh produce on Thursday mornings.

Please continue to send food. If you have any extras, if you are tired of preserving and could donate one picking, if you are cleaning out your freezer to make room for this year's goodies, Please call Duncan or Coralie at 389-5031 to arrange for delivery. If you need special help, call Sally at 389-3802. If you will be away, with your garden still producing, we will be glad

to pick.  
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#### 4-H News

Congratulations to all Island 4-H'ers exhibiting cattle at the Napanee Exhibition, Odessa Fair and Quinte Exhibition at Belleville this summer.

Amherst Island was well represented by Angela Fleming, Jeff Forester, Ruth Scott, Lori Caughey, Sarah Scott, Tracy Hitching and Amy Caughey. Their leaders were Steve Holmes and Bruce Caughey. Their club "Shore to Shore" also took top honours in the "Tie Up" competition! This was judged on cleanliness of their animals, the way their area was decorated and maintained, and how well members met and spoke to the general public throughout their time at the Napanee Fair. Well done "Shore to Shore".

"Reported by a friend of 4-H"

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#### More 4-H News

- Susie Caughey

Fall 4-H Clubs are now organizing all over the county. Any youth, age 10-21 is welcome to join in the fun.

There is a choice of clubs;

1. "Now Laying; the Great Chicken and Egg project", or
2. "Our Heritage", a study of personal and community roots, or
3. "Social Recreation", learning to lead games and activities.

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Meetings will begin in late September, but it is important that I hear from all interested members now, so that materials can be ordered.

Please phone me at 389-2012 if you are planning to be part of the fall club, if you have any questions about the 4-H program or if you are interested in becoming a 4-H Leader now or in the near future. Hope to hear from you soon. Thanks.

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#### Island History

##### Island Ownership

- Tom Sylvester

[Excerpt from Amherst Island: a detailed survey (Sir John Johnson) circa 1790 and land ownership.]

How Isle Tonti received its name has been lost. It is plausible that the Island was owned by Tonti, but no documentation exists.

There are numerous references to early Island ownership and deals: unfortunately although entertaining, most are less than the truth.

The Algonquin and/or Iroquois used the area before the French construction of Fort Cataraqui. They called the Island Katanesgo (various spellings exist), which translates as drowned ground. In 1675, Louis XIV of France granted Kaouenesgo, Grand Isle (Wolfe) and a portion of the mainland to Robert Cevalier de La Salle. The First Nations were never asked permission.

Sometime during the French regime the Island became known as Ile Tonti. There is no record of the Island ever being granted by LaSalle to either Henri Tonti, or his lessor known brother Alphonse. For comparison, records do exist of LaSalle granting separately Grand Isle, Ile la Forest (Simcoe) and the vicinity of Parrott's Bay.

The British conquest of Nouvelle France (1763) compounded the matter. The French feudal grants of the colony were recognized and Le Pays d'en Haut reverted to the Mississauga Nation.

The 1783 Treaty of Paris between His Britannic Majesty and the United States of America delineated the boundaries of the two parties; the First Nations did not participate. The revolting colonies are the one group who never claimed Island ownership.

Island ownership, as of 1784, could have been Indian. However, apparently there could also have been a valid French seigneurie deed, and/or inclusion in the Crawford Purchase. Although forming the southern boundary to the Bay of Quinte, the Island was passed by during the Loyalist settlement of the surrounding townships in 1784.

The Legislative Council of Quebec granted the entire Island to Sir John Johnson in 1789. This violated their own land policy, however Johnson was too powerful a member to be denied his wish.

The Island estate was passed to his widowed daughter Catherine Maria Bowes in 1823. She in turn sold her holding to the Irish Third Earl of Mount Cashel for 10,000 pounds in 1835. He fell into financial troubles and the Island estate was sold at sheriff's auction in 1857 for 6,400 pounds (plus outstanding debts?). Robert Percival-Maxwell, an Irish gentleman, thereby acquired 3/4 of the Island which he and his heirs sold off. The last estate parcel sold was in 1980.  
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Letters To The Beacon  
[from Michael Dawber]

Please find enclosed a cheque for \$10 to renew my subscription to the Beacon for another year.

I also have a suggestion as to how Amherst Island could close out Canada 125. Last summer, I telephoned

the township office to

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see if Amherst Island had a township pin, as many area townships do. At the time, I was told that, in fact, Amherst Island does not have its own coat of arms! Considering the township's age and history, I was quite surprised.

Well, why not hold a contest among Islanders to design an official coat of arms for the township? If the clerk could investigate the procedural ins-and-outs of obtaining an official insignia, the Beacon could solicit entries from Islanders (or any subscriber, ex-Islander, etc.) and have the council officially select one this fall. What better way for Amherst Island to celebrate 125 years of Confederation than to celebrate its own history in a new coat of arms?

I hope you find the suggestion worthwhile.  
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Thank You Notes

We would like to thank all of our friends and families for helping make our move home so easy!

We appreciate all the help we've had (and still have), getting the house ready.

Special thanks to Phil and Debbie for all your help in Florida (and all points in between)! Also to David, Wayne and Brent for getting us moved in while Larry was away and for doing all the little odd jobs that came up along the way!

It's great to be Home!

Larry, Lyn, Jason & Stephanie Fleming  
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The Amherst Island Recreation Committee would like to extend our thanks to the Township of Amherst Island Public Works crew for installing our new boat ramps at the ferry dock and at the Third Concession beach. Many, many thanks to Stuart, Ron, Garry and Phil.

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And Finally

Ah, the farming life - so tranquil! That is until the baler catches on fire!!

Here I am just baling away on a really nice day when I look around to see smoke pouring out from the drive side and flames in the bale chamber. I dumped the bale and jumped out of the cab to see if it was on fire - it wasn't, thank goodness, because 900 lbs of hay is very difficult to put out once it gets going. So next, I start to look for the fire extinguisher which was hidden from view by the steering column (this is our newest

tractor and we mount the fire extinguishers all over the place). Not being able to find it, I ended up pulling most of the burning hay out by hand. Of course this started a grass fire. Garnet MacDonald, who was raking in the same field, kept the grass fire under control but as it had burned under the baler, I had to pull it forward. This happened twice more and it was then that I spotted the fire extinguisher. It's absolutely amazing how much more effective a fire extinguisher is at putting out oily hay than gloved hands.

Not too much damage was done except to the bearing which had disintegrated causing the fire in the first place.

We have had lots of burned out bearings on this baler but usually a thermos of coffee or tea will cool them down. We've never had an actual fire before which is scary as all get out!!!!

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#### Fun with Numbers

We have lots of bathroom reading material and one of the best is New Scientist which is shipped to us from England (thanks to the Kennedys). There is always something

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worth reading in it. In the July 25th issue, for instance, was a very short note about the world's fastest printer. It can print up to 3,600,000 characters per minute. They note that the Bible could be printed in 65 seconds.

Let's see what else it can do:

An average page of print has 80 characters per line and let's say 50 lines per page - that's 4000 characters per page. So we're talking 900 pages per minute or 15 pages a second. Now just to get some idea of the speed - 900 pages a minute at 11" per page is 825 ft per minute or a mile of paper in 6.4 minutes (that's more than 9 mph - quicker than a jog).

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We received a copy of the Beacon from Eileen Vanderzwan which is not as strange as it may seem because this one serves 'The People Of Eastern Prince Edward Island'. It's printed out of Souris, P.E.I. It is just starting up and we wish them good luck.

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#### Maynard Laltin Reviews

More, More, More Movies!!

Cape Fear - A re-make of a 1962 thriller this time with Robert De Niro and Nick Nolte. Done in an older style which takes something away from the thriller effect. The daughter is spectacularly good and her

performance is worth the price of admission alone.

Engaging but not gripping. (7 out of 10)

Wayne's World - Well... humm... uh... ah... Words escape me... Sophomoric? In places it rises to this level but more correctly described as infantile! A complete waste of celluloid. That's what happens when you take a 3 minute skit off Saturday Night Live and stretch it for 95 minutes. Believe it or not, there is a plot but its sole purpose is to set up a series of 3 minute skits, some of which are okay (by comparison to the others). I laughed in places but really I sacrificed 95 minutes of my time to protect you from this movie. The rating is higher than what you would expect because there is some excellent music. (2 out of 10)

Now if you want a good movie from a S.N.L. skit, then check out The Blues Brothers with Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi. Much support is offered by the great music provided by the likes of James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Cab Calloway, Ray Charles, etc, etc not to mention a great band behind the Brothers. (7 out of 10)

The Pick Of The Month is Fried Green Tomatoes with Jessica Tandy telling Kathy Bates (Misery) a story of two women she knew in the 30's (I think). It's not a great movie but so refreshingly different that it's a must see. A real pleasure. (8 out of 10)

If you're tempted to rent The Lawnmower Man - don't! This film version of Steven King's short story title is just not up to snuff (apparently it doesn't follow his story line but just uses the title as a drawing card). I thought it may have some technical wizardry but even that is pretty poorly done. (3 out of 10)

White Men Can't Jump with Woody Harrelson was not what I expected having heard nothing about it before hand. It's the story of a street basketball player (Woody) who hustles - like pool hustlers. There is a tremendous amount of inner city street talk (a.k.a. swearing) but it goes by so fast that you don't really get offended. (7 out of 10)

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#### Awards

Speaking of 'white men can't jump' - a salute to Larry Bird's career which ended with his retirement this past month. For a guy who can't

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run like Dominique (Wilkins), dunk like Michael, or crash the boards like Sir Charles (Barkley), he sure can play basketball. Very few players can 'get the job done' but he could. Larry could pass, he could fake and shoot from anywhere, but best of all he could kill the opposition with his 3 pointers. Just when the other team was closing in for the kill at the end of a hard-fought

game, Larry would call for the ball. He'd set up and swish.. 3 points. Next time down the floor, the same thing. And again. And again!! You could feel the fight just draining out of the other team. So fine!  
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The Misdirected Foreign Policy Award to the Canadian government for sending one of our three navy supply ships to Florida. The crew plus other military personnel are apparently re-building three schools near Miami. This while there was a tidal wave causing 300 people to die or be missing in Nicaragua. Here's a hard-luck country that can use all the help we could ever send it and we are sending help to the richest country in the world. Something's weird here.  
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Harvest Chicken Pie Dinner  
Sponsored by St Paul's P.C.W.  
To Be Held At Amherst Island Community Centre  
On Friday, Sept 25th From 5-7 p.m.  
For  
Adults \$7.50  
Children \$3.50  
Advanced Tickets Only  
From Phone 389-5769 or 389-0417  
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Anglican Church Turkey Supper  
October 24th in Amherst Island Public School Buffet  
Style with sittings at 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
Adults... \$10  
Children 12 and under... \$5  
Preschool children... free  
Tickets at the door.  
Fish Pond and Bake Table  
Everyone Welcome.  
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Alcoholic's Anonymous  
If you want to drink, that's your business.  
If you want to stop, there's an A.A. member available  
for information at 389-3548.  
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Legion 539 Benefit Concert  
Legion 539 announces a benefit concert by the Pro Arte  
Singers and the Vimy Band. All proceeds for the Legion  
Villa.  
Wednesday, November 4, 8:00 p.m. at the Grand  
Theatre  
Legion Members/Seniors \$8.00  
Others \$11.00 (Identification required)  
(Prices include G.S.T.)  
The program will include a variety of exciting and  
nostalgic music suitable to the theme of Remembrance.  
Please support this concert in every way you can. The

Band and Choir are donating their efforts. Call any member from 539 Legion Re Ticket Sales.

Let's Fill the Grand.

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#### L & A Interval House

The phone number for the L. & A. Interval House (Napanee.) is 354-1010 (24 hours a day).

They urgently need basic supplies for women setting up new households: mugs, kitchen utensils, books, sheets, towels and furniture. Call Elsie Densem, Island Co-ordinator, at 389-2874 if you have donations but please no clothing. Thank you to those who have made donations.

Lennox & Addington Interval House is now recruiting volunteers for working with women and/or children, for fix-it jobs in the house, for driving, moving, office work and more. All potential volunteers will be screened and interviewed. Please call Sandra Jass, Volunteer Co-ordinator for more information at 354-0808.

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Beacon Notes

How 'bout them Jays, eh! I don't know how they did it but they're in the World Series. And, you know, they've a decent shot at taking it all!!

Besides the World Series to worry about, we've also the Referendum. No comment (for which I'm sure you're thankful) except to repeat the quote, "Vote early and vote often!"

It's been really nice travelling to the mainland for the last couple of weeks with the 'big boat' here. The Amherst Islander has been getting its yearly servicing, so we've had the luxury of the Frontenac II (aka the Charlevoix with a several million dollar re-fit). It seems so much bigger and is it fast - well, there have been unconfirmed reports that it hydroplanes when empty.

We've got all our usual stuff for you this month, so without further delay we'll launch into another issue. (By the way, next month is the Ninth Anniversary of the Beacon being produced up here at The Head.)

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Council Report

October 6, 1992

- Chris Kennedy

All councillors were present for this meeting.

Phil Quattrocchi, from the Italo-Canadian Club of Kingston, talked to Council about Henri Tonti, or Tonty, who was right hand man to La Salle, who established Fort Frontenac, where downtown Kingston now is, in 1673. Mr Quattrocchi is trying to establish the connection between Tonti and Amherst Island, and is hoping that publicity might bring to light documents or records establishing the link, which could then be recorded by a plaque on the Island. Council offered him their support.

A reply has been received from Mr. John Perceval

Maxwell about the walking path in Stella. Mr John Perceval is the son and heir of Major E. Perceval Maxwell, who used to own the property. It appears to the surveyor that Mr. Maxwell still owns the 'walking path', but is happy to help Council where he can.

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The township lawyer will prepare a quit claim deed for Mr. Maxwell, giving the township rights to the path.

A draft parking bylaw has been prepared. This is a comprehensive parking bylaw, originally designed to establish a Fire Route from the Stop sign in Stella to the ferry dock. Two summers ago, when the dump was on fire, the fire trucks could not get down to the ferry dock to draw water. This Bylaw would ban parking on the west side of the road between the ferry dock and the Stop sign in Stella. It would also prohibit overnight parking on the Front Road through Stella from December 1st each year to March 31st, for snow ploughing, and designate handicapped parking spots outside the Township Office and the School.

There will be a Public Works meeting on October 13th to discuss the plans for the new public works building up the Stella 40-foot.

The Reeve reported that, after talking to other Reeves from this area, our land fill site is in good shape, and Stuart reports that he thinks that, with care, it should last several more years.

The Recreation Committee and the Ferry Captains met to discuss the boat ramp at the Stella dock, and it was agreed that the ramp will be moved west, and extended, and all parties should be happy.

Council will ask that the Frontenac II remain here permanently, but don't raise your hopes too high, Wolfe Island is begging for it as well, and neither of us seems likely to get it.

In September a demolition permit was issued to Sinclair Knox, and building permits were issued to Sinclair Knox and Ross Evans.

Letters will be sent to the owners of several more derelict buildings that are considered to be possibly dangerous. These buildings are: the building opposite the net reels at Long Point; a barn on lot 6, South Shore Concession; two barns on Lot 9, North Shore Concession, and the old Sam Reid house on Lot 63, Concession 2.

Ida Gavlas, the assistant to the Township Clerk, has passed her exams to become an Accredited Municipal Clerk Treasurer in Ontario, and the Reeve offered his congratulations.

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{Council Report will continue after the following ad}

#### L & A Studio Tour

Oct 24 & 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No Admission Charge

Shirley Miller and her students (Beryl Stoker, Paulette Apps, Peter Trueman, Eleanor Trueman, Millicent Harrison, Joan Martin, Duncan Marshall, Jane Mackay, and Coralie Marshall) will be participating in the Lennox and Addington Studio tour towards the end of the month. The studio is located at Shirley Miller's on the Third Concession.

Phone 389-2588.

Other participating artists who are located on the mainland are:

Wayne Parks... 354-4111

Shirley Firth & Ruth Brooks... 354-6506

Linda Burke & Dorothy Bond... 354-9825

Sherry Pringle, Ron Tee & Maureen Wafer... 354-3475

Tim & Debbie Nimigan... 354-1250

Janet Coulson... 354-9345

Lois Sexsmith & Lucille Bradshaw... 354-5996

Susi Reinink... 354-5982

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The plans put forward by Ducks Unlimited to build a dyke in the Big Marsh have been stalled by a last minute objection from the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, who are demanding a full scale Environmental Assessment of the project. If this is required the project will be delayed for at least another year. Council will push for the project to go ahead without further delays.

Council has asked the surveyor to go ahead with the survey of the road through the Nut Island Hunt Club property. Then Council adjourned shortly after 10 p.m.

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#### Special Council Meeting

October 1, 1992

- Don Tubb

A Special Meeting of Council was held on October 1st to continue the discussions aimed at producing a new Zoning By-law. All members of Council were present except Allan Caughey and there was one person besides myself in the audience.

This Zoning By-law is being written to enforce the Official Plan which is still away at the Ministry getting approved. This new Zoning By-law is, to a large extent,

a modification, updating, re-arrangement, etc of our existing Zoning By-law to bring it into conformity with the Official Plan.

Robert MacKenzie, our Planner, had issued copies of the General Provisions which are the basic regulations that govern development in all zones. These provisions regulate things like what proportion of a lot buildings can cover, how driveways can be joined to the roads, the minimum area of a dwelling house, etc, etc.

Council made some relatively minor changes to the General Provisions and gave Robert MacKenzie some work to do in trying to re-solve some apparent inconsistencies and trouble spots. The General Provisions were tentatively approved at the end of the meeting (that is, while there was agreement that they were basically okay, changes can and probably still will be made).

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of October (no firm date as we go to press) and will continue the discussion of the General Provisions and start into the Definitions.

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#### Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

Thank you to all who have contributed fresh garden produce this strange growing season.

If you have extra pumpkins, squash, apples, rutabaga, etc, they would be welcomed by the Partners in Mission Food Bank. The recession has resulted in a sad increase of hungry families in the Kingston area.

Duncan and Coralie Marshall take fresh food Thursdays on the 10 a.m. ferry. Please call them at 389-5031 for arrangements.

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#### A.I.P.S. Library News

- Caroline Yull

Well, I'm back doing my weekly day at the school library, and I'm noticing many older books that are past being repaired one more time. I have also noticed that some of our family's favourites are not here, which presumably means that books you and your kids have loved over the years may also not be here. Since kids grow out of their books almost as fast as their clothes, it occurs to me that there maybe several families who have books they would like to donate to the school library. I would be very happy to pick them up if that is necessary. I

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will also try to come up with a list of titles that are particularly needed here, for later publication in the

Beacon, so that anyone who is interested could keep their eyes open at book sales, etc. Thanks for your interest and support! Call me at 384-4071 for pickup.  
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#### School Volunteer Report

Mary Ferar's report on the school volunteer program has been reproduced and now can be loaned from the library.  
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#### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Council and the Rec Committee have finally reached an agreeable solution to the boat ramp problem. The ramp will be moved slightly to the west of its present location, and extended to a length of approximately 25' from shore. While this does not help those who wanted to use it in August and September, it will at least be ready for next summer.

We are trying to get Aerobics going again for the winter. Anyone interested please contact Sherry Ward at 389-5767, or leave your name on the sign-up sheet at Glenn's Store.

Repairs to the rink/tennis court have finally been completed, with the help of some Rec members and our friends. All boards have been reinforced, new sealant applied, and basketball nets installed. Many thanks to the following people for helping us out: Jim and Marjoie Baker; Fred Werthman; Lisa McCarthy; Gary McDonald; Scott White; Andrew and Alison McDonald; Jeff McDonald; and Shawna Phillips.  
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#### The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539 - Jean Tugwell

The October meeting was held at Lloyd's Room with 15 members present. Following the opening ceremony the president welcomed the Zone Commander Erie Kish and Deputy-Zone Commander Tom Miller.

We were pleased to have a new member Barry Gartner join our Branch.

The Halloween Masquerade will be held at Amherst Island School, October 30th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. High school students and adults \$3.00, public school students free - lots of treats and games for little ones. Come and join the fun!

Poppy distribution will begin October 31st.

You are invited to join us for Remembrance Day Service at St. Alban's Anglican Church Nov. 8th at 11 a.m.

Following the meeting, lunch and social time was enjoyed by all.  
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#### Island History

[Staff: Phil Quattrocchi is an Italian Canadian booster (along with other causes) who has taken an interest in Henri Tonty. He has produced a booklet in which W.G. Breck writes a short history of Tonty which in some cases conflicts with what Tom Sylvester has managed to uncover.]

This durable North American explorer was the son of Lorenzo di Tonty, a political exile to France from Naples, Italy, known for his 'tontian' scheme of insurance. Two

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other sons and several of their cousins also served in New France, with less acclaim.

Henri enlisted in the French military in the Mediterranean area where he lost an arm to an exploding grenade, to be replaced by a metal hook, accounting for the moniker 'bras de fer'. He came to New France in 1678 as La Salle's lieutenant and was shortly at Niagara where he was engaged in construction of Fort Conti below the falls and the barque 'Griffon' above. In collaboration with La Salle, he set out for the Mississippi via the Illinois River, on the way establishing Forts Miami and Crevecoeur (1680). Two years later, Tonty accompanied La Salle down the Mississippi, reaching the Gulf of Mexico on the 7th of April. They erected a cross at Venice to claim the territory for France as Louisiana. On the return Tonty began construction of Fort Saint-Louis at Le Rocher, which he administered in defence against the Iroquois. In recognition of his loyal and valuable service, La Salle granted him lie Tonti (Amherst Island) as his seigneurie.

In 1686, on hearing that La Salle was in the Gulf of Mexico by sea, he set out with a party hoping to make contact at the mouth of the Mississippi, but could not locate La Salle's colony which had unfortunately been sited further west at Matagorda Bay, Texas. In spite of scouting east and west of the Mississippi, he could not locate La Salle and was forced to return north for want of supplies. Later, in 1689, when word of La Salle's expedition and murder was received, Tonty with a small party went to the aid of the colony at Matagorda but was forced back after reaching Texas.

Tonty now turned his efforts to the fur trade on the Illinois River in partnership with La Salle's manager, Francois La Forest, and at one time served well with Governor Denonville in a campaign against the Senecas. His ultimate career involved collaboration with the famous Le Moyne brothers, d'Iberville and de Bienville, in establishing relations with the native tribes in the Louisiana colony. Here he caught yellow fever

brought on a cargo vessel from Havana; he died at Fort St. Louis de la Louisiane (now Mobile).

Without doubt, Henri di Tonty was a tough survivor: loyal, brave and extremely practical, and effective in relations with the natives who respected his character and authority. It has been said that:

“While La Salle conceived, Tonty achieved.”

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## Obituary

### Gordon Robert Glenn

Gordon Glenn was born on Amherst Island on August 30, 1916. He was born on the day his great-grandfather, Robert Glenn, died. He was the son of the late Robert D. Glenn and Olive K. Henderson. He was married to the late Nanetta L. Strain on July 18, 1942. He was married fifty years ago this year.

Gordon was a dairy farmer for twenty-seven years on the second concession as well as farming jointly with his father and brother at the farm where he grew up.

Gordon is survived by three children: Juanita, Kingston; Francis, Blenheim; and Murray, Ottawa. He also is survived by two grandchildren; Robert George, Blenheim; and Margo Jane, Blenheim. Robert George is named for his grandfather. A sister, Thelma Howard, Amherstview, and a brother, Marshall Glenn, Amherst Island, also survive him.

Gordon attended St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Amherst Island and was an Elder from 1961-1992.

He sold his-farm in 1969 and moved to Amherstview. He worked at the family's Day Care Centre in Amherstview as well as working for

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the Lennox and Addington County Board of Education as a travelling custodian.

Gordon and family moved to their present day home at 958 Woodbine Rd, Kingston, in 1973 and finally retired with ceramics, rice paper lampshades, and gardening as hobbies.

Gordon helped to run the ceramic shop at Woodbine Rd, pouring molds, running the kiln, etc.

He died September 21, 1992, at Hotel Dieu Hospital of a rare disease - no know cure.

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## Thank You Notes

Glenn - We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness, cards, flowers and visits to our father, Gordon Glenn, while he was a patient in Hotel Dieu Hospital, and then, following his recent bereavement.

We wish to thank the many friends and relatives who comforted us during a difficult time.

A special thank you goes to Carol Langwald for always being there when needed. Also, to Valerie Howard and Barbara Filson for helping at the family home after the funeral. Many thanks goes to all who contributed to the food during his illness and then untimely death.

Also, a special thanks to our aunts and uncle Marshall and Marian Glenn and Thelma Howard for “anything and everything” - God bless you!

Also, a special thanks to the Rev. Jim Williams for his brief service on such short notice. We also wish to thank all those who donated to the Memorial Fund for St. Paul's, in father's name, and to the other donations given on his behalf.

To everyone, your kindness and sympathy will be remembered always.

Juanita, Francis, Murray Glenn and Families  
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I would like to thank my friends for their cards, phone calls and cooking after my in & out surgery. A thank you also to the ladies of the P.C.W. and A.C.W. for their visits and goodies that they brought me.

Anna Hitchins  
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To all crew members on the Amherst Islander...

We would like to thank you for your wonderful gift. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Thank you  
Brent & Roxanne  
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## And Finally

We start off with The Not So Stupid Idea Of The Month.

How about siting Toronto's next landfill site in the downtown core where certainly there are no wells supplying drinking water and there is a storm sewer system which could catch runoff and have it treated. If High Park or Nathan Phillips Square won't do, then what about one of their presently abandoned industrial parks (abandoned because the manufacturing industry has all moved south)?

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In the Miscellaneous File we read in Pollution Probe's newsletter that Black & Decker Canada Inc has started a recovery program for its cordless products. They will either replace the battery (recycling the old one) or take the whole product off your hands for recycling.

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We are sure that your life has been enriched by knowing this as ours has been.

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This column seems to be developing a definite slant towards environmental issues so we continue in kind.

[from The Environment Plastics Institute of Canada Newsletter]

This newsletter reported on the exploits of Dr William Rathje from the University of Arizona. He, along with his team, have been excavating landfill sites around North America including four around Toronto. Not only were they trying to find out the exact composition of a landfill site but also how this composition has changed over time. Some surprising results were found:

- construction and demolition debris accounted for 28% of the total landfill waste volume,
- the rest is considered general refuse and is composed (by volume) as follows:

- 50% paper and paperboard,
- 14% for all plastics,
- 12% for metals,
- 4% glass,
- 6% organics, and
- 14% miscellaneous items.

It was also noted that despite what we read about plastic packaging clogging the landfills, it only occupies 8 to 9% by volume.

Over time the composition of general refuse has changed with packaging taking an increasingly small proportion. He lists the following figures for a cubic meter of general refuse from the 1950's, 70's, 80's:

- 1950's... 181 kg of packaging,
- 1970's... 84 kg of packaging,
- 1980's... 77 kg of packaging, and
- 1990's... no figures but he says it continues to decline.

Dr Rathje thinks that the Blue Box program is having a significant effect on the volume of material sent to landfill sites.

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### Fun With Numbers

[Staff: The following numbers were gathered from the Centre & Hastings Blue Box 2000 program.]

To make a ton of trash, you would need:

- 5,405 T-Shirts
- 14,286 2L Milk Cartons
- 14,286 Pairs of Socks
- 27,027 Soft Drink Cans (steel)
- 43,902 Paper Bags
- 55,556 Soft Drink Cans (alum)
- 193,424 Pages of Office Paper

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#### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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#### Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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#### Pumps Of All Kinds -

Softeners / Conditioners / Filters / Chlorinators / Sterilizers / Sprinkler Systems

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Take out Counter Now Open

Ice Cream Cones \$1, \$1.50, \$2

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Your choice cold cuts and cheese... \$2

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Subs

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#### Notices And Announcements

Anglican Church Turkey Supper  
October 24th in Amherst Island Public School  
Buffet Style with sittings at 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
Adults... \$10  
Children 12 and under... \$5  
Preschool children... free  
Tickets at the door.  
Fish Pond and Bake Table  
Everyone Welcome.  
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Legion 539 Benefit Concert  
Legion 539 announces a benefit concert by the Pro Arts  
Singers and the Vimy Band. All proceeds for the Legion  
Villa.  
Wednesday, November 4, 8:00 p.m. at the Grand  
Theatre  
Legion Members/Seniors \$8.00 Others \$11.00  
(Identification required) (Prices include G.S.T.)  
The program will include a variety of exciting and  
nostalgic music suitable to the theme of Remembrance.  
Please support this concert in every way you can. The  
Band and Choir are donating their efforts. Call any  
member from 539 Legion Re Ticket Sales.  
Let's Fill the Grand.  
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Alcoholic's Anonymous  
If you want to drink, that's your business.  
If you want to stop, there's an A.A. member available  
for information at 389-3548.  
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Self Defense Class for Women  
Bring your mother, sister, daughter or friends!  
If enough interest is shown, Sue Fraser would be

interested in coming to Amherst Island Community  
Centre for a 4 hour session on how to defend yourself.

The cost would be \$20 per person. No definite date  
has been set but a Saturday afternoon is most likely. If  
interested, please contact Dianne Marshall at 389-0554.  
If I'm not home please leave a message.  
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#### L & A Interval House

The phone number for the L. & A. Interval House  
(Napanee.) is 354-1010 (24 hours a day).  
They urgently need basic supplies for women setting up  
new households: mugs, kitchen utensils, books, sheets,  
towels and furniture. Call Elsie Densem, Island Co-  
ordinator, at 389-2874 if you have donations but please  
no clothing. Thank you to those who have made  
donations.

Lennox & Addington Interval House is now  
recruiting volunteers for working with women and/or  
children, for fix-it jobs in the house, for driving,  
moving, office work and more. All potential volunteers  
will be screened and interviewed. Please call Sandra  
Jass, Volunteer Co-ordinator for more information at  
354-0808.

A thank you to Keith Miller who has been  
transporting furniture donations from the Island to  
Interval House in Napanee.  
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### Beacon Notes

November 1984, the fateful month when our lives began to revolve around producing The Beacon. That first issue (#82) was heck to do! Just heck!! We had just bought our first computer and with no experience at all, we had to learn how to set up the computer, the printer, and how to use the word processing program, plus, how to operate the Gestetner with no manual and no one to ask (Jack and Madelyn Kerr who had been publishing The Beacon were in Belleville that winter). In all it took 4 very, very, very long days from the arrival of the computer to the published Beacon being in the store. After 8 years and 96 issues it still isn't easy but nothing compared to that first issue.

Of course, The Beacon would not exist without the continuing support of our readers, our many, many contributors and Leslie who has taken care of the subscribers and the money (thank goodness). We don't have enough space to list all our contributors so we will have to settle for a universal and heartfelt thank you.

Readership has increased steadily over the years with 315 copies now being sold monthly - about 140 by subscription to 6 countries and about 175 at Glenn's Store. By the way, The Beacon makes a wonderful Christmas present which 'just keeps on giving' for a whole year.

Chris, Dianne, Don, Ian, Sally

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complicated than was at first expected, as the bubble system and compressor shed have to be moved. There has been some talk of stationing an ice-breaking tug on the Millhaven side. I think that we should all hope for a mild winter, and check out our snow-mobiles.

The Reeve has been working hard

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to try to arrange that we have the Frontenac II all the time. He has been talking to our M.P.P. and other politicians, and working with the I.B.I. study on the future of the ferries in this area, but nobody is prepared to say anything definite.

Council has been concerned with the I.B.I. interim report that suggested that lengthening the Amherst Islander may be the best solution to our ferry problems. Council felt that a lengthened ferry will be hard to manoeuvre, particularly in high winds, that it will be under-powered, that it will not be able to accommodate larger vehicles, nor be strong enough to support large trucks, (the present ferry is said to be too weak to support large cement trucks), and finally that there is no point in putting a lot of money into what is already an old boat. The Marine Engineers who prepared the original report on the Ferry have replied that in their view none of these objections have much validity. A copy of their reply may be seen at the Township Office by anyone who is interested.

Council confirmed the decisions made at the Public works meeting last month. The Annie Clyde house will be removed by the Fire Department. Council passed a By-law to set a reduced load period on the Township roads from March 1st to April 30th each year. This is to stop large trucks damaging the roads when they are soft in the spring. The limit does not apply to fuel trucks, the milk truck, farm feed trucks or fire trucks, so mainly seems to cover concrete and gravel trucks. The Ferry captains will be asked to help enforce this limit. Council decided that Stop signs should be erected at the ends of the 2nd and 3rd Concessions where they meet the Stella Forty Foot.

Council has applied to the Ministry of the Environment for Waste Management Improvement grants to estimate the life expectancy of the existing dump, and to carry on with the Hydrogeological study as recommended by Malroz Engineering.

Our helipad will receive priority for funding from the Provincial Ministry of Health during the next fiscal year. Council has signed the necessary agreements to go ahead with it.

After ten years of faithful service Betty Wemp has left the Recreation Committee. The Recreation committee reports that work is continuing on sorting out

the Boat Ramps, and that repairs have been made to the Hockey Rink.

The Building inspector issued the following permits last month;

- Maureen McGinn, Building
- Avery Brown, Demolition & Building
- Garth & Penny Coleman, Renovation (Thelma Howard's old House)
- Judith MacKenzie, Building
- Eric Bailey, Building.

The Americks' Scholarship Fund in Memory of Reeve Frank Fleming has made its awards this year. Michael Horth, John Welbanks, Trudy Strain, Michael Strain, Steven Ward, Steven Willard and Julie Forester will share in the money.

The meetings to write the new Zoning By-law and finish off the Official Plan are continuing. Please contact the Township Office if you want to be kept posted on the dates of these meetings. Council then adjourned shortly after 10 p.m.

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Special Council Meeting

November 5, 1992

- Don Tubb

All members of Council were present except Alan Caughey for this Special Meeting of Council held to continue the discussions on the proposed Zoning By-law. Robert MacKenzie, our consultant, was also present to lead the discussion and no members of the general public were present except of course this reporter.

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Council has now gone through the entire proposed by-law once making tentative changes to a considerable number of areas. This specific meeting was held to discuss the two remaining sections: the General and Administration; and, the Definitions. The Definitions are the specific meanings of words used in the proposed Zoning By-law (17 pages worth) covering everything from the difference between a 'cellar' and a 'basement' to the use of words like 'alter' and 'erect'. Though you might think this rather dry but several lively discussions ensued during the course of the evening.

As with all of the discussions to date on the proposed Zoning By-law, no changes, additions or deletions were finalized but instead just tentatively agreed to until later in the process. At the next meeting, Council will be presented with the a draft of the proposed By-law including these tentative changes.

Attempts are being made to define these specific words in such a way as to be precise but not to make

them so rigid or all-encompassing that they take in incidental uses. The intent is to allow incidental uses and therefore eliminate nuisance complaints to the Township from feuding neighbours. For example, 'agriculture' and 'farm' are very broadly defined at the moment and could conceivably include flower beds, small gardens, the keeping of a Pot-bellied Pig as a pet, etc, etc. It is not the intent of the proposed By-law to limit or interfere with people expanding a flower bed on their land or whatever. Discussions concerning these and other points will continued at the next meeting Wednesday, November 25 at 7 p.m.

Another item on the agenda was to change the designation on Part Lot 68, South Shore Concession from Agriculture to Shoreline. The present designation as Agriculture was a mistake made while drawing the Land Use Designation map.

Council has received a copy of a letter from OMAF with their comments on the Draft Official Plan. They had two relatively minor points and one significant one. The latter was to recommend that we change the area required for a severance in the Agricultural Designated Area from 20 ha to 30 ha. This reflects their policy that a land base under 30 ha is not a viable farm. It would have the effect of prohibiting severance

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{The report on the Special Council Meeting will continue after the following item.}

#### A Diversion

(courtesy of Peter Morgan)

Read this sentence:

Finished Files Are The Result Of Years Of Scientific Study Combined With The Experience Of Years.

Now count aloud the F's in that sentence. Count them Only Once. Do not go back and count them again. If you think you are right, check the answer below.

Answer

There is really no "catch" - the sentence actually contains six (6) "F's". If you found six you rate a "genius"; spotting 5 shows you're "on the ball"; finding 4 indicates "average alertness". If you counted only three (or less) better catch-up on your sleep - or "something."

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on our standard 40 ha lots because both the retained and

severed portion would have to be a minimum of 30 ha. Council, after some discussion, decided to leave a final decision for later when all comments are received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. It was Council's unofficial opinion that the present figure of 20 ha was reasonable for Amherst Island.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

We are truly sorry about the very sad and untimely death of Captain Lloyd Strain. Our deepest sympathy to Phyllis, Michael, Trudy and families.

Condolences also to the family of Gordon Glenn, who passed away last month. Gordon was a brother of Marshall Glenn and Thelma Howard; father to Juanita, Francis and Murray.

Since I did not get this column ready on time for last month's Beacon (and since Don was in a self-proclaimed "really bad mood") I will try to recall all the news events dating back to September.

Best wishes to all those who have been in hospital this month, and last month: Heather Welbanks, Glenn Filson, Beatrice Wemp, Shannon Baker, Gary Hitchins, Harold Marshall and Lily Browne.

Congratulations to Brent and Roxanne Wolfreys, who were married at home Thanksgiving weekend, and to Harley Smythe and Carolyn McIntire, also married on the Island the same day.

Congratulations again to Peter and Eleanor Trueman, whose offspring have produced their ninth grandchild. Eva Mastoras, born October 4, is the seventh granddaughter. The oldest of the grandchildren is five. Is this a local record, or does someone else out there have this many grandchildren that close together?

Ernest and Paulette Apps, meanwhile, are starting on the next generation. Their first great-grandchild, a boy, was born two weeks ago. Congratulations.

Welcome to our new part-time residents, the Schram family (Rick and Theresa Marton's). Welcome John, Alena, Elizabeth, Katheryn and Peter.

Although I have yet to see her, I hear through the grapevine that Tracey Filson is home for a week. This is partially a Christmas visit, and partially a birthday surprise for Kim Ashley. In case I didn't mention it before, Tracey and Graeme will be returning to the Island next summer for their wedding.

And last, but certainly not least, the Miller hunt camp results: 3. Of course this is only after the first week. Some of the camp members are still out there. Locally, the only one I know about at present is Darrell Miller's, a really big buck. While these results mean little to some people, you would be surprised at the number of Beacon readers who do expect me to know

these things.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E.S. McIntyre

The Women's Institute met on October 22nd at the home of Mrs. Leslie Gavlas. The meeting opened with the Ode and Collect and the National Anthem.

After the business section of the meeting the remainder of the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Jane Miller, a very able craftswoman, who spoke of some of her Christmas projects and other Christmas ideas, and also of crafts using old blue jean's denim. A very enjoyable programme with Jane making it all sound so

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easy.

This week there is a workshop to be held in Napanee for W.I. members of the Lennox & Addington District to learn how to make a 'Quillo' (a combination quilt and pillow). At our next meeting our delegate will demonstrate to us the making of the 'Quillo'.

The next meeting will be our Open Meeting held at the School, November 18th at 8 p.m.

#### The Programme

1. The making of the 'Quillo'.
2. A skit for Seniors on the use and disposal of drugs by the nurses of the Health Unit.

Anyone having any unused or out of date drugs they wish to dispose of please bring them to the meeting.

The December meeting is the Christmas dinner and exchange of gifts to be held at the house of Mrs. Anna Hitchins on December 16th at 6:30 p.m.

P.S. Don't forget the Seniors Dinner on Friday December 4th at 6:00 p.m.

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#### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Seeing as much of the Island population has been away experiencing a little male bonding (also know as the Annual Deer Hunt), I thought it would be nice to include a venison recipe. This particular recipe comes from the Harrowsmith Cookbook Volume 2.

#### Venison Patties

- 1 lb ground venison
- 1/2 lb bacon, chopped
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 1/8 tsp thyme
- 1/8 tsp marjoram
- 1/2 tsp grated lemon peel

1 egg, beaten

1 cup cracker crumbs

Combine all ingredients and mix well by hand. Form into roll 2 to 3 inches in diameter. Chill or freeze, then cut into slices and fry. Serves 4.

Around here, we are great fans of rice pudding. After trying several variations, the best recipe comes from the back of a package of Sun Maid Raisins. This recipe uses cooked rice and is a great way to deal with leftovers.

P.S. With this recipe I usually turn the oven off after 1 hour and leave the pudding in for 15 minutes to make sure the custard topping is fairly well done.

#### Creamy Raisin Rice Pudding

- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 3 cups milk
- 1 tbsp butter or margarine
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg

Place raisins and cooked rice in lightly buttered, deep 6-cup baking dish. Heat milk and butter to scalding. Lightly beat together eggs, sugar, vanilla, gradually stir in heated milk. Pour over raisins and rice. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Set in shallow pan. Surround with 1 to 1 1/2 inches of hot water. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F) one hour. Makes 6 servings.

And finally, we have for you a sure-fire diet which should come in handy during the fast approaching holidays.

#### The "Non-stressful" Diet

##### Breakfast

- 1/2 grapefruit
- 1 slice whole wheat toast
- 8 oz. skim milk

##### Lunch

- 4 oz. broiled chicken breast
- 1 cup steamed spinach
- 1 cup herbal tea
- 1 "Oreo" cookie

##### Mid-Afternoon Snack

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The rest of the package of "Oreo's"

Two (2) litres of ice cream covered with hot fudge sauce, nuts, cherries and whipped cream

##### Supper

- 2 loaves of garlic bread w/ cheese
- 1 extra large pizza (with four toppings)

1 large bottle of favourite beverage (wine)

#### Late Night Snack

Entire frozen cheesecake eaten directly from the freezer.

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#### ISLE News

- Lesley McDonald

ISLE has purchased three computers and a printer for the school. Thanks to Jim Whitton and Lynann Clapham for setting them up.

ISLE is sponsoring three swimming trips this year - the first to be in December. We will also be sponsoring additional field trips during the school year.

The hot lunch program is enjoyed immensely by the children and will run again in January.

We are planning a musical evening in the new year - details to follow closer to the date.

The ISLE committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the community for your continued support.

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#### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

in conjunction with

The Travel Broker

Holiday Draw

Win a \$2,000 Vacation to a Destination of Your Choice (or equivalent in cash, or combination cash and trip)

Draw: New Year's Eve December 31, 1991

Amherst Island Community Centre

Tickets: \$10 Each (Only 550 available)

Tickets Available This Week At The Following Locations

Glenn's Store

Rick Bedford and Son General Contracting

McCormick Excavating

Millhaven Grocery

Capri Pizza

Kingston Pool and Tanning

Tickets Available from the Following Rec Committee Members

Annette Phillips

Bonnie Caughey

Noel McCormick

Sue McGinn

Rick Bedford

Heather Young

Sheri Cox

Jack Forester

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#### 4-H Club

- Nathan and Scott

The fall 4-H programme has begun with 14 members. The club this time is called "Chicken Eggsperts." Some of the things we have done so far this fall are:

- visit a chicken farm

- made deviled eggs and lemon tarts

- shake and bake chicken

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crepes

- country pie.

At our first meeting we elected officers of the club.

They were:

Sarah Scott as president,

Jill Caughey as vice president,

Stephanie Fleming as secretary,

Heidi Hitchins as assistant secretary,

Jessica Garret as treasurer,

Lori Caughey and Ruth Scott as recreation committee,

Nathan Maleska and Scott Marshall as reporters, Tyler

Hutchings and Mark McCormick as food committee,

Wendy Fleming as phone convener,

Bonnie Marshall and Amy Caughey as achievement committee,

Amy Caughey as junior leader, and of course

Susie Caughey as leader.

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#### Thank You Notes

I would like to thank all my neighbours, friends and relatives for their thoughtful gifts of flowers, food and get well wishes during and after my hospital stay.

A special thanks to my sister Susan and Betty Wemp for their housekeeping skills.

The island is a very special place to live, everyone shows care and concern for their neighbours' welfare. I hope it shall always be that way.

A heartfelt thank you.

Heather Welbanks

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We would like to thank my family, friends, neighbours and boat crews for all their best wishes and beautiful gifts we received at our wedding on October 10th.

A sincere thanks to Susie Caughey and girls for adding their special touch.

Thanks to you all.

Roxanne & Brent Wolfreys

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I would like to thank all my family, friends &

neighbours for all the visits while in hospital and since coming home. Thanks too, for all the cards and goodies I've received. I especially want to thank Elsie for all her goodies and help.

Sincerely

Beatrice Wemp

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## Obituary

### William Lloyd Strain

Amherst Island was sad to hear of the sudden passing of Captain Lloyd Strain on November 6, 1992. Lloyd was born on the 16th of February 1941. His parents, Estel and Lulu Strain, predeceased him.

Lloyd was known by many Islanders as a good father, fine sailor and neighbour. Since beginning as Captain on the Amherst Islander in 1967 many crew members have had the experience of working with him. Lloyd was famous for his sardonic humour which was never known to fail him. Captain Strain will be greatly missed on the Amherst Islander.

Lloyd enjoyed being at home and spent much of his time at either carpentry or watching sports; he was very happy to see the Toronto Blue Jays win the World Series this year. Often when cards were being played Lloyd would be playing and he was good at it.

Lloyd has left behind Phyllis Strain whom he married in 1970. His two children Trudy and Michael will dearly miss their father. Lloyd was the eldest of his brothers and sisters: Donna, Leslie, Barry and Cathy who with his brother- and sister-in-laws, Earle Willard, David and Cathy Abions, and Lillie Strain will sadly miss Lloyd. He is also greatly missed by nieces and nephews Chris, Laurie, Steven Willard and Mark and Nelissa Abrams.

Captain Lloyd Strain was interred in Glenwood Cemetery close to his parents on November 10, 1992.

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## And Finally

[the numbers are quoted from the OMAF Newsletter of Nov/92]

Over the last 10 years the number of people on farms in L&A county has fallen by 33% and now represents only about 5% of the total county population. This despite a substantial rise in the total population.

Amazingly enough, the newsletter reports that there are 38 farms on the Island and that 22 of them have over \$10,000 in sales! (Now there's an interesting evening's work in figuring them all out.) The number of farms has risen from 30 in 1986 with 17 over \$10,000 in sales. The total gross sales of these farms has risen

from \$918,000 ('86) to \$1,692,000 ('92). This would result in average farm sales of \$44,500 in 1991 compared to \$30,600 in 1986.

Before you start to think that farmers are doing well on the Island, these figures represent only the gross sales and says nothing about the costs which, on the whole, have been rising faster than income.

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## Awards

The Useless Trivia Award goes, without a doubt, to the CBS broadcast crew of the World Series for the following: Did you know the Ceto Gaskin is the 14th manager of a World Series team to be known by his nickname?

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## And We Quote

If I ever need a brain transplant, I'd choose a sportswriter because I'd want a brain that had never been used.

Norm Van Brocklin (1926-1983)

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## Maynard Laltin Reviews

[Staff: we received the following letter and passed it on to Maynard.]

Dear Editor;

We are writing in response to Maynard Laltin's review of the movie "Wayne's World." (Issue 176-Sept 1992.) We found this movie to be most entertaining and simply hilarious. We do agree, however, that the music was most excellent. We believe this movie was unfairly rated and deserves at least a 10 out of 10. Party on, Maynard. (Not!!)

Respectfully submitted,

2 loyal Wayne's World fans.

PS. Who is this Maynard Laltin anyway?? We think he is a waste of celluloid, (and space.).

Dear 'loyal Wayne's World fans':

Alternative opinions are permitted... Each to their own... Kay serrah, serrah.. however, dear 'fans', it is important for you to understand that I must review movies for my adoring public as a whole. I must not let my personal prejudices get in the way of my impartial assessment of the film not only from the it's own merits (if any) but also how it fits into the history of film as a whole.

Ideally, I watch a film 4 times:

- the first I stop after each scene to rate each of the 84 Oscar categories on a scale of 10 weighted and balanced against other similar films.
- the second time I watch without the sound to assess

camera angles, acting ability, etc  
- the third time I 'watch' with the sound only to assess the merging of the musical score with the dialogue and action sounds, and  
- finally I watch it to assess the 'enjoyment factor' which the masses might derive from it.

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For Sale / Wanted

For Rent  
A pair of gold High (four inches worth) high-heeled bedroom slippers - black fluffy. About size 8 1/2.  
Disclaimer: Results not guaranteed.  
Contact owner via private box at Beacon office.  
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For Sale  
20" Hitachi colour TV  
Good working condition.  
Call 389-4874  
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For Sale Skates  
We have the following boys skates, in good condition, for sale:  
Bauer- child 12  
Micron- child 13  
Bauer- 3  
2 pr Lange- 2  
Call Sally at 389-3802  
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For Sale X Country Ski Boots  
About a child's size 13  
Call Sally at 389-3802  
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For Sale from Topsy Farms  
Lamb (whole/halves)... \$2.90/lb  
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Lamburger /muttonburger/ patties/ sausage... \$2-\$3/lb  
Chickens... \$2.25-\$2.50/lb  
Call Dianne at 389-0554 or Sally at 389-3444  
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Wanted  
The Millers are again looking for Whig TV Times which they use in the barn.  
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For Sale Picnic Tables- Super Design.  
Custom made all steel weather vanes.  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588  
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Contact Albertan Homes for a no obligation quote on new construction or renovations. No job is too small. We will build to suit. We have a designer who will design plans for you. Further information, please call our office at 549-0561 or contact one of our Amherst Island resident staff members:  
Ken Albertan - 389-2662  
Susan Sedore - 384-7866  
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All facets of home decorating, renovations, additions and new construction. Custom design service also available. For quality workmanship contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456  
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Hair At Home  
Quality work without the travel! I will come to you. Specializing in permanent waves and cuts.  
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House Cleaning  
Professionally trained house cleaner looking for Island work. Island references.  
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Cisterns Filled  
Competitive Rates.  
Call Llew MacArthur 384-4071  
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B & B Small Engine Repair  
Small engine service and repairs.  
Lawn mowers, lawn tractors, weed eaters, chain saws, roto-tillera, etc. If you have a problem, Call 389-1413 and leave a message.

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General Contracting  
Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,  
Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.  
Contact Rick Bedford 389-8434

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Shorewell Maintenance  
Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps  
checked. \$30  
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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Portable Welding  
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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Babysitting  
Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights  
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Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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St Paul's P.C.W. Xmas Tea and Sale  
Saturday November 28  
From 1- 4 p.m.  
At the Community Centre  
Bake Table  
Tea & Goodies  
Santa's Post Office  
Treasures & Crafts  
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Island Ecumenical Carol Service  
St. Bartholmew's  
St. Bartholmew's will be hosting the Island  
Christian Ecumenical Service this year. The date will be  
Sunday, December 13th at 7:30 p.m.  
For all who wish to participate the first practice will  
be at the church on November 15th at 7:00 p.m.  
If you have any questions call Laureen at 389-4078.  
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Township Of Amherst Island  
Special Council Meetings  
Wednesday, November 25 at 7 p.m. Council will  
continue discussions on the proposed Zoning By-law.  
Friday, November 27 at 12 noon A representative  
from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs will be  
presenting to Council the comments that the MMA have  
about our Draft Official Plan.  
Tuesday, December 1 at 8 p.m. Regular Council  
Meeting which will also include the start of the 1993  
budget.  
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The Horsemen's Club  
New Year's Dance  
Music provided by Bakersfield Tickets are \$40/couple  
Available From:  
Allan Caughey  
Jack Forrester  
Harry Filson  
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Alcoholic's Anonymous  
If you want to drink, that's your business.  
If you want to stop, there's an A.A. member available  
for information at 389-3548.  
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L & A Interval House  
The phone number for the L. & A. Interval House  
(Napanee.) is 354-1010 (24 hours a day).  
They urgently need basic supplies for women setting  
up new households: mugs, kitchen utensils, books,  
sheets, towels and furniture. Call Elsie Densem, Island  
Co-ordinator, at 389-2874 if you have donations but  
please no clothing. Thank you to those who have made  
donations.  
Lennox & Addington Interval House is now  
recruiting volunteers for working with women and/or  
children, for fix-it jobs in the house, for driving,  
moving, office work and more. All potential volunteers  
will be screened and interviewed. Please call Sandra  
Jass, Volunteer Co-ordinator for more information at  
354-0808.  
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(from page 9)  
If there isn't time to do that, I watch the first and  
last 5 minutes making a guess at what happens in  
between. This sometimes can be quite difficult if the  
film has long credits as plot development becomes more  
difficult to assess.

So there you have it.. a taste of reviewing, and as  
you can plainly see, this isn't a job for amateurs. It is  
real work. I sacrifice my time for you. However you  
know your own tastes (or lack thereof) better than I so  
you can take my reviews and use them as a guide for  
your own choices.  
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A Reminder To Hunters  
It is the law in Ontario that you get the permission of  
the landowner before hunting on property other than  
your own!  
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Beacon Notes

After unusual summer and fall weather, what should we expect other than unusual winter weather! Yes, unusual is right! Snow up to our noses in mid-December! This should be omen enough that we're going to have a snowy winter. (Just a note of explanation for those far away - on Dec 10-11 we had a winter storm which dumped a couple feet of snow with strong winds to blow it around. The road crew was able to keep the roads clear.)

The Beacon is stuffed this month so without further ado we begin.

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Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

Chris Dianne Don Ian Sally Bonnie Jacob Kyle Scott

Leah Marc

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Council Report

December 1, 1992

- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present. The minutes of the previous month's meetings were read. In addition to the regular meeting there was a Planning and Zoning meeting on Nov. 5th, a meeting on Nov. 13th to consider hiring policies and other matters relating to the ferry, a Ferry committee meeting on the same date, and another on Nov. 23rd where a new ferry captain was picked. At a later meeting on the same day this appointment was confirmed by Council, and the positions of Mate and Deckhand were posted. At the beginning of December Darrell

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Miller was appointed as the new Mate.

Dave Hieatt, Real Estate Agent, asked Council for two severances at Long Point on the land belonging to the Herrington estate. These were approved in principle.

Duncan Marshall spoke to Council about his barns on the North Shore Concession. He had received a letter from the Building Inspector requesting that the barns be made safe. Duncan explained that, as he understood it, the Building Act did not require him to repair the barns, as they were safe for the purpose for which they were used, (hay storage), and they were no danger to the public unless the public trespassed on his property. Council agreed with Mr. Marshall that the buildings could remain as they were.

The old ice house at Long Point has been removed by the Fire department, the Garofalo and Ellis barns have been demolished, and the old house belonging to M. Knight on the Upper Second Concession will, be removed by the Fire Department.

Council recommended several proposals for improving the ramps on the ferry, so that they are safer for foot passengers and vehicles.

Council has received notice that the toilets on the Stella dock are actually on Emily Tugwell's property. The Township Lawyer will be asked to draw up an encroachment agreement to regularize the situation.

Work is continuing on the new Township Road Shed (sorry, building). A plan has been drawn up for the buildings, and a tender has been sent out for gravel. It was decided that the Fire Department will be allowed to use the Annie Clyde house as a smoke training facility.

In the big windstorm last month several big branches and one large tree came down in Glenwood Cemetery. Most of these trees were planted in 1880, according to the Reeve. Stuart Miller, the Public Works Superintendent, will be asked to recommend the best method of cleaning up the mess.

The Ducks Unlimited Project in the Big Marsh was discussed at a meeting by representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of the Environment and the organizations calling for a full environmental assessment.

Council then adjourned shortly after 10 pm.

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Special Council Meeting

December 4, 1992

- Don Tubb

There was a Special Meeting of Council on December 4th to discuss the changes proposed to the Official Plan by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs

(M.M.A.). All members of Council were present except for Allan Caughey. Our consultant, Robert MacKenzie, was there, as was a representative from M.M.A., Mr Cunningham. This reporter was also present but no members of the public were in attendance.

I do not have room to give you any details and can only say that the Official Plan should be approved by the M.M.A. soon. No changes of substance were made so we offer compliments to Council, Robert MacKenzie and everyone else who had a hand in this document.

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Amherst Island Recreation Committee  
In conjunction with The Travel Broker  
Holiday Draw

Win a \$2,000 Vacation to a Destination of Your Choice  
(or equivalent in cash, or combination cash and trip)

Draw: New Year's Eve December 31, 1992

Amherst Island Community Centre

Tickets: \$10 Each (Limited Tickets Left So Get Yours  
Soon)

Tickets Available from

Glenn's Store

McCormick Excavating

Rick Bedford and Son General Contracting

Millhaven Grocery

Capri Pizza

Kingston Pool and Tanning

Annette Phillips

Bonnie Caughey

Noel McCormick

Sue McGinn

Rick Bedford

Heather Young

Sheri Cox

Jack Forester

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Special Council Meeting

December 8, 1992

- Don Tubb

All members of Council, with the exception of the Reeve, were present for this meeting to continue discussing the draft Zoning By-law. Mr MacKenzie was also in attendance along with this reporter. No members of the public were present.

With Reeve Willard not in attendance, the rest of Council elected another chairperson - Councillor Ralph Woods.

Robert MacKenzie, as promised, produced a complete draft of the Zoning By-law. Having had a few days to look the draft over with the changes made in the

previous meeting, the Councillors and others interested had the opportunity to see how it all fits together. It did not fit perfectly in the opinion of several Councillors (and the lone letter writer on the subject - me).

As is the usual case with these meetings, Robert guided Council through the document starting at page 1, line 1, and for the next 3 hours those present discussed a large number of points ranging from insignificant to 'deal-breaking'. There is no way to accurately report on all of these changes, corrections and clarifications, so I will limit myself to one point as an example.

Despite Council's best intentions, it was noted that farming was going to be significantly handicapped if the farm was anywhere near a development zone. The main area that was

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affected was the perimeter of the Island which is nearly all within the Shoreline Zone. It took about an hour to iron out this single point. In the end, changes will be made to allow enough flexibility for existing farms to change with volatile market conditions. The new setbacks come into effect for new facilities where none exist now. Just how this will be worded won't be known until the next meeting as it was left to Robert to formalize.

It is amazing that, despite Council's (and other's) best efforts, most of the existing farms on the Island were going to be restricted to the point that their long term survival was much in doubt. Take this as fair warning - get a copy of the draft and read it very carefully so you can protect your own interests. Council is doing it's best to make the document a fair and flexible interpretation of the Official Plan but only you know your particular situation and intentions. It is impossible for amateurs like our Councillors, even with the help of a professional consultant, to see all of the ramifications of what is being proposed.

The Zoning By-law is the document which specifies rules and regulations for the Official Plan. The Zoning By-law specifically says what activities you can do on your land, what sorts of buildings can be built, where they can be built, what activities can go on within them, anywhere within the Township. Now that the Township is nearly assured that the Official Plan will be approved by Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Zoning By-law can proceed fairly quickly to completion.

The changes made at this meeting will not be available until a few days before the next meeting which has not been scheduled yet - sooner rather than later was going to be the attempt.

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## The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Welcome to our new residents, Bob and Ann Turner and Edith McClellan, next to Gary and Leslie McDonald on the Front Road.

Condolences to Alan Kidd and Judy Roberts on the death of his mother in Kentucky last month.

Many congratulations to Keith and Shirley Miller on 25 years of marriage this month. I understand their party, an open house at the Community Centre, was actually kept a secret until the very last minute. Congratulations are due to Adam, Sandy and Carol for accomplishing this.

Best wishes to Warren Kilpatrick, recovering from surgery in hospital in Toronto; Talia Fleming who has been ill, and Christopher Varga who will be getting his tonsils out this month.

Thank you to everyone who takes the time to read the Beacon each month, especially those who read my column.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year.

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## Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean McIntyre

The Women's Institute's November meeting was an 'Open Meeting' held in the school. We were pleased to

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have some ladies of the community joining with us at our meeting and hope they might even consider joining our W.I. We had an informative evening considering 'Drugs and Seniors' and also a demonstration by Mrs. Leslie Gavlas of making a "Quillow", a combination Quilt & Pillow. A very easy project and a useful item for the car, den and boat.

On Friday, December 4th, we held another successful Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner. Many thanks to the organisers and all those who helped in the kitchen. A special thank-you to members of the 4H Club, Guides & Brownies who helped serve the dinner and who also stayed to help in the 'clean-up' afterwards. Thank you also to the leaders of the groups who encourage the younger members of the Island to participate in Community works. To the Legion and the Orange Lodge who always give generous donations toward the dinner and those individuals who also donate our sincere thanks.

December Meeting - Wednesday, December 16th 6:30 p.m. at Mrs Anna Hitchin's (Xmas Party)

January Meeting - Wednesday, January 20th 8 p.m. at Mrs Irene Glenn's (Topic: Citizenship - Speaker:

Reeve Stephen Willard)

A Happy Christmas To You All From The Women's Institute

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## Amherst Island Education Committee

- Jim Whitton

The elected committee for this coming year is made up of:

Chairman: Gary McDonald

Secretary: Jim Whitton

Members at Large:

Ken Albertan

Bill Phillips

Alex Scott

The new committee members wish to thank retiring members Marjory Baker (ex-Chair) and Susan Sedore (ex-Secretary) for their very worthwhile contributions in the past.

The volunteer system at school is functioning very well. In the school year 1991/1992 volunteers contributed 897 hours of class time plus 49 in the lunch room. Leslie McDonald was re-elected co-ordinator of volunteers with Ann Albertan as assistant.

Mrs Farrar, our senior room teacher, has prepared a very comprehensive report on "The Community School: Partnerships with Volunteers". A copy may be taken on loan from the library.

The following is an excerpt from an address given to L&A Board of Trustees by Mr. Boston, Director of Education on Oct. 30/92. This looks most encouraging.

## 2.1.2 Alternative With Respect To Budget Costs That Are Being Costed

You may or may not have seen the rather large list that was generated last year where possible cuts could be made that might result in some cost savings. One was the possibility of twinning/elimination of small schools. Before I started costing and looking at the advantages and disadvantages, I wanted to be sure that the Board was serious about making changes at this time as once we start costing the possibility of twinning or closing schools, we immediately have communities upset, delegations, etc. Unless the Board is very serious about doing something at this time I recommend that the costing of this particular issue be set aside. The Chair Committee and later that Board agreed at this time the costing of the above identified area should not be done.

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Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Many thanks to Elaine Wolfreys for the following recipy. Also good eating through the holiday season and I'll be seeing you in the new year.

#### Fast And Fabulous Fruitcake

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 eggs (slightly beaten)
- 3 cups (one 28 oz can) mincemeat
- 1 can Eagle Brand Condensed Milk
- 1 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped
- 2 cups mixed candied fruit

Preheat oven to 300°F. Makes 1- 9" cake (a Bundt pan is good also). \* Put a pan of water in bottom of the oven!

Grease and flour 10" Bundt pan. Sift flour and baking soda. In large bowl combine eggs, mincemeat, condensed milk, fruit and nuts. Add dry ingredients. Blend well. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 1 hour and 50 minutes. Cool 15 minutes. Turn out of pan. If desired, decorate! I used butter icing on top, alternate whole pecans or walnuts with cherries. (Red cherries whole, green cherries cut in quarters for leaves.) Yummy!!

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#### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

The members of the Amherst Island Recreation and Community Centres Committee would like to extend our appreciation to the community for your support throughout the year.

Please note that a limited number of our Holiday Draw tickets are still available. The draw will be held at the Driving Club Dance, New Year's Eve. Someone will be the lucky winner of a \$2,000 prize voucher, payable in travel, cash or a combination of the two. Why Not Make It You?

We would like to extend our thanks to the following people and businesses for helping us sell tickets:

Ian Leadbeater, Bath Hardware  
Linda Wilson, Millhaven Grocery  
Mike Conlin, National Grocers  
Wes Pringle  
Scott White  
Todd Filson  
Kim Redden  
Terry McGinn  
Steven Willard  
Wayne Chard

Our sincere best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to another successful year of community service.

#### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Jim Whitton, Chair  
Jack Kerr, Secretary/Treasurer  
Sue McGinn

Heather Young  
Bonnie Caughey  
Annette Phillips  
Sheri Cox  
Noel McCormick  
Rick Bedford  
Jack Forester

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#### Obituary

Samuel Amos

The passing, on December 10th last, in the Picton Manor Nursing Home of Samuel Amos of Millhaven brings to mind the debt of gratitude that Amherst Island owes to this very kindly person and his late wife Winnie (Rickey).

As a young man, Samuel (as he was well known) along with his brother Henry immigrated to Canada from his native England where he came to the farm of the late Thomas Hill in the Sandhurst area on what later became Highway 33 and where he became a part of this much respected family.

During the early years of World War II, the Canadian Government purchased a large acreage of farms, including the Hill farm and established an emergency airfield

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thereon for use in the Commonwealth Air Training Scheme operating out of the Norman Rogers Airport at Kingston, now the location of the Lennox Generating Station.

With establishment of numerous industries in the Kingston area, Sam obtained employment at the Dupont Plant, where for the balance of his working years, he served in the capacity of a Security Guard.

Following his marriage to Winnie Rickey, they erected a bungalow directly opposite the Millhaven Dock and during a long period when Amherst Island suffered with a very limited ferry service as well as a telephone service that at one point of time was practically zero, the Amos home was always open to help in the countless emergencies that occurred from time to time. Countless numbers of Island residents used the Amos telephone for messages, availed themselves of their home to await other means of transportation and to dry and to leave clothing their which had been used while crossing the bay with horse drawn sleighs or snowmobiles.

No one will ever know the countless numbers of messages that he delivered to and from the crew of the Amherst Islander for transmission back to the Island or the numbers of times that he and his wife reported the

progress of the ferry during a lengthy and difficult crossing to enquiring Islanders.

In his 96 years and with the exception of the past few, he was a great gardener as well as keeping their home ornamented with beautiful flower beds. He cut stove wood with which to stoke their kitchen range during the winter months as well as being an ardent T.V. fan particularly his following of National Hockey League games along with his love of card games with his family and friends.

Sam will long be remembered for his kindness, his devotion to this family and above all for his honesty and integrity throughout his life.

Sam was predeceased by his wife Winnie and is survived by one daughter Barbara and her husband Clarence Franklin, two grandchildren Stephen and his wife Susan and Sherry and one great grandchild Jeremy Franklin.

Funeral Services were held on Monday December 14th in the Paul G Payne Funeral Home, Odessa at 1:00 p.m., Rev. Michael Bohler officiating. Interment followed in Bath United Church Cemetery.

[submitted by A. Bruce Caughey]

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The State Of The Township 1992

- Reeve Steven Willard

[Staff: Before we get phone calls... We mean no disrespect but Christmas has gone to our heads and we have allowed ourselves a little more latitude in picking the article headers. And we have to use them all up in this one issue.]

The first year of my term of Reeve has been an interesting one. I believe it has also been a productive year for the municipality. Council passed a budget with the lowest tax increase in quite some time. I hope, with the cooperation of Council, that this year's budget will see an even smaller increase in the overall tax bill.

This year has seen a number of important projects get under way or reach conclusion. The Stella road has been paved almost to the South

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Shore. We have begun work on a new Public Works facility. I believe that this is an important project and one that will greatly benefit the community. The Official Plan for the Township is clearing the final hurdles of the Province and will soon be completed. Similarly a new Zoning By-Law is reaching completion. This important document is a vast improvement over the former out of date By-Law. In my opinion this new Zoning By-Law is easier to understand and more

permissive.

In other aspects the Township has also been active. The Fire Department has continued to improve and Islanders should be reassured that they enjoy a good level of fire protection. The Recreation Committee has been very active and should be commended for their work, especially at the superb Canada Day Events.

This year Islanders have seen the use of a new system of ferry tolls. From the lack of complaints we have received we expect that Islanders like the new system. It is a fairer system. The new M.V. Frontenac II was greatly admired and we look forward to a return engagement, soon. I have been very active in pursuing this vessel for this summer but as yet the province will give no answer.

Personally this year has been very rewarding one for me. I served on the Community Services Committee of County Council, as a member of the Board of Governors of Lennox and Addington County General Hospital and as chairman of the County Council ad hoc Committee on the Sewell Commission. On December 9th I was elected Chairman of Community Services for the County. This is the committee that oversees the County Libraries, Museum, Economic Development, Emergency Planning and Land Use Planning. It is an honour to be elected to one of the three chairman of the County. The election was hotly contested. I now also sit on the County Administration and Finance Committee.

The second year of my term promises to be even busier. I would like to thank you for the support you have shown me and I hope that with my energy and active working for the community that I have returned that support. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

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Thank You Notes

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to Marjorie Seviuuuings, Shirley Halferty, Janine Earl, Susan Caughey, the VON and all the people who were so wonderful to me. Special thanks to Dale Willard and friend who got the renovations needed completed in time for my going into hospital and to the Cancer Society drivers who looked after me by taking me to the clinic after I returned home from the hospital. Thank you again everyone.

Lily Browne

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Glenn's Store...

Annette and Irene would like to wish our customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks to Sheri Ward and Sheri Cox. Special thanks to Heather

Young.  
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Bill Halferty & Bob Halferty of B&B Small Engine Repair, would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Amherst Island for their business. Our first year was a resounding success. Both my brother and I wanted to say thank you for your encouragement and support. We also at this time of year, wish each and everyone of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in the spring.  
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Congratulations to Alan Glenn who retired December 3rd from teaching. The staff wishes his well in all his future endeavors.  
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Letter To The Beacon  
Neither snow, nor sleet, nor gloom of night...

12 November 1992

The Kingston Field Naturalists wish to clarify statements in the recent Whig story, 2 November 1992 "Environmentalists Oppose Wetlands Changes on Amherst Island", in so far as they concern KFN.

The KFN has not withdrawn its initial endorsement of the proposed changes to the marsh in the Long Point area of Amherst Island. However, recently the KFN has requested that the Ontario Ministry of the Environment implement an comprehensive, unbiased and public "Individual Environmental Assessment" of the complete project. The position of the KFN in all these issues continues to be based on all the factual information being made available. Only then can proper decisions be made. It may be that the results of the assessment will provide information unknown to us that may require a modification to the current proposal.

Yours truly,  
Tony Empey  
President, KFN

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### Special Notice

Amherst Island: a detailed survey [Sir John Johnson] circa 1790 and land ownership. Thomas Sylvester. Curbside Publishing. 1992 98 pp. Publication date December 1992. Pre-publication price \$25

This book presents my research on Amherst Island surveys, land ownership, involvement in American and Indian affairs, and domestic land policy.

Amherst Island has a rich early history of surveys and maps. I have identified four previously forgotten separate plans or surveys of the Island all pre-dating registered Plan 62, William Perceval (1867).

The old manuscript in the Township Office is a report of a detailed survey of most of the Island. The manuscript dates from Sir John Johnson's ownership period 1789-1803. The detailed report is relatively intact, however missing the title, date author's name and map. The continued lack of recognition of the importance of the text was caused by these absent specifics.

The content of the old manuscript is detailed legal descriptions of Island lots including monuments and metes & bounds. Comments placed in the margins record each lot's quality of land and timber etc.

The detailed survey manuscript is transcribed in entirety in App. A.

The detailed survey dedicates the early road system of the Island.

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For Sale / Wanted

For Sale  
Unregistered black lab puppies  
Call 546-9609  
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For Sale from Topsy Farms  
Lamb (whole/halves)... \$2.9/lb  
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Chickens... \$2.25-\$2.50/lb  
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For Sale Picnic Tables- Super Design  
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#### Babysitting

Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights and weekends.

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

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Mon - Fri 9:00 - 11:30

“ - “ 2:30 - 5:00

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Visitors Welcome At Watercolours Et Cetera  
Paintings  
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Sculptures  
3rd Concession - 389-2588  
If we are home we are open.  
Local Artists and Artisans  
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#### Notices and Announcements

St Paul's Presbyterian Church  
Christmas Services  
December 20th at 11 am. The Sacrament of the  
Lord's Supper  
December 24th at 7:30 Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service Conducted by the Young People  
December 27th at 11 a.m. Morning Worship  
January 3rd at 11 a.m. Morning Worship  
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New Year's Dance  
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Harry Filson  
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Township Of Amherst Island  
Job Posting  
The Township Of Amherst Island is calling for  
applications for the position of Part Time Deckhand on  
the Amherst Islander.  
Hourly rate: \$14.06  
Job description and qualifications may be obtained  
from the Township Office.  
Written applications stating qualifications and  
experience will be received at the Township Office until  
4:00 p.m. Thursday, December 18, 1992.  
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Alcoholic's Anonymous  
If you want to drink, that's your business.  
If you want to stop, there's an A.A. member available

for information at 389-3548.  
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Township Of Amherst Island  
Winter Parking Regulations  
No Parking is permitted on Township Roads  
between midnight and 7 a.m. from December 1st to  
March 31st to facilitate snow ploughing.  
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Most of the Island cross roads are granted by this  
survey. All of these cross roads go to the low water  
mark.  
The detailed survey assists in reconstructing the  
missing William J Fairfield Survey (1824). Fairfield  
surveyed the North & South Shore Concessions into  
100 acres lots bounded by the water. All of the 35  
original deeds of shore lots sold in the period, 1803-35,  
are bounded by the water with no mention of shore  
roads.  
The significance and contribution of Plan 62 is  
commented on in light of the rediscovery previous  
surveys.  
Clearly the detailed survey and the other references I  
have researched are of more than historical interest. The  
development of the Island road system is the heart of  
three separate legal discussions that are imminent.



Cloudbanks.

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Beacon Notes

Well, here we are in a new year and unlike last, we have remembered to change the masthead year to 1993. So, we're off to a better start and, hopefully, this will carry on - for you too!

Of course, we have all the Island news to keep you in the know. And there even are some really significant things happening.

For those far away, the channel froze during the night of January 13-14th and the weather has been really just like January, snowy and cold. There's even enough snow to cross country ski.

We held up publication of the Beacon so Ian could report on the following Big News...

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I. B. I. Study

Councillor Ian Murray

Four representatives from MTO and two from IBI attended a Special Meeting of Council on the evening of January 12. The recommendations of this extensive study were presented to Council in closed session and with the understanding that members of Council would not divulge the recommendations before the presentation to Wolfe Island Council on January 18.

The good news is that Amherst Island will get the Frontenac II with Wolfe Island getting its existing ferry lengthened. The Frontenac II will first be used in the summer as a side-loader but will eventually be used as an end-loader.

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The other news is that MTO has said quite firmly that improved service will mean increased charges. The current ferry agreement has the Township responsible

for 10% of the operating costs. Council has several times refused to renegotiate this agreement - taking the position that it would be better to wait until the IBI recommendations would be available. In reply to Reeve Willard's question as to whether we can expect the Frontenac II to be in service this summer, District Engineer Barnes said: "That depends on how the ferry agreement negotiations go."

Speaking for myself, I am delighted that the IBI study has recommended that we will eventually have the Frontenac II operating as an end-loader. However, I am very concerned with how much it will cost those who use it. It is not unreasonable to pay more for better service, but how much more? The District Engineer indicated that the Province is in the process of studying (or perhaps planning to study) its various ferry operations so as to come up with some rational for who should pay what for ferry usage.

It was indicated that IBI is recommending fares for Wolfe Island but details were not forthcoming. I guess we'll read about it in the Whig.

I hope that everyone who uses our ferry service will attend the Public Information meeting on Wednesday, January 27. Your comments really do make a difference. Every bit of data these guys collect is tabulated, graphed, computerized, and "statisticated". It was noticed and commented on that we've shown more interest in the proceedings than our sister islands.

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Amherst Island Firefighters Association

The Amherst Island Firefighters Association is holding a monthly 50/50 Draw. Drawing will take place at the first of each month and winner's names put in the Beacon.

Tickets cost \$0.50 each or 5 for \$2.00

All firefighters sell tickets so stop one and ask to buy one.

You Could Be The Next Winner!

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Council Report

January 5, 1993

- Chris Kennedy

All Councillors were present. The minutes of the previous month's, meetings were corrected and passed. In addition to the regular meeting there were Zoning Bylaw meetings on December 4th and December 8th, and Ferry Committee meetings on December 1st and 11th, which mainly dealt with hiring for the ferry.

Ken Albertan spoke to Council about two lots he

wishes to sever which will be about 12 feet short of road frontage. Council approved in principle these severances, and suggested that he attend the Zoning bylaw meeting later in the week.

The work is starting on the Millhaven dock with the removal of the compressor pipes for the bubble system. It appears that the both the east and west inlets will be filled in. The Reeve has been in contact with M.T.O. and Peter Milliken's office and a letter about this work will be sent around by householder mail. M.T.O. assured the Reeve that all reasonable effort will be made to ensure an uninterrupted ferry service this winter.

Council is continuing to work on the problem of the toilets on the Stella side which appear to be on Emily Tugwell's property. Council decided to take the necessary steps to straighten out the error.

The I.B.I. study will be released

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to Council on January 11th at a closed session, and there will be a Public Information Meeting on January 27th at the Community Centre 5.00 to 8.00 pm, at which the recommendations to the Ministry of Transportation for the Ferry for the next 20 years will be presented.

The Reeve is going to a conference in Toronto about the province's future roads policies. The Presbyterian Church asked for exemption from tipping fees for the recent renovations. As a general policy it was decided that the existing churches on the Island should be exempted from tipping and building permit fees.

Council has received a request from the Fire Department for another Street Dance next summer, on July 3rd. Council approved it in principle, and asked for a more detailed plan nearer the time.

The Building Inspector, John McGinn, is taking a course at St Lawrence College to upgrade his skills.

A budget review indicates that the Township appears to be in good financial shape. Many expenses are under budget. The Animal Control is less than expected, as the coyotes have not been so busy, the Back Beach has not cost as much as expected, but will probably make up for it next year, and the Road budget is less than expected. The bill is not yet in for repairs to the Fire Department pumper, which needed a lot of work on the steering.

Council discussed ferry rates for this year. From the figures it appears that the present charge is adequate, so it shouldn't change. Union negotiations are due in June.

As an aside, the School Board has approved an increase of 9% for the School Board Administrators, as well as 2 weeks extra holiday, which is the equivalent to

another 4%. Our rep. Bruce Caughey, did not approve of this increase. Council is sending a motion to County Council strongly disapproving of this increase.

Council honoraria are unchanged for 1993 except that the salary of the Ferry Manager (who is also the Reeve) will be increased, and charged totally to the Ferry, so that the Township will not have to pay it.

Tena Tugwell proposed a motion that Councillors should not be paid

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{Council Report will continue after the following item}

Help! Help!!

Would You Know What To Do?

It's a bright wintry day and the family is skating on the Bay. Suddenly you hear a call for help and look to find a family member has fallen through the ice. It takes several minutes to finally rescue them from the freezing waters. If it is only mild hypothermia they will be shivering, have amnesia and poor muscle coordination. If the hypothermia has become moderate or severe, the signs and symptoms will be more advanced. Would You Know What to Do?

1. Have Someone Call 911

2. Get the person inside as quickly as possible.

3. If conscious give warm sugary drinks.

Do Not offer alcohol or massage.

Do Not place in warm bath. This will draw the blood away from, the vital organs to the surface skin.

\* Even if pulse is not detected there is still a possibility the person may be alive and can be resuscitated.

\*\* The A.I. First Response Team is trained to handle such medical emergencies. All You Have To Do Is Call 911.

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for meetings that they do not attend but was unable to find a seconder.

Council then went into closed session. When they emerged it was revealed that Ted Welbanks won the contract

Another Special Meeting of Council was held to continue the new Zoning By-law discussions. Eventually all members of Council were in attendance along with our consultant (Robert Mackenzie), the Clerk-Treasurer, myself, and Jackie Sylvester.

Prior to getting into the Zoning By-law, a letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA) concerning the Official Plan was discussed. This letter was the result of the changes made to the O.P. when Ministry representative, Mr Cunningham, met with Council (December 4th). After some considerable discussion, Council approved the changes. The MMA is still trying to make up its mind as to whether we can say anything about the water areas of the Township and therefore this remains an outstanding issue. Besides that, the O.P. appears to be a done deal.

Back to the Zoning By-law... The discussions ranged over most of the By-law, with questions posed and clarifications made to many areas. There were significant changes made over the course of the last two meetings and it behoves me to remind Island residents to read the document at some point. It is taking shape fast and if there are concerns from the island landowners, they had better be put before Council soon. The Reeve is very anxious to get this document passed as quickly as possible. Copies of the draft document can be obtained from the Township Office. I think that Robert Mackenzie is making a new draft which should be available a couple days before the next meeting - date unknown at this writing.

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Just a quick report on the Controlled Deer Hunt...

Peter Judd (MNR) reported to Council that 'officially' 19 deer were taken. Of that number 6 were fawns, 3 were female adults and 10 were male adults.

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Because of a series of problems, Annette's column is not available this month. In lieu, we wish those sick, a speedy recovery. Those in hospital, a quick return home.

Annette will return next month with two months worth of news.

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Happy Valentine's Day

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean McIntyre

The Christmas meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Wednesday, December 16th, at the home of Mrs. Anna Hitchins in the form of a Christmas Party.

After a lovely supper prepared by four of the members, there was a short business meeting. The programme then consisted of Christmas readings, carols, quizzes and an exchange of Christmas gifts, after which we closed the meeting with the singing of the Royal Anthem.

January Meeting

Wed. the 20th at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn Topic - Citizenship with the Reeve as speaker.

February Meeting

Wed. the 17th at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Helen Miller Topic - Family Affairs.

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Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Many thanks to all who participated in and bought tickets on our Holiday Draw. The winning ticket was purchased by the staff of Glenn's Store: Irene, Annette and Heather. The Rec Committee realized a profit of approximately \$1600. Look for this to be an annual event, with more prizes next year.

Our very special thanks to the Amherst Island Driving Club: Garry Filson, Harry Filson, Jack Forrester, Al Caughey and Bruce Caughey, for allowing us to sell our draw tickets at the New Year's Dance. Thanks for helping us promote the draw, and for letting us use the New Year's Dance to award the prize.

Thanks to all those who helped us sell tickets:

Peter Morgan

Guido & Jeannie Visintin

Ian Leadbeater, Bath Hardware

Linda Wilson, Millhaven Grocery

Mike Conlin and Cam Naish, National Grocery

Wes Pringle, Glen Lasher

Darrell Miller

Terry McGinn

Kim Redden

Todd Filson.

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Special And Exciting Announcement For All Members Of The Rec Committee!

Saturday, January 30 at 10 a.m. - A.I.P.S. - Finish insulating equipment room and install shelving!!!

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Thank You Notes

We wish to express our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude to all our relatives, friends and neighbours for

the many acts of kindness, flowers, charity donations, cards, food, visits, love and support during and since the loss of our loving father and husband, Lloyd Strain. Special thanks to the ferry crew for your help; to Lloyd's brothers and sisters and their families and to my father and brother and his family

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for being there when we needed and need you; to Steven for your extra help; to Chris and Steven Willard, Mark Abrams, Ross and Garry Hitchins for being pall bearers with Michael; to Garry and Anne-Marie Hitchins for opening your home; to Dorothy McGinn, Susan Caughey and Elsie Willard for helping to serve the delicious lunch after the funeral; to the ladies of St Alban's A.C.W. and St. Paul's P.C.W. for your visits and goodies and to Rev. K. Blaber for your support.

Many, Many Thanks to all...

Michael, Trudy and Phyllis Strain

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I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to all my relatives and friends from the Island. Also to the Ladies of the Anglican and Presbyterian churches for all the cards, gifts, and visits I received, and also many phone calls I had over the Christmas Holidays.

Tena Tugwell

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We would like to sincerely thank everyone who had a hand in making our 25th wedding anniversary so special.

So many goodies arrived and were enjoyed that I probably will miss thanking some folks personally. A special thanks to Donald and Judy Miller for helping the kids to arrange and make it all work.

To Audrey and Tom Miller for the lovely cake.

To Paul and Carol Glenn for coming all the way from Sudbury on such a terrible stormy day and standing up with us 25 years ago.

To Carol and Paul, to Sandra and Scott and Adam, thank you for the holiday at the Ambassador.

To Debbie Miller who had a hand in that as well.

Even the weather played a part in making the evening so special.

Keith & Shirley Miller

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We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all those who braved the storm on December 11, 1992 to help Keith and Shirley celebrate their 25th anniversary.

To those who were unable to attend don't feel bad, Keithie wasn't going anywhere either until Adam finally

told him what was going on.

There were so many people instrumental in helping with the party preparations. Everyone was really eager to lend a hand. We wish to extend a special thank you to Donald and Judy Miller, without whom we would not have been as organized; Debbie Miller for making Mom and Dad's stay at the Ambassador extra special; Carol and Paul Glenn for travelling such a long distance, in rotten weather, to stand up for Mom and Dad a second time; Eric Welbanks and Beth Forester for doing a terrific job of M.C.; Audrey Miller for making an absolutely beautiful wedding cake; Rickie Welbanks for running the bar; and everyone who contributed to the nibblies, everything tasted great.

When all is said and done we must not forget to thank the two most important people, Mom and Dad, for just being themselves and a very special part of all of our lives.

Carol Loyst and Family, Sandra Topping and Family, Adam

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On behalf of Ernestown Bantam European Tour Group, I would like to thank all of my family, friends and neighbours for your support over the last two years. Our sales of Wilton cheese was one of our most profitable fundraisers so I would like to thank each and every one of my customers for your support. We toured Germany and Switzerland with stops in Austria, France, Italy and Liechtenstein. Out of the seven games we played, we came home with four losses and three wins. We played on outdoor, Olympic size,

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artificial ice surfaces, which was an experience in itself. We also travelled through the Black Forest, Bavaria and spent a day in the Swiss Alps. We visited the Olympic sites in Munich and Innsbruck. The whole experience was a chance of a lifetime. Without your support, it would not have been possible, so I would like to thank everybody again.

Sincerely,

Kevin McCormick

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Obituary

Eva, Kidd

Eva Kidd, the mother of Alan Kidd, died in hospital in Hazard, Kentucky on October 22, 1992, after a year-long bout with cancer. Eva had been a regular visitor to Amherst Island over the past 20 years and always took a keen interest in the island and the people she met there, and will be missed by them. She is survived by

her son Alan Kidd and daughter-in-law Judy Roberts,  
as well as three sisters living in the U.S.

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#### Letter To The Beacon

[Staff: Sally received the following but really it is for  
the whole Island - December '92]

While we all regret that Food Banks are a necessity  
this day and age how would the many needy of the  
Greater Kingston and Area provide basic nutritional  
food for their families without the supplement received  
from Partners in Mission Food Bank.

Your love, concern and compassion towards those  
less fortunate has certainly been demonstrated by the  
support we have received from your organization  
throughout this year. By year end we will have  
distributed approximately 8,000 food baskets to needy  
families referred to the Food Bank by Social Agencies  
and responsible individuals.

We are deeply touched by your generosity and want  
you to know that your contribution is a tremendous help  
in keeping up the supply of food.

You and your associates are included in the  
Christmas Novena of Masses offered by the Religious  
Hospitaliers of St. Joseph and our prayers throughout  
the year.

May God always bless you, love, keep you and fill  
your New Year with lasting joys.

Religious Hospitaliers Of St. Joseph

Sister Evelyn Leonard & Tanya Beeler

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[Staff: From the President of the Kingston Field  
Naturalists, Tony Empey - January 7/93]

Re: Wetland Changes, Long Point Bay

The Kingston Field Naturalists (KFN) wrote the  
Beacon earlier to clarify our position on the referenced  
project. In short we have requested an individual  
environmental assessment of the project. Only then can  
a truly informed decision be taken.

We thought your readers would be interested in  
some of the special features of this wetland.  
Additionally there maybe compromises that can  
improve water fowl habitat and preserve the special  
features of the wetland.

The wetland, as it exists today, is of great interest.  
The marsh is currently designated as provincially  
significant largely due to the biodiversity of the area and  
the presence of rare, threatened or endangered species.  
The new wetlands

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policy produced under the Planning Act is meant to

prevent development within provincially significant  
wetlands which will alter the function or area of the  
wetland. The proposed impoundment will do this.

It is also a provincially significant Area of Natural  
and Scientific Interest (ANSI). These are specific areas  
designated as representing natural features which are  
either rare or are the best example of a particular  
natural feature. The designation of this Amherst Island  
wetland as an ANSI was largely based on the current  
diversity of coastal and wetland communities, and the  
number of regionally and provincially rare plant and  
animal species.

The project is said to be trying to "restore what was  
originally there". In the past this wetland was extremely  
dynamic, being heavily effected by fluctuating water  
levels. It is true that regulation of Lake Ontario's waters  
have acted to mute this feature. However, the fact that  
this wetland has developed behind a baymouth sandbar  
allows it to maintain some of its dynamics. This Is The  
Last Undisturbed Example Of A Wetland Of This Type  
In The Province. The impoundment will act to further  
stabilize water levels, severely alter the sandbar and  
Reduce diversity by flooding out communities of rare  
plants along the fringe of the existing wetland.

A class environmental assessment done for this  
project failed to recognize the areas high natural  
significance, and failed to seriously consider  
alternatives. Simply trenching some of the cattails out  
would open the marsh creating better duck habitat as  
well as maintaining other communities, including the  
rare plants, and retain the provincial significance of the  
baymouth sandbar enclosed wetland system.

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#### And Finally

You've all heard of a flock of geese, a herd of deer,  
a school of whales, etc but how about the following?

A rash of dermatologists.

A run of gastroenterologists.

A clone of geneticists.

A wince of dentists.

An eruption of pediatricians.

A pulse of cardiologists.

A swarm of entomologists.

A synapse of neurologists.

A pile of proctologists.

A graft of plastic surgeons.

A smothering of anesthesiologists.

A diet of nutritionists.

A squabble of social scientists.

An outbreak of epidemiologists.

A delirium of psychiatrists.

A skeletal crew of orthopedists.

[from a column by SM. Aronson M.D. in the Detroit

News Dec. 10, 1992]

The above inspired one person (who shall go nameless to protect the guilty) to add... A piddle of urologists. ...and we are sure that there are lots more out there.

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#### The Beacon Awards

The Beacon Award this month goes to incompetents who figured out how to screw up warranties. You know that warranties are a good idea - but right down the line, there are more, ways to go wrong than you can shake a stick at (and I'd like to). That's a story that is still being lived, so I'll save it for another time.

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#### Maynard Laltin Reviews

Missed you all last month, so a belated Happy Holidays. Just for a little change of pace - won't want you to get bored now - I'll change hats to review some books.

- Welcome Home by Stuart McClean.. A fond but not unrealistic look at a half dozen small towns across Canada. Stuart is a semi-regular on Gzowski and many of the stories he has told are from this book. It reads very easily and effortlessly draws you on. Highly recommended and is also a great 'boat book'.

- Modern Times (History of the World from 1920's to 1980's)

- The Birth Of The Modern (World Society 1815-1830)

- A History Of The English People

All of the above are by Paul Johnson. He writes exquisite history... extremely readable despite is bulk and density... full of tidbits of famous and not-so-famous people... having the gall to pick single events upon which to define new ages.

#### Stolen Continents by Ronald Wright..

A look at the first contacts between Europeans and the aboriginal Americans (North, Central and South America) from the aboriginal point of view. It's well written, extremely interesting and about as topical as you can get.

Let's not forget the movies:

Alien (1976) with Sigorney Weaver and Tom Skerrit.. It's taken me 16 years to watch this movie (I'm not a horror/sc-fi fan) but I wanted to watch the other two in the trilogy so I just strapped myself in a chair and watched. You probably all know the story and have probably all seen it so it will not come as any

surprise that I too felt it was extremely well done and has held up very well, but not for the faint of heart. (8 out of 10) By the way, Glenn's Store has all three.

Predator (1987) Another Schwarzeneger action film that stacks up pretty well with his others. Lots of trouble in the jungle as Arnold and friends have to deal with an alien on safari in Central America. (8 out of 10)

Patriot Games (1992) with Harrison Ford playing a man who becomes the object of an IRA splinter group's vengeance. Good suspense/action film. (7 out of 10)

Eye Of The Tiger (1986) Gary Busey and Yaphet Kotto give good performances in what is otherwise a standard revenge film. Gary who has a run-in with motorcycle gang seeks revenge when they kill his wife. The few against the many... the good versus the bad... you know the story because you've seen it a hundred times before. (6 out of 10)

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#### For Sale / Wanted

##### For Sale

Wood Stove \$90.00

wood split (Island delivery) \$90 per cord

George Mygind 389-4669

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##### Wanted

The Millers are again looking for Whig TV Times which they use in the barn.

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##### For Sale

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Susan Sedore - 384-7866

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Fri (classes full)

Sat 1 - 4:30 p.m.

8 Classes \$48

1 Visit Free

Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588

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### Notices and Announcements

#### Ministry Of Transportation

#### Public Information Session

Amherst Island Community Centre

Wednesday, January 27, 1993

4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A third Public Information Centre has been arranged to allow the public to review and comment on the updated analysis and associated re-evaluation process which has resulted in the selection of a technically preferred alternative. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this important project. Information collected will be used to assist the MTO in meeting requirements under the Environmental Assessment Act.

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#### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

#### Country & Western Line Dancing

Learn the "18 Wheeler" & the "Achy Breaky" among others. Everyone welcome. Only \$1 per class.

Starting Fri Jan 29 A.I.P.S. 8 p.m.

Great Fun! Great Exercise!!

No Partner Required!

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### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, there's an A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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### Township Of Amherst Island

#### Winter Parking Regulations

No Parking is permitted on Township Roads between midnight and 7 a.m. from December 1st to March 31st to facilitate snow ploughing.

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### L & A Interval House

The phone number for the L. & A. Interval House (Napanee.) is 354-1010 (24 hours a day).

They need basic supplies for women setting up new households: mugs, kitchen utensils, books, sheets, towels and furniture. Call Elsie Densem, Island Coordinator, at 389-2874 if you have donations (please no adult clothing). Thank you to those who have made donations.

Thanks to Keith Miller who has been driving the Island donations to Napanee, and doing fix-it jobs in the house.

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### Township Of Amherst Island

#### Zoning By-Law Meeting

February 2 at 7:00 p.m. (prior to the Regular Council meeting)

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#### Beacon Notes

What a winter! Just like the 'good old days'!! Bah - Humbug!! For those who have not had to deal with the ferry since the work began on the Millhaven dock - count your blessings. Most of the inconvenience has been caused by the lack of the bubble system on the mainland side. This, coupled with the cold weather, has made travel much slower than usual. Parts of the ferry track have been at times clogged so thick with ice that the ferry just slows to a halt. The captains then back her up and take a run getting 10 boat lengths or so before grinding to a halt again. The little tug tried just chewing up the ice but was most effectively used when pushing the Amherst Islander. This has worked remarkably well.

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#### Special Council Meeting

February 2, 1993

- Don Tubb

A short Special Meeting of Council was held during the hour before the Regular Meeting. It was made shorter still by the fact that Robert MacKenzie, our consultant, was late (slow ferry). Once he arrived, the meeting began with all members of Council present along with the Clerk/Treasurer, the Assistant to the Clerk/Treasurer, one member of public and this reporter.

Robert MacKenzie and Council first discussed the progress of the Official Plan (OP). It is still being discussed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA) which has not figured out whether to permit the rural severance size that we put in the OP. Council will be writing to the appropriate ministries explaining our position.

Robert then proceeded with introducing the newest draft of the

Zoning By-law which incorporates the tentative changes from the past meetings. As usual the letters to Council were received but only the one from Ida Gavlas was fully discussed because of the limited time.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. and the Regular Meeting began immediately. My letter to Council was not discussed but Robert and I went into the Office and privately went over its points. Many of the points that I had noted were relatively minor, some were just straight clarification but others were significant (at least I thought so). I suspect that there will be further changes to the Zoning By-law resulting from the letters received.

Perhaps the most important thing to remember when reading the Zoning By-law is that it will not prevent you from using your property as you do now - but if you want to change it's use, then you will have to conform to the new Zoning By-law's regulations. Also if you discontinue doing something, then you will also have to follow the new rules if you want to start again. Just what constitutes 'discontinuing a use' is pretty fuzzy. Council has discussed this a bit and probably will again but whether any definition can be found is in doubt. When the Zoning By-law is enacted it will be the responsibility of the By-law Enforcement Officer, the Zoning Administrator and Council to wrestle with this problem.

For example, in the Shoreline Zone, agriculture is not a permitted use but if you are raising 50 chickens each year, then the Zoning By-law will not stop you from doing so. However, if you stop for a few years, it is not clear whether you have lost the right to start raising your chickens again. This problem applies to all prohibited uses in each zone.

The Zoning By-law is far enough along that Council's intentions are becoming clear. It is not too late to have input before the By-law is sent to a public meeting for comment so come on down to a meeting.

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#### Frostbite

What to do when Jack Frost is nipping at you nose or any other part of your anatomy.

Prevention: The best prevention for frostbite is to keep all parts covered and keep them dry when outside in the cold.

Signs: Frostbite has two classifications, depending on the severity.

Superficial:

\* paleness of skin affected area

\* skin firm to touch

\* numbness of affected area

Deep Frostbite:

\* usually involves entire hand, foot or ear

\* white, waxy skin

\* skin is cold and hard to touch

\* lack of feeling in affected area

Treatment:

Superficial:

Gradual warming of affected area with body heat or lukewarm water. (Caution: use of hot water could lead to extreme pain and possible profanities.) Do Not rub vigorously, or rub with snow - this is a popular misconception.

Deep Frostbite:

Do not attempt to thaw frozen part. Seek immediate medical attention.

The Amherst Island First Response Team Is Trained To Handle Such Medical Emergencies. All You Have To Do Is Call 911.

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Council Report

February 2, 1993

- Don Tubb

With Chris away in England, the dubious honour of reporting the Regular Meeting of Council fell to me. As mentioned in the previous article, Robert MacKenzie and I stepped out of the Council Chambers for a few minutes to go over the letter I had written to Council. While I was away (about half an hour), Council proceeded to complete the agenda and then go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. This took a bit and Council resumed the open session only to quickly adjourn after less than an hour.

One of the major items of business was the resignation of Lloyd Wolfreys as Senior Captain. Council resolved to appoint Earl Willard at \$1/hour more for that position.

Council is willing to discuss the ferry subsidy agreement with MTO as long as the Frontenac II is part of the negotiations. They have written MTO to that effect. Also with ferry business Council has added Jim Reid's and Don Miller's names to the list of Relief Mates.

The Captains fill in a Traffic Log each day detailing how the ferry is used. At the meeting, the 1992 summary was received. Some of this information is presented below:

	1992	1991	%
Cars	108140	115646	-6.5%
Trucks	2742	2731	+0.4%
Pedestrians	16903	17329	-2.3%
Bicycles	778	765	+1.7%
Motorcycles	217	234	+7.3%
Full Ferry	1002	1260	-20.5%
Left	2795	2929	-4.6%

The Building Inspector issued his annual report. There were 32 permits issued in 1992: 4 new houses, 3 new decks, 4 renovations, 9 additions, 6 demolitions, and 1 stop work order (resolved). Five of these permits are being carried over into this year. The total value of the work (according to the permits) was \$711,925 which yielded \$3,373 in permit fees.

There were a whole series of resolutions supporting resolutions from other municipalities.

Council adjourned after dealing with several items.  
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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Sorry about the lack of a column last month. I was occupied with 'ironing out a few bugs' at home.

I cannot begin to recall or relate to you everyone who has been ill in the last two months. From colds, flue and parasites to pneumonia and even pleurisy, almost everyone of our 400+ residents has had some kind of disease. I have opted, instead, to list only those who have actually been inside a hospital: Mark Ritchie; Art Ackerman; Talia Fleming; Mary Hall; Raymond Wemp; Brandon McCormick; Helen Caughey; Theresa Koenders; Warren Kilpatrick; June McGinn; Elaine Wolfreys; Sandra Reid. Best wishes to them, and to the rest of us also.

While many of us sat home nursing diseases and moping about our misfortune, a baby boom has been going on.

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First, a belated announcement. Congratulations to Lisa (Neilson) and husband Mario Rago on the birth of their first son, Vincent, last November. Vincent is a grandson to Jim and Mary Neilson, great-grandson to Nellie Neilson.

Danielle Caitlin Wolfreys was born January 27, at 8 lbs 4 ozs. Danielle is a second daughter to Dan and

Valerie and a little sister to Alicia. Grandparents are Ray and Zelma Koenders and Ellis and Mary Lou Wolfreys.

Jim and Sandra Reid also have a new daughter. Brooke Marlene was born February 5 at 3 lbs 11 ozs., granddaughter for Stratton and Barbara Reid.

My family also has a new baby to brag about this month. Rosemary Alexandra Redden was born February 10, 6 lbs 6 ozs, to Dave and Kim (Filson) Redden. Alix is a first granddaughter (second grandchild) for Glenn and Sandra Filson; great-granddaughter for Helen Miller and Jim and Mary Neilson and a great-great-granddaughter for Kathleen Wemp and Nellie Neilson. I could go on and on with the relationship thing but I will stop here and only mention further that Alix is my second cousin.

Many, many congratulations to all the new parents and grandparents.

Our very own internationally-famous author, illustrator and artist, Pam Hall, was in Kingston last week as artist-in-residence at Queen's. She brought her piece "The Coil That Binds, The Line That Bends" which Pam will take to Japan next month.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E. S. McIntyre

The January meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn. The meeting opened with the Ode and collect and the National Anthem.

The topic for the evening was Citizenship and the speaker was our Reeve, Steven Willard. He gave us some insights into his work, within the municipality and also of his committee work on the County Council. It made a very interesting and informative evening.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs Helen Miller on Wednesday, February 17th at 8 p.m. The Topic will be 'Family Affairs'.

The March meeting will be a Pot Luck Supper at the home of Mrs. Ida Gavlas on March 17th at 6:30 p.m. The Programme will be 'An Irish evening of humour and a Green Auction'.

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Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Anyone who might know the whereabouts of the Rec Committee's Dance and Drama Recital tape -Please drop it at the Store. Most parents have not yet seen it and we have had requests for it.

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Effective immediately, the pay phone at Amherst

Island Public School will be removed. In its place, the Rec Committee is installing an ordinary phone on the wall in the kitchen. This is to be completed Tuesday, February 16. This phone is for the use of the community when attending events at the Community Centre. We appreciate your cooperation in not using this phone to place long-distant calls.

Likewise, we would appreciate a donation of up to 25 cents per call to help us offset the expense of the telephone line.

The New Phone Number At The A.I. Community Centre Is 634-6057

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50/50 Draw Winner

The Amherst Island Firefighters Association is holding a monthly 50/50 Draw. Drawing will take place at the first of each month. Tickets cost \$0.50 each or 5 for \$2.00. Tickets available through Glenn's Store.

This month's draw was held at Glenn's Store on February 1st. The winning ticket was drawn by Gary Filson with Noel McCormick the winner of \$40. Congratulations Noel. Who'll be next month's winner?

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Brownies, Girl Guides and Pathfinders

- Janet Scott

Families and friends of Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders are invited to a Pot Luck Supper at the Amherst Island Community Centre on Monday February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate Thinking Day. Please accept the challenge to make an international dish with your daughter. Dessert and beverages supplied.

The Brownies are still as crafty as ever but try and stump them on a hazardous symbol; that's their area of study right now.

The Girl Guides visited Shirley Miller on January 30 and thank her very much for an informative visit and the great hot chocolate and cake. The Guides made candles as part of their Heritage Badge and will be visiting the Women's Institute.

The Pathfinders chose February 5th and 6th for their winter camp way back in December, little knowing it would turn out to be the coldest night of '93. Congratulations to Angela Fleming, Jessica Gavlas and Kelly Baker who successfully passed their Winter Emergency Preparedness Course on January 29-30 and then completed the experience by living and sleeping out in a tent while the temperature dropped to -25 degrees C and a NE gale was blowing. Many, many thanks to Stuart Miller for supplying the site, the phone and the moral support because it's great knowing he's there.

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#### Letter To The Beacon [From Steven R. Willard]

I am sure most of you have seen the recent press coverage of the issues surrounding the Courthouse in Napanee. Because the coverage in the Whig Standard has been so filled with errors I thought I might clarify things for Amherst Islanders.

In 1989 County Council approached the Attorney General of Ontario about the courthouse. The Attorney General's office had received complaints about noise from the trains, smells from the Ault plant and the lack of separate elevators for judges, public and the accused. The Attorney General also said they wanted the courts to be brought together in one building. In short they said they wanted out of the Courthouse and that the Memorial building would be their preferred place. The Attorney General said this in 1989 and the County took him at his word.

For 3 years Council saved money to convert the Courthouse over to County use and to restore it. The Building is in very bad shape and needs a new plant, wiring, roof, windows and a lot of masonry work. We have \$1.2 million already and the province gave the county another \$1 million. The total price tag will be about \$4.5 million. In essence it is already half paid for. The rest will be borrowed from a bank or, more likely, borrowed internally from county reserves. The County taxes for this year look to be rising at 3.9%. Half of this would go to the building. On Amherst Island this would mean, on an average assessment of \$2000, county taxes would rise \$5.42 of which \$2.72 will go to the restoration. All of those stories spread by some people in Napanee about your taxes going through the roof are a complete and utter lies.

The architects have confirmed that to rebuild the courthouse for the courts would cost the county taxpayers about \$7 million. The County would also have to find another building for it's own use which could cost a very great deal. In short, the cheapest alternative is to restore the courthouse for County usage.

I have taken a lot of fire on this issue because I do not think that Amherst Islanders should have to pay heavily to keep the lawyers of Napanee in comfort in the Courthouse. Amherst Islanders paid a lot of money in 1864 to build that building for County use. It was not built for the town of Napanee or the lawyers living there. It was built for the County.

Some have said the courts will leave Napanee. Maybe they should if they can find cheaper accommodation elsewhere; all it means is that our province is spending less. Some County Councillors

have said we should sell the courthouse and leave Napanee; this too is not a bad idea and if it involves less expense to the people of Amherst Island I will be supporting the motion to move the County seat. I will endeavour to keep you informed as the project progresses.

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#### Public Meeting With The District Health Council - Leslie Gavlas

Members of the W.I., A.C.W. and P.C.W. invite all residents of Amherst Island to a Public Meeting at A.I.P.S. on Monday, April 26th at 8:00 p.m. Catherine Schuler and Elaine Berman of the L&A District Health Council will be there to explain the changes to our health care system presently under way or

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being considered that are necessary to preserve and maintain the five principles of Medicare that Canadians value: universality, accessibility, comprehensiveness, portability and public administration. Peter Trueman has agreed to be the Moderator for the meeting and there will be a panel of Reeve Steven Willard, Dr. Alex Scott and Nurse Maureen McGinn.

Since the District Health Council is not well known, the following information is provided:

#### Mandate Of District Health Councils:

District Health Councils were established in Ontario starting in the late 1970's to:

Provide advice to the Minister and Ministry of Health in regard to examining health issues, assessing health needs and planning for and developing a more comprehensive, effective, economical health system in each district to meet those needs that are consistent with provincial guidelines.

Facilitate cooperation among people and agencies within the health and social services sector to enhance participation and coordination in the health care system in the district.

Collaborate with other District Health Councils and organizations in each of the provinces's health planning areas on issues that involve regional planning for specialized health services.

#### Composition of KFLA Council

The District Health Council in Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington is composed of 16 volunteer Council Members of whom

40% are non-providers (consumers or laypeople)

20% are representatives of municipal government

40% are providers (health professionals). Members are appointed by an Order-in-Council of the Ontario Government. There is a small permanent staff that provides research and other support services for Council.

#### Meeting Time And Structure

The KFLA District Health Council, which was first established in 1981, meets once a month on the first Wednesday of each month at 1630 hours. Council members also participate in internal, ad hoc, and standing advisory committees. The 1992/93 standing committees include the Emergency Health Services Committee, Health Status and Promotion Planning Group, Long Term Care Committee, and Mental Health Care Committee.

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#### Thank You Notes

[Staff: Last month we erred when printing the following Thank You note for which we apologize. We repeat the message in its correct form.]

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to all my relatives and friends from the Island. Also to the Ladies of the Anglican and Presbyterian churches for all the cards, gifts, and visits I received, and also many phone calls I had over the Christmas Holidays.

Tena Filson

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Sincere thanks to all my relatives, friends and neighbours for their caring and kindness shown me in my recent illness. Thanks too, to the P.C.W. and the A.C.W. for their visits and goodies. I greatly appreciated the visits and flowers while in hospital, and the many cards, phone calls and, particularly, the visits since I've been home. Thank you all.

Mary Hall

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I would like to thank all the people that showed their concern while I was in hospital and at home. The phone calls, cards, gifts and visits were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Dr. Harley Smythe; Ray and Zelma Koenders for their ambulance service; Val and Dan Wolfreys for looking after Brennan and Marlene.

Thank you.

Warren Kilpatrick

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#### Maynard Laltin Reviews

Having seen Alien last month, I was committed to

seeing the other two - Aliens and Aliens 3. These are two very different films which continue the story of Sigourney Weaver's encounters with alien creatures. Both are well done but neither preyed on my specific fears so I found them not nearly as satisfying as the first one. They are both well done with Aliens being more of an action film and the third working more on emotions than straight action. (both get a 7 out of 10)

We watched The Power Of One (1992) which is an exploration of prejudice in South Africa (an Afrikaner-English-Black triangle). Told from a young boy's point of view. Well done and entertaining - not just a political diatribe. (7 out of 10)

Prelude To A Kiss (1992) with Alec Baldwin and Meg Ryan in this rather strange romantic comedy. Well done with good performances all 'round. (7 out of 10)

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#### And Finally

We start off this month's file with a note from Tom Sylvester:

#### Judge At Wits End

While voluntarily talking to Peter Coulson recently, he confessed to misplacing an interesting letter. Perhaps the Island can help out. Someone is writing a book on some of the recent history of the Island and Peter has lost his letter. The writer wanted a photograph of Peter's father, Bill Coulson, farming. Peter would be happy to oblige if anyone can remind him of the author. Beacon readers have an opportunity to direct a judge (even give him a sentence). Contact him directly at 354-9345 or Tom Sylvester at 389-1320.

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[Staff: We do not have room for a complete report on the following meeting, Feb 16, but can give you some of the results... thanks to Caroline Yull and Annette.]

The L&A Board of Education met with concerned parents regarding the problems encountered with the ferry scheduling and winter storms. Willis Boston represented the School Board and committed them to the following:

- \$25 a day will be made available from the Board and Mm. of Ed. to offset the costs of billeting a student with a family in Napanee,
- if parents cannot find anyone to board their child, they can call Susan Caughey or Ann-Marie Hitchins who will keep a list of prospective families,
- the children will no longer be left without shelter on either dock (a school bus will wait for the ferry to arrive),
- buses will have radios installed to communicate both with their bus company and the ferry,

- in addition to the above, it was suggested that the 8:00 a.m. ferry be re-scheduled to 7:50 a.m. (along with the buses) to get the students to Napanee in time for the start of school. This will have to be approved by Council.

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For Sale / Wanted

For Sale

Snowmobile sledge 3' x 6'  
Custom Built / Heavy Duty With shunting Block  
Weather shield for Walk-Behind Snow Blower Contact  
Billy Bulch 389-3411

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Wanted

The Millers are again looking for Whig TV Times  
which they use in the barn.

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For Sale

Picnic Tables- Super Design.  
Custom made all steel weather vanes.  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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Amway Distributor

Myrtle Veech is now selling Amway products.  
Phone 389-5782

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Contact Albertan Homes for a no obligation quote on  
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our office at 549-0561 or contact one of our Amherst  
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Susan Sedore - 384-7866

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Computer Forms, Price Lists, Brochures, etc.  
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All facets of home decorating, renovations, additions  
and new construction. Custom design service also  
available. For quality workmanship contact Gary  
McDonald at 384-1456

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Quality work without the travel! I will come to you.  
Specializing in permanent waves and cuts. Call to  
arrange a time. Shelley Glenn 389-3113

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Professionally trained house cleaner looking for is land  
work. Island references.  
Call Laurel at 384-6617

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Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.  
Call Llew MacArthur 384-4071

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Small engine service and repairs.  
Lawn mowers, lawn tractors, weed eaters, chain saws,  
roto-tillers, etc.  
If you have a problem, Call 389-1413 and leave a  
message.

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General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction,  
Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services.  
Contact Rick Bedford 389-8434

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Shorewell Maintenance

Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps  
checked. \$30  
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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Babysitting

Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights  
and weekends.  
Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned,  
painting.  
Reasonable. References.  
Call Bob Horth at 389-2916  
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Clothing  
If you have a tear, I will repair.  
Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.  
Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569  
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Pumps Of All Kinds -  
Softeners / Conditioners / Filters / Chlorinators /  
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Call Tom Miller 389-0105  
Authorized Dealer for Archer Pumps  
Softener Salt always in stock  
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Glenn's Store 389-0417  
Take out Counter Now Open  
Sandwiches  
Egg Salad  
Your choice cold cuts and cheese... \$2  
Deli sandwiches  
Smoked Ham or Pastrami on a Kaiser with Swiss or  
Regular Cheese... \$3.25  
Subs  
Ham or Salami... \$4.25  
Assorted Cold Cuts... \$4.50

Post Office Hours  
Mon - Fri 9:00 - 11:30  
“ - “ 2:30 - 5:00  
Saturday 9:00 - 12:00  
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Visitors Welcome at Watercolours Et Cetera  
Paintings  
Pottery  
Pine  
Sculptures  
3rd Concession - 389-2588  
If we are home we are open.  
Local Artists and Artisans  
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Painting Classes  
If you ever thought you might like to paint, why not join  
us and see what you think?  
Wed. 1-4:30 p.m.  
Wed. 6-9:30 p.m.  
Fri (classes full)

Sat 1-4:30 p.m.  
8 Classes \$48  
1 Visit Free Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588  
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Ferry Dock Work  
So you want to hear what's been happening with the  
Millhaven dock? Well, at the present time it's hardly  
even recognizable, being hidden under a of couple dump  
trucks, a medium-size tracked hoe, an air-track drilling  
rig, a very large drilling machine on the back of a truck,  
and a smallish crawler- loader. No wonder the dock  
seems to be getting lower in the water - it is sinking  
under all this weight right into the channel.

The compressor shed for the bubble system has been  
removed and much of the piping has been pulled out of  
the water around the west side of the dock. The west  
indentation has been filled in with rock and is being  
used for the large coring rig to work on the west face of  
the dock. It has been coring a line of large (and deep)  
holes from the south edge of the dock to the shore. Into  
these holes large 'H-beams' have been placed and  
concreted, the tops of which are sticking out of the  
water a few feet. These 'H-beams' will probably form  
the main supports for the west face of the dock.

Also the concrete platform where the compressor  
shed sat has been removed along with the fill beneath -  
down to lake level. This leaves only the south concrete  
wall sticking up on the western third of dock's south  
face. The work on the south and east faces of the dock  
cannot begin until the west face is done and the boat  
starts docking there. The water area just to the west of  
the dock has been drilled and blasted to deepen this  
area.

The line-up area has been lined with very large  
stones which will eventually be used to stabilize the  
shoreline. Presently they look like a guard to keep stray  
tanks from crashing into the lake. Also a lot of re-bar  
has been brought to the site which will be eventually  
used for the 3' thick concrete wall around the dock.

Is anyone getting any pictures of our dock? It won't  
even be recognizable once the work is completed.  
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Amherst Island Recreation Committee  
Country & Western Line Dancing  
Learn the "18 Wheeler" & the "Achy Breaky" among  
others. Everyone welcome. Only \$1 per class. Starting  
Fri Jan 29 A.I.P.S. 8 p.m.  
Great Fun! Great Exercise!!



No Partner Required!

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Dog Licenses

Pursuant to By-law #21-90, every owner of a dog shall, on or before the 31st day of March in each and every year or upon becoming the owner of a dog after the 15th day of March, register such dog with the Township Clerk and procure a license and dog tag for each dog owned by him/her.

Dog licenses are currently available at the Municipal Office.

##### Fees

Prior to March 31, 1993

- for each neutered dog (veterinary certificate or other proof of neutering must be presented)... \$10.00
- for each non-neutered dog... \$25.00
- Kennel license fee... \$40.00

After March 31, 1993

- an additional fee of \$5.00 will be charged for each dog and the kennel fee will be increased by \$5.00 also.

By-law #21-90, including the requirement to purchase a dog license, will be enforced by the Township of Amherst Island By-law Enforcement Officer. If your dog is missing and you believe it may have been picked up, call John McGinn at 384-3047 or the Community Animal Control shelter at 354-5907.

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#### Alcoholic's Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, there's an A.A. member available for information at 389-3548.

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Winter Parking Regulations

No Parking is permitted on Township Roads between midnight and 7 a.m. from December 1st to March 31st to facilitate snow ploughing.

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#### L & A Interval House

The phone number for the L & A Interval House (Napane) is 354-1010 (24 hours a day).

They need basic supplies for women setting up new households: mugs, kitchen utensils, books, sheets, towels and furniture. Call Elsie Densem, Island Co-ordinator, at 389-2874 if you have donations (please no adult clothing). Thank you to those who have made donations.

Thanks to Keith Miller who has been driving the Island donations to Napane, and doing fix-it jobs in the

house.

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#### Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food

Lennox & Addington residents are invited to take the leadership course, "Ten Steps to Community Action".

There are 10 sessions from Feb 24 to June 9 costing \$100. Communication, decision making, goal setting, reacting to change etc are some of the topics covered.

Contact: Linda Jones Program Co-ordinator 373-2167

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#### Beacon Notes

As you may have noticed, the masthead graphic is still a person shovelling out. There is a reason for that - we still are!!! The weekend of March 13-14 roared in with a blizzard the likes of which had not been seen in years. Snow, wind, more snow, higher winds, and lots of drifting - not just your average wicked Atlantic storm.

However, we do note with some optimism that there are some signs of spring: the Coast Guard has lit the lighthouse at the Head (March 9th), and our ewes are lambing up a storm themselves with the old barn stacked high with babies. On the other hand, for those of you who like winter, this storm will prolong the Island as a skier's paradise.

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#### Council Report

March 2, 1993

- Chris Kennedy

Allen Caughey was not present for the regular meeting. Given how thick the fog was that night it is surprising that all the other Councillors made it on time.

In February, there was a Zoning Bylaw meeting and the Regular Council meeting on February 2nd, and the minutes of these meetings were approved.

The Reeve reported that he had met with the Minister of Transportation, who seems to have decided that Amherst Island will indeed get the Frontenac II, some time in the near future. Amherst Island will, however, be required to pick up the extra running costs of the bigger ferry. The major increase will be in the fuel bill. This decision should be announced officially some time in the spring. Wolfe island is apparently quite upset, to put it mildly.

The work on the Millhaven dock is on schedule, if not slightly ahead. Caroline Ackerman and Debbie Miller have written to council, expressing their considerable displeasure at the delays in the ferry service. Council will be sending around a letter by householder mail explaining the reasons why some of the problems were hard to avoid. The time for refuelling has been changed to the middle of the day. The tug has so far cost the Province about \$70,000 (March 2nd) and the Ministry of Transportation is worried about how much more it will cost.

There was a short discussion about moving the 8.00 a.m. ferry to 7.50 a.m., to give commuters and the High School students more time to get to work. If people have opinions on this matter they should contact Council so that their views may be heard.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs has audited the grants paid to the Township by the Ministry of Transportation, and found them to be in perfect order. Council congratulated the Public Works Superintendent and the Township Clerk on their excellent accounting.

Under a recent Provincial/County agreement generally referred to as 'Disentanglement', the Province will pick up all Welfare coats, and in exchange the Province will pay less of the subsidy for County Roads. This should benefit Amherst Island, since we should lose our share of the Welfare costs but, having no County Roads, should not get any other costs added on.

Council is considering having a user pay system for all garbage at the dump, including household garbage, possibly with a charge for each bag. Where this has been introduced in other municipalities there has been a drastic decrease in the amount of garbage going to the dump. Two other possibilities for garbage disposal were briefly mentioned. Trucking the garbage off the Island might cost about \$50,000 a year, and a new dump when this one is full might cost \$2 to \$3 million.

The 911 emergency service will cost Amherst Island \$1,546.65 plus G.S.T. this year, which is 0.35% of the cost of the service in this area. Council decided to pay for the First Aid and CPR courses being offered on the Island this spring. Please see the notice elsewhere in the Beacon for details.

The Ministry of the Environment has still not decided whether a full environmental assessment is required for the Ducks Unlimited project in the Big Marsh, so it looks as though that plan is going nowhere in a hurry.

No building permits were issued in January or February. Raymond Wemp has received his Captains's

papers, so should shortly be allowed to act as a replacement captain on the ferry.

Steven Willard then gave the Council meeting a short, but passionate, 'expose' of the Napanee Court House drama, and how much the County is likely to have to pay to have the place renovated. His final comment was that it might be better if the place burnt down, and the County crushed the stones and used them as gravel on the roads.

Council then adjourned shortly after 9.30 p.m.

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#### Special Council Meeting

March 9, 1993

- Don Tubb

A Special Meeting of Council was held on March 9 to start the budget process, among other topics. All members of Council were there with the exception of Allen Caughey. No members of the general public were present except this reporter.

The first item on the agenda was a report on our little tiff with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) over the Official Plan. They still want us to restrict severed parcels in the Agricultural Areas to a minimum of 30 ha with at least 30 ha left over (30 ha is 75 acres in real dimensions). So far Council has been unable to convince them that this is both impractical and unrealistic on Amherst Island.

Council is trying to figure out how hard to push for the Official Plan position. To that end, the Township Office will be sending a note by householder mail explaining the situation in more detail than here. Basically, it boils down to pushing hard and probably ending up at the Ontario Municipal Board at an estimated cost between \$1,000 and \$2,000 or giving in and depriving a fair number of landowners the possibility of severance. Council is looking for guidance and wants to hear from you. There will be a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18th where the public can offer their opinions. Council did approve all of the other changes to the Official Plan.

The main reason for this Special Meeting was to start the 1993 Budget. You may wonder how the Township can operate for months on end without a budget - well the thought struck the Councillors too, leading them to pass a resolution authorizing the various departments to spend up to 25% of their 1992 budget. You may also ask why this process is only starting now - well, there is no hurry as the budget cannot be finally passed until the rates from the school boards are received which doesn't happen until June. Actually, the later Council delays, the more actual costs

it will know and therefore the less guess work will be necessary. On the whole, Council is expecting to bring in a very low increase this year - perhaps even no increase at all.

Council decided to change how the Fire Department gets budgeted. Instead of the Department coming to Council with a budget, they will receive \$100 per household (the number of which is supplied by the Assessment Office). In subsequent years, the \$100 per household will increase with the rate of inflation.

Council is also looking at ways of extending the life of the landfill/recycling site. One proposal mentioned was to charge a one dollar per bag fee. This is very tentative right now and there will certainly be more discussions later.

Budget deliberations will get more specific during the next meeting which is tentatively scheduled for early April. Council authorized the Clerk to prepare a Preliminary Budget for consideration at that time.

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#### Special Council Meeting

March 9, 1993

[Staff: No Beacon reporter could attend this daytime meeting but we have managed to assemble the following report.]

This meeting was held to consider two items of business: the Roads Department supplementary subsidy priority list for 1993 (the wish

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list), and to meet with representatives of Malroz Engineering and Totten Sims Hubicki concerning their joint report on the waste disposal options.

Council has set its priorities for supplementary roads grants as follows:

- complete the new Road's Shed,
- complete the paving of the Stella 40' to the south end plus the third concession to about Allan Glenn's,
- to re-pave west of the village.

The other item on the agenda was based around a report written for Council outlining the options available regarding the waste disposal on the Island. To distill a 15 page report to its essence, the following options and recommendations were stated with their anticipated costs are quoted.

Council is proceeding with the recommended option (#2). It is also committed to doing what it can to make the land fill site last as long as possible.

- Option 1 - status quo which is not acceptable because the site does not conform with current MOE policy.  
Option 2 - Expansion of the current site which is the

report's preferred option with the concern that the hydrogeological tests might find the site unacceptable. There would be about \$80,000 in development costs and about \$9,000 in annual monitoring costs. Option 3 - Finding a new site which is an alternative option by the report's assessment. There would be about \$180,000 in direct development costs, \$85,000 in costs associated with losing the present site and about \$25,000 in annual monitoring costs. Option 4 - Hauling off the Island is another alternative option which is less desirable than the above two. The development cost is about \$50,000 with the same \$85,000 in closing the present site and about \$9,000 in annual monitoring costs. In addition, there would be about \$50,000 a year to haul the garbage off the Island. \*\*\*\*\*

### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

I apologize in advance if this month's news is not up to the minute, but (get this!) I am writing this column Several Days Before Deadline so I can take a few holidays next week. Now that the weather has become bearable and we are seeing some signs of spring around here, I thought I would take a jaunt up to Sudbury to catch some real winter before the opportunity is lost. [Staff: Ha! we say!!]

Our sympathy to John Hall and family on the loss of his mother, Dorothea Hall, last week.

And best wishes to those who have been ill or in hospital this month; Jack Kerr, Anne Marie Hitchins, and Bill Bulch.

Congratulations to Matt and Alison Herrington on the birth of their first baby. Chance James Matthew Crump was born February 3, weighing 8 lbs, in Kingston. Best wishes.

In the big housing switch last month, John and Laurel Nixon bought the former Bateman house on the Second and moved there. Our new village residents are Gloria Jane French and Bruce Barrette.

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### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E.S. McIntyre

The February meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Helen Miller. The topic for the evening was Family Affairs and we had as our guests members of the Island's Guide Troop and their leaders Janet Scott and Annette Phillips. They were able to join with us in the Ode, Collect and O Canada to open the meeting. They then performed a short skit which gave information on the founding of the Scout and Guide movements and of

their leaders Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. The senior Guide then gave an account of the activities in which the Guides have participated during the past year. They concluded their presentation with the Guide Motto and salute. Many thanks to the Girls and their leaders who give so willingly of their time to run the Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders on the Island.

April is Cancer month and once again the W.I. are canvassing on behalf of the Cancer Society for donations to this worthy cause. There are some people on the Island who have and are benefiting from the services of the Cancer Clinic in Kingston and we hope your donations will be as generous this year as they have been in the past. We will be calling on you during April but if you are not home at the time donations may be left with Irene Glenn at the store.

March Meeting - Wed. March 17th 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Leslie Gavlas. Programme - Pot Luck Supper and an Irish night.

April Meeting - Wed. April 21st 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Jackie Sylvester. Programme - Annual Meeting. New members will be very welcome.

Public Meeting - April 26th 8:00 p.m. at the School. Topic - L&A District Health Council to speak on the changes to the Health Care System presently under way or being considered. Sponsored by the W.I., A.C.W. and P.C.W.

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### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Please note that Country And Western Line Dancing is cancelled until further notice.

Please keep your calendar open for May 22, the date of our annual Spring Dance. Full details will be outlined in the April Beacon.

We welcome home our chairman, Jim Whitton, who has spent most of the last two months basking in the Australian sunshine. He says he was there to work. Some members of the Rec. Committee believe he spent the entire holiday working on the agenda for our meeting next week, judging by its length. Some of the items on our upcoming agenda include:

- a review of the rink maintenance program,
- an accounting of the Holiday Draw and Nevada Ticket systems,
- Canada Day program,
- bicycle helmet campaign,
- capital funding and 517 Grant application. This is where we make up our wish list for the following year.
- Spring Dance.

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## Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

We have received two recipes from Tena Tugwell so we will proceed without further delay.

This recipe was very well received and enjoyed at our last Legion Valentines dance so I thought why not let everyone enjoy it on a regular basis.

### Ingredients:

- 1 pkg 10 oz frozen chopped spinach thawed
- 1 1/2 cups sour cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 pkg Knorr veg. soup mix
- 1 can 10 oz water chestnuts chopped
- 3 green onions finely chopped.

### Method:

Squeeze spinach until dry. In medium bowl, stir together spinach, sour cream, mayonnaise, soup mix, water chestnuts and green onions. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours.

If desired serve with pumpernickel bread. Scoop out the middle and use for dipping or crackers.

Makes 3 cups. Enjoy!

I found this in the Reader's Digest and made it. We really enjoyed it so here goes. Preparation time 5 minutes. Cooking time 25 minutes.

1 tbsp margarine or butter (I use a bit of cooking oil.)  
4 skinless boneless chicken breasts halves about 500 g or 1 lb. (I used chicken legs and cut them in half and skinned them and removed most of the fat to cut the calories.)

1 can of 10 3/4 oz can Campbell's condensed broccoli cheese soup. (Normal broccoli soup is okay too.)

1/3 cup water or milk

2 cups broccoli cut in 1 1/2 inch pieces

1/8 tsp pepper (Fresh sage leaves and optional cherry tomatoes for garnish.)

### Method:

In a 10 inch skillet over medium heat chicken in margarine or butter or oil for 10 minutes or until browned on both sides. Stir in soup and water. Add either fresh or frozen broccoli and pepper. Heat to boil.

Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook 10 minutes or until broccoli is tender and chicken is no longer pink, stirring occasionally.

Garnish with sage and cherry tomatoes, if desired.

Makes 4 servings.

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## 50/50 Draw Winner

The winner of the February 50/50 Draw, which is held monthly by the Fire Fighters Association, was won by Dave Fleming. The draw was made on the Ferry on March 2nd. The winning ticket was drawn by Kim

Ashley.

There's lots of tickets for the March Draw and any fire fighter as well as Glenn's Store has them for sale. You could win....

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Public Meeting With The District Health Council

- Leslie Gavlas

This is a reminder of the important Public Meeting with the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington District Health Council at A.I.P.S. on Monday, April 26, 1993 at 8:00 p.m.

The specific pbjectives of the Health Council are as follows:

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Art Ackerman

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Thank you to our neighbours and the P.C.W., A.C.W. and W.I. for the telephone calls, cards, visits and gifts whilst I was laid up with knee problems. It was typical of the friendliness that Cherry and I have received since moving here in July.

Mark Ritchie

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We would like to say a special Thank You to Ardis Shurtleff and Janet Scott for having a baby shower for our new daughter, Danielle Caitlin Wolfreys. Thank you to all our friends who came to the shower in the bad snow storm and for the gifts that came later. Thanks to the road crew that kept the roads open the night of the shower. It is so nice to have such good friends on Amherst Island.

Love

Dan, Valerie, Alicia & Danielle Wolfreys

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#### First Response Team

##### Heart Attack

Heart disease is a leading cause of adult death. The different types are:

- 1) Arteriosclerosis - hardening of the arteries which is a build-up of fatty deposits in the coronary arteries.
- 2) Angina - chest pain which usually caused by exertion or stress and relieved by rest and medication.
- 3) Myocardial Infarction - heart attack which is a severe and sustained oxygen deprivation of the heart, resulting in death of heart cells.

##### Signs & Symptoms of Heart Attack

Some or all of the following may be present:

- pain, typically in the centre of the chest, that is vice-like or crushing, though it may be milder and is sometimes thought to be indigestion; the pain which may radiate into the arms, throat and jaw, resembles angina, except that rest and medication will not relieve it;
- fear and apprehension;
- denial that he/she is having a heart attack;
- pallor;
- nausea and vomiting;
- profuse sweating;
- dizziness;
- shortness of breath;
- shock or unconsciousness; and/or
- cardiac arrest.

##### First Aid for Heart Attack

Aimed at reducing the work of the heart, preventing the person's condition from deteriorating and restoring circulation if necessary:

- call 911
- do not move unnecessarily;
- place at rest in the most comfortable position, usually semi-sitting with head and shoulders raised and supported;
- loosen tight clothing at neck, chest and waist;
- reassure the person to lessen fear and anxiety;
- if breathing fails, begin artificial respiration;
- if heart stops, give CPR (if qualified).

The Amherst Island First Response Team Is Trained to Handle Such Medical Emergencies. All You Have To Do Is Call 911

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#### Beacon Awards

The Design Award Of The Winter goes to everyone who had a hand in the bubble system. For those of you who do not remember the winters before the system was installed, the last couple of months will give you a good taste of what it was like.

The Optimism Award Of The Year goes to the Coast Guard who just, cranked up the light house at the Head. Presumably they have some inside information that the ice will break up and that there will be a navigational season this year! It doesn't look that way from where I'm sitting.

The Persistence Award Of The Year goes to the Road Crew who have ploughed round and round the Island more times than they can probably count.

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#### Meynard Laltin Reviews

Not much room this month, so I'll just mention a couple of movies we saw and enjoyed - the duds are just too numerous.

An Angel At My Table (1991) is a long film about Janet Frame growing up in New Zealand. Refreshingly different in look and feel with lots of little segments which add to an interesting movie. (8 out of 10)

Buffy, The Vampire Slayer (1992) A great title that is not matched by this attempt at a B-movie. However, it's fun and not gory. (6 out of 10)

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A League Of Their Own (1992) Geena Davis, Tom Banks, and Madonna in an old fashion tribute to the first Women's League (WWII). Not terrific but entertaining in a predictable sort of way. (7 out of 10)

Texasville (1990) Jeff Bridges and Cybill Shepherd in this sequel to The Last Picture Show (1971). The

events are quite improbable (hopefully). The only work done in the whole town is trying to keep track of who is sleeping with whom, but well acted and ultimately enjoyable. (7 out of 10)

Leaving Normal (1992) with Meg Tilly and Christine Lahti will be thought of as a Thelma and Louise clone but really stands on its own. A road picture about 2 women trying to find where they belong and who they are. (7 out of 10)

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#### And Finally

We have an item which must herald the first sure signs of spring - golf jokes. From the Detroit News and Free Press (February 28, 1993), we have been sent:

Mitch Albom, in his weekly column, speculates about the programming for the proposed 24-hour cable network devoted entirely to the sport of golf. A few of the items are:

Masters Update: Live coverage of sunrise at Augusta National.

Regis & Cathie Lee: Lee Trevino joins the show and does what many have wanted to do for many years; clubs them over the head with a pitching wedge.

Masters Update: Live coverage of grass growing at Augusta.

At The Links with Siskel and Ebert: Disagreement on whether Fred Couples is actually dead or really that dull.

The Young and the Restless: With John Daly.

Sea Hunt: Craig Stadler (The Walrus) leads a scenic tour of the world's best water hazards.

Masters Update: Live coverage of hedge trimming at Augusta National.

Rescue 911: Medics perform the Heimlich manoeuvre on Greg Norman who has been choking for years.

Murder She Wrote: Golfers' wives discuss plans for the future.

Masters Update: Live coverage of night watchman making the rounds at Augusta National.

Golf Live: Final round action from Honda Goodyear Wendy's Nutter-Butter H.R. Block Senior Womens' Invitational Classic at Miami Beach.

Masters Update: Live coverage of a groundhog running across the fairway at Augusta National.

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#### Millhaven Dock Work

Last month we left you with steel H-sections standing up in place along the west face of the newly configured dock. During this month past, the work continues on the west face with pre-cast concrete slabs forming the lower wall being put into place between the H-sections. Apparently the ice pressure has been

enough to cause some of steel beams to twist, causing some headaches for the workers. On top of the pre-cast slabs (and above the water line), a thick wall is being formed and the steel re-bar put into place. Weather delays aside, they should be ready to pour the concrete this week, I would guess.

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#### Environment Watch

Manganese is allowed in gasoline in Canada as an anti-knock octane enhancing agent. The U.S. banned manganese in gasoline in 1978, reasoning that the American children had not yet recovered from the other brain toxic gasoline additives -lead. Manganese is especially potentially dangerous to middle aged and older persons.

- to be continued next month -

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#### For Sale / Wanted

##### For Sale

Brown and white eggs.

Contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828

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##### Square Bales

Two year old sq bales - free or last years hay \$0.50/bale.

Call Ted Welbanks 389-1080

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##### Wanted

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#### Babysitting

Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights and weekends.

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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#### Property Maintenance

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Notices And Announcements

Township Of Amherst Island

Council Meetings

Official Plan March 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (to discuss whether 20 ha severance in the Ag. Area should be maintained against OMAF's objections)

Zoning By-law March 18th at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (to discuss the draft by-law)

1993 Budget tentatively scheduled for early April

Regular April 6 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber

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Beef Dinner

The ladies of the Anglican Church Women are hosting a Beef Dinner at the Amherst Island Public School on

Saturday, March 27th

From 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door and cost:

Adults... \$10

Children (4-12 Yrs)... \$5

Pre-schoolers... Free

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St. Paul's Presbyterian Easter Services

Good Friday (April 9) at 10:15 a.m. Combined Worship

Service with Trinity Presbyterian Church

(Amherstview) and Strathcona Park Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday (April 11)

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

11:00 a.m. Morning Service

11:00 a.m. Community Sunday School

A warm invitation is given to worship with us.

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Anglican Easter Services

Good Friday (April 9)

11:30 a.m. at St. John's in Bath

Easter Sunday (April 11)

11:00 a.m. at St. Alban's

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Fun Night

An Open House Celebration for Zelma Koender's 60th birthday will be held at the school on April 10th at 8:00 p.m.

Disc Jockey & Dancing.

Cash Bar (proceeds going to the ISLE Comm.)

Good Wishes Only

All Welcome

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First Aid And CPR

There will be a St John's Ambulance First Aid Course on the Island this spring, probably in April. This course takes two days, usually a Saturday and Sunday.

The CPR course also takes two days, and will cover one and two person CPR, and includes Infant and Child CPR. This course is for people who have not taken a CPR course in the past year. In the future the certificate may be renewed annually in a one day refresher course.

Council has generously offered to cover the cost of these courses for any Island resident who wishes to attend. Anyone interested please call Chris Kennedy at 389-0554 as soon as possible so that I know how many to organize for. (We have an answering machine if we are not in.)

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#### Beacon Notes

Whether spring has arrived where you are, we are officially announcing its start here and now! It's time someone did something other than just talking about the weather. After a hard winter, we're ready for some warm sunny weather. My 'official' start to spring is when the Channel ice breaks up - April 9th this year.

You will, of course, notice a different look to the Beacon this month. Thanks to a few days with nothing more pressing, I had time to play with my word processor, WordPerfect 5.1, and a new little desk-top publishing program that operates within WordPerfect called By Design. This gives me a few more print styles and some more graphic capabilities. It really is amazing just how much there is in these programs. There will be more changes in time but for now we'll sign off here and get on with the show.

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#### Council Report

April 6, 1993

- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present, and there were five in the audience. Last month, in addition to the regular meeting, there was a Special Meeting on March 9th to consider the 'Report on Options for Waste Disposal', prepared by the consultants hired by the Township, and to set the priorities for supplementary Road Subsidy requests. The Ferry Committee met on March 12th. There was also a Special Meeting of Council on March 18th to consider part of the Official Plan, and to continue work on the Zoning By-law. In the Official Plan the Ministry of Agriculture is still insisting that in Agricultural areas the minimum lot size should be 30 hectares, while the Township is requesting that it should be 20 hectares. If the 30 hectare minimum is

kept it will be almost impossible for any farmer with Agricultural land to obtain a severance for any reason. This matter is likely to go to an O.M.B. hearing.

Leslie MacDonald then spoke to Council about the condition of, and public access to, the washrooms on the ferry and the docks. One of her small children had got caught short on the ferry, and she had been refused use of the crew's toilet. All public use of the crew's toilet recently has been stopped. Among the

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reasons for this were that the ferry has a very small holding tank; it is the only place that the crew has to dry the ropes; and, there have been complaints about the condition of the washroom when the public has been allowed to use it (in an emergency). Council debated what to do about this for about 25 minutes. It was finally resolved that the crew's toilet on the ferry could be used by the public in an emergency on application to the mate for the key, but complaints about its condition would receive a very unsympathetic hearing. With the crew in winter having wet boots, and drying ropes in there it is very hard to keep clean. The ferry crew will be asked to make a concerted effort to improve the cleanliness of the toilets on the docks. Councillor Tugwell volunteered to keep an eye on the progress made in improving them.

Council has received several letters in support of moving the 8.00 am ferry to 7.50 am. Alex Scott Jr. suggested that perhaps all the ferry times should be changed so that the ferry leaves the Island on the half hour and the mainland on the hour. Both these proposals will be put in a survey to be banded to ferry users for a response.

The Amherst Islander is due to go into dry dock as soon as possible to have the hull inspected, after what has been described as breaches of the hull this winter.

Council is asking for extra money from the Province this year: to build the new Township Roads Shed, \$400,000; to complete the paving of the Stella Fortyfoot, \$110,000; and, to repave the Front Road west of the School where the pavement is breaking up, \$110,000. The Township is planning to crush gravel for the roads at the end of this year. Councillor Murray has been checking out the possibility of the Township also stockpiling extra gravel to sell to the public. This might help the Township get a better price on the larger quantity of gravel, and also cut down on the number of gravel trucks on the ferry, as well as supplying gravel more cheaply to Island residents.

The Fire Department's Ford tanker has been safety

checked. Lynn Fleming has been appointed to the Recreation Committee. There will be a Budget Meeting on Monday 19th April at 10 a.m. to start work on the Township budget for this year. The Fire Department has been given a yearly budget of \$100 per household (increasing at the rate of inflation). The County Council has completed its budget for this year, with an increase of 1.9%

The provincial government's Fair Tax Commission has produced its Report, and a copy is available at the Township Office for anyone who wishes to see it.

The Building inspector reported that the Presbyterian Church has been given an occupancy permit for its new addition, and Lynn A'Court, who bought the old George Willard house on the south shore, has a building permit for renovations. The walking path in Stella is now, finally, in the Township's possession, after about seven years of legalities.

Reeve Stephen Willard raised the subject of the North Shore Road relocation, up towards the Head. Councillor Murray left the room before the discussion started, to avoid any possible conflict of interest. Stephen said that the current high water levels in the lake are likely to seriously endanger the road. He suggested that the road be moved back south of the buildings. It is apparently completely uneconomical to gouge out a new road right next to the present one. M.T.O. is likely to cover most of the cost of the new road. Stephen proposed that the affected landowners would receive clear title to the old road allowance, in exchange for which they would be expected to pick up the rest of the cost of the new road. Council decided to explore this idea with the landowners involved.

Council went into closed session to discuss a personnel matter and then adjourned.

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Special Council Meeting

March 18, 1993

- Don Tubb

A Special Meeting of Council was held to discuss both the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law. All members of Council were present except for Allan Caughey. Several concerned citizens also turned out for the meeting.

The Township is still being hassled by the Ontario Ministry of Agricultural and Food (OMAF) about the severance size in Agricultural designated lands. OMAF has a policy of requiring severances to be at least 30 ha with a minimum of 30 ha in the remaining parcel. Council would like to reduce this to 20 ha which would better suit our situation here, OMAF has allowed

exceptions like this in other Eastern Ontario jurisdictions but are being very stubborn with us.

Robert MacKenzie gave out a copy of OMAF's four criteria used in making their severance size recommendations. They are, in part, quoted below:

- 'If there is a high capability of agriculture, any severance proposals should be agricultural related and should not reduce the future usefulness of the parcel in question for agricultural purposes.'

- 'Farm parcel sizes must stay sufficiently large to permit making changes which may have different land requirements to be economically sound.'

- 'While some kinds of specialized farming such as fruit or vegetable production can be viable on a much smaller parcel size than livestock or traditional field crop operations, these smaller farms are generally concentrated in areas where necessary related facilities such as cold storage or processing are available, or in areas close to markets. It is generally inappropriate to create smaller land parcels for such activities in farming areas that are not geared to such activities.'

- 'Any new farm parcels created, as well as the parcel being retained, should be viable agricultural units.'

OMAF thinks that a 30 ha of good agricultural land on Amherst Island meets all of the above criteria. Can anyone think of an animal or legal crop that can be raised which would make 30 ha any more viable than 20 ha? Someone seriously interested in trying to make a living from farming will require hundreds of hectares, much of which will be rented in diversely sized parcels.

Well, after some discussion involving many of the Islanders present, Council decided to try to get this resolved by going directly to the Minister. Reeve Willard will meet with him as soon as it can be arranged. If that fails, then Council will probably have to go before the Ontario Municipal Board.

The next part of the meeting dealt with the Zoning By-law. Council seems to be reaching for a compromise lyder

the number of objections due to inconsistencies and mistakes. If you have a criticism, a letter to Council and/or appearing at one of the Zoning Meetings will get its attention.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Welcome to our two newest Island residents. Chelsea Alexandra Snee, as most of us heard, arrived rather quickly on March 18. She was delivered at home by (Doctors) David

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Fleming and Diane Pearce, members of the First Response Team. Chelsea weighed in at 7lbs 3ozs when she got to the hospital. She is the daughter of Jan Snee and Bonnie Azulay, and a new sister for Brittany and Jessica.

Catherine Eva Coleman made her first appearance in the normal fashion at KGH March 25. At 5 lbs 4 ozs, she is a new daughter for Garth and Penny Coleman and a little sister for Matthew and Benjamin. (A further note to our off-island subscribers: these are two new families. Garth and Penny live in Thelma Howard's former home; Jan and Bonnie built a new home at the foot next to Garry Filson.)

A long time Village neighbour passed away last month. Our sympathy to Janet Bews and family on the loss of their brother, Edward Filson. Edward had been ill for an extended period and his trips to his Island home had become very infrequent over the past two years. He owned the house next to the store.

Our sympathy also to Cherry Allen and family. Cherry's mother recently passed away.

Diane Bell of Bath also died March 14. Her husband, Gary Bell, drowned off the foot last summer in a boating accident. Our sympathy to the family.

Best wishes to Royce Eves who is in hospital, and Elaine Wolfreys who recently had surgery and is recovering at home.

An interesting note on last week's airplane story: (for those who didn't hear about it, a small plane had to make a forced landing in the field behind Clinton Kilpatrick's house). Anyway we saw the pilot and two other men pushing and pulling this plane toward the Front Road last Saturday on the Eves property across from Ben Wemp's. They were loading it onto a trailer and we wondered how they were going to get the plane through the ramp posts on the boat. For others who were wondering the same thing - they took the wings off. One further note, the pilot was fine but wet from fording the Miller Drain in his running shoes. He was

rescued by Clinton and tended to by a tax assessor who was assessing Clinton's barn at the time. The results of this assessment are not yet known.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E.S. McIntyre

The March meeting of the W.I. took the form of a Pot Luck Supper at the home of Mrs. Leslie Gavlas. As it was St. Patrick's Day we held a Green Auction, the proceeds going to our Pennies for Friendship Fund.

After the Ode, Collect & O Canada our business meeting consisted of the planning of the Cancer Canvas during April. Also the Mother's Day Ham Supper on May 8th.

April Meeting: Wed. April 21st at the home of Mrs Jackie Sylvester. Topic: The Annual Meeting. All new members will be very welcome.

Public Meeting: Mon. April 26th at 8 p.m. in the school. Lennox & Addington District Health Council to speak on the changes to the Health System presently under way or being considered. Sponsored by the W.I., A.C.W. & P.C.W.

May Meeting: Wed. May 19th at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs Helen Lamb. Topic: Plant Exchange, Agricultural and a visit from the Dairy Princess.

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[Staff: Due to space limitations we have condensed a submission from the W.I. to the following:]

The Amherst Island Women's Institute has become concerned with an additive in gasoline methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl (MMT). This substance apparently causes damage to catalytic converters so they do not operate as effectively, and also is a neurotoxin affecting the young and aged more than those in between. The W.I. has passed a resolution requesting the Canadian government to remove MMT from gasoline and replace it with a non-toxic and environmentally safe fuel additive. They are looking to start the same sort of public pressure which helped get lead removed from gasoline.

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#### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

In the interest of safety, the Rec Committee will be promoting the use of Bicycle Helmets among our children during the course of this year's cycling season.

Bicycle helmets will soon be mandatory in the province. The Rec Committee is prepared to help our children (and their parents) acquire the helmets with the

following steps:

- Promote the use of safety and helmets inside and outside school.
- Order helmets in bulk to get a reduced rate.
- Subsidize part of the cost of children's helmets.
- Initiate a "spotter" campaign for part of the summer. When a child is spotted wearing a helmet, a prize will be awarded.
- We will strongly encourage the use of bicycle helmets in the Canada Day parade.

Please note this is Not a fundraising campaign. In fact, as stated above, the Rec Committee is helping pay for the helmets as an initiative to help protect our kids.  
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A reminder about the telephone at the school. The pay phone is now out of service and we have installed a business line in the hallway just outside the kitchen door. Please do not use our phone to place long distance calls, and please remember this is a monitored line and we would like to keep the number of outgoing calls to a minimum. We will be putting up a collection box next to the telephone and ask that users of the phone donate a piece of silver toward the phone bill.  
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Welcome to Lyn Fleming, our new Recreation Committee member. Our thanks to all those who were interested enough in our committee to put their names in. Unfortunately, we had only one opening at this time.  
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The Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 539  
- Jean Tugwell

Belated congratulations to the winners of The Remembrance Day Literary Contest of the Royal Canadian Legion:  
Winners at Branch 539 level were:  
Junior Grade

Jacob Murray- coloured poster 1st, b&w poster 1st, essay 2nd,

Jessica McGinn- b&w poster 3rd

Bonnie Marshall- essay 1st, coloured poster 2nd

Scott Marshall- poem 1st

Wendy Fleming- poem 2nd

Stephanie Fleming- poem 3rd

Intermediate

Jessica Gavlas- poem 1st, essay 3rd, coloured poster 1st

Crystal Bedford- essay 1st, coloured poster 2nd

Angela Fleming- essay 2nd

Jill Caughey- poem 2nd

Kelly Baker- poem 3rd

Winners at Zone G-1 Level

Crystal Bedford- essay 1st

Bonnie Marshall- essay 2nd

Scott Marshall- poem 3rd

Jessica Gavlas- coloured poster 3rd

Congratulations to Tom Miller who is now our new Zone Commander!

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Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

Dianne: Here are a couple of recipes I thought you might like to try for the Beacon. They come from the Gateway To Good Eating recipe book, which has been put together by the staff at Gateway Public School in Toronto. The staff have made this their project to raise funds for the school children, to help subsidize skates, school trips and cover emergency costs, such as winter clothing, or

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food, if and when necessary. The school serves a multi-ethnic community, with many of our children coming from refugee families from Somalia, Iran and Afghanistan - hence the fund-raising project. If anyone wants to buy the recipe book, it costs \$10 and comes in a 3-ring binder with 129 pages of recipes and room to add more of one's own. Please call Diane Hieatt at 389-9294.

Norma Davis's Carrot Cake

2 cups white sugar

4 eggs

1 1/2 cup corn oil

3 cup grated carrots

2 cup flour

2 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. allspice

1 tsp. cinnamon

1 cup raisins

1 cup pecans

Mix wet ingredients, then dry ones, then combine ingredients and place in 2 greased 10 inch layer pans. Bake at 325 for 1/2 hour.

Icing:

1 lb. icing sugar

8 oz. cream cheese

1/4 lb. margarine

vanilla flavouring

Mix well. Smear icing between layers and over top and sides of cake.

Norma Davis's Pralines 'n Cream Cheesecake

## Crust

- 1 cup graham wafer crumbs
- 1/3 cup melted butter
- 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans

## Cheesecake:

- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 4 squares chocolate (semi sweet) melted and cooled
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 pkgs. (250 gm) cream cheese
- 1 env. unflavoured gelatin
- 1 cup whipping cream (whipped)

Crust- combine crust ingredients into 8 inch spring form pan.

Cheesecake- For praline mixture combine pecans, brown sugar, and melted butter, mixing well with a fork. Set aside while preparing filling. Beat cream cheese until smooth. Blend in sugar. Sprinkle gelatin on top of cold water in saucepan. Let stand 5 minutes to soften. Stir mixture over low heat until dissolved. Blend warm gelatin into cheese mixture. Gradually fold cheese mixture into whipped cream. Fold chocolate into 2 cup cheese mixture. Spread all but 1/2 cup plain cheese mixture into prepared pan. Sprinkle praline mixture over plain cheese mixture. Spread chocolate cheese mixture evenly over plain praline topped mixture. Again with plain. Swirl to marble. Chill 3 hours.

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## Book Review

- Peter Trueman  
'Amherst Island  
A Detailed Survey'  
by Tom Sylvester

For anyone who is even slightly interested in the history of our unique township, Thomas Wm. Sylvester's "Amherst Island: A Detailed Survey" is, at \$25, a considerable bargain.

In a brief closing note, Tom, who has been an island resident since 1976, points out that the author makes a living in carpentry, "a career that requires solid research skills". The note concludes that the author recognizes "he is not a wordsmith".

But the prose is more than serviceable, and the research, quite clearly, has been fair-minded and prodigious. If we had to pay for Tom's work as a researcher at carpentry rates, few of us could afford much more of "Amherst Island: A Detailed Survey", than its bright blue covers.

It's not the sort of book most of us would go through at one reading. But I have already snatched many happy minutes with it, on at least three occasions, and I'm sure

there will be many more of them.

The book will go on my shelf beside H.C. Burleigh's "Tales of Amherst Island", "Daniel Fowler of Amherst Island, 1810-1894" (the Etherington Art Centre publication), and Frank B. Edward's "The Smiling Wilderness"; an illustrated history of Lennox and Addington county.

Tom's book will be of great benefit not just to people who love the island and want to know more

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about it, It may even save some island residents money. As Tom suggests in his summary:

"The development of the Island road system lies at the heart of three separate legal disputes that are imminent. Definitive shoreline ownership will require (at least) one court ruling. I have initiated this research, and am publishing the detailed survey with my interpretations in the interest of cooperation between all the interested parties".

The book presents details of four forgotten island surveys which pre-date the registered Plan 62, William Perceval (1867) map which still hangs on many island walls and which we tend to rely on today.

It is interesting to note that the first surveys "did not lay out or otherwise recognize" the familiar shore roads of the modern island. And there is no mention of them in original north and south shore deeds predating Plan 62.

Tom's most interesting find, perhaps, was right under our noses. An old manuscript in the township office has turned out to contain the descriptive portion of a survey circa 1790, conducted sometime while Sir John Johnson owned the island, between 1789 and 1803. The title, date, author's name and map are missing, so the importance of the document has been long overlooked.

Anyone who owns property in lots numbered from 29 to 84, and the village, will be interested to read what their land looked like two centuries ago. The full text is published in the appendices.

For example, the property that my wife and I own, in the west half of lot 69, is described as "well timbered with Maple Beech Basswood Elm etc. Soil good Black and Deep". But it also notes tersely: "the marshes on these lotts (sic) of little value".

Hunters and conservationists today, of course, have quite a different view of marshland.

The "Town Plott" description makes interesting reading for people who makes their homes in the village two centuries later:

"The point of land distinguished on the Map by Fish Point is Stoney Chiefly Limestone the Timber Oak.

White Pine. Poplar. the Oak not very thrifty The land at the head of the first Harbour is low but rises into a gentle Ridge immediately where the land is well timbered with Beech Maple Basswood. Some Oak and considerable White Pine. Being an exceeding fine soil of different qualities. Towards the south end the land becomes very level. And of a superior quality, altho on the easterly side the land is not so good. being more broken and uneven, having some Hemlock with some large Oak where there has been Sev" White Pine Trees cut for Shingle Upon the whole there is not on the Island a better piece (sic) of Land for a Town; nor better land for farms".

Appendix D is a list, by lot, of the first registered deeds on island properties, which includes sale prices. Read them and weep.

The Whig Standard recently carried the following ad for a beach property on the south shore just east of Stella 40-footer.

"See this gorgeous 2 acres lot with trailer, septic, boat, motor. Ready for your summers now, dream home later. \$79,900."

I see by Appendix D that the two acres in question is a one forty-eighth part of the 96 acre lot SS 1 which was sold by the landlord Maxwell to William J. Taylor for \$1,600 in 1930.

Tom is careful throughout the book to present and summarize facts and leave the judgement of them to the courts and others. But there is one passage on page 99 of the appendices which will interest shoreline property owners, and which I quote in full for their edification:

"The individual maps cited have little legal or boundary significance regarding the position of the shore roads relative to the shoreline and the respective lot lines. However, combined, the preponderance of evidence shows the map creators (including surveyors, civil engineers, and provincial ministries) and the viewing public, from 1863 to present, have recognized and understood the lot lines intersect the shoreline and the shore roads cross the lots".

There are suggestive little nuggets like that one everywhere and unearthing more of them will be a pleasure.

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Open Meeting With The District Health Council

- Leslie Gavlas

At Amherst Island PS on Monday, April 26th at 8:00 p.m.

Forgive me for flogging this meeting again, but with our governments all screaming deficits we may be in danger of losing some of our Medicare benefits. The

meeting with the District Health Council will hopefully answer our questions. So do come prepared to question and question and question! Some possible questions are here suggested but I'm sure the people of Amherst Island will have other concerns.

#### Discussion Questions

You might want to consider the following questions during the discussion that follows the presentation or afterwards with your colleagues, friends or family members:

- How much personal responsibility should there be for one's health? What is one thing I could do to improve my own health? How can I use the system more wisely?
- Should lives be saved at all costs without concern for the quality of life? Should patients, regardless of their chances for survival or quality of life, be in intensive care units? How do these decisions get made?
- Should palliative care at home be publicly funded?
- How important is preventative health relative to other health measures?
- Given the broad range of factors that influence the health of individuals and populations, what are your ideas about trade-offs and reallocations for public spending on health?
- Given that society has limited funds and that any dollars spent on health care means a lost opportunity for spending on education, housing, roads, etc., How do you feel about such trade-offs? Are you satisfied about how these decisions are made now? Would you like to participate in these decisions in the future? How would you envision this process? For further information or if you would like to provide feedback on these issues, please contact us:

Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington  
District Health Council  
at (613) 549-5253.

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#### Thank You Notes

We would like to take this time to thank our friends who helped us move into our new home. A special thank you to Deb Miller for giving up 2 days of her holidays to clean our new house and keep me (Laurel) sane.

The house warming gifts we've received are beautiful and much appreciated. The baked goods were amazing. (We don't get Real food too often!!) We promise to try and not kill our plants that were given us. (No green thumbs in This family!!)

Last, but not least, thanks to Ron Miller and the snow plow for getting me (Laurel) home in that blizzard we had and to Reg Hitchins for digging us out the next day.

Thanks again, everyone.

John & Laurel Nixon + the Boys

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A few words of appreciation from John Hall -You don't realize how many kind and thoughtful people there are on Amherst Island until you have an accident, are ill or have a loss in the family.

Thanks to the First Response Team's and Dr. Scott's prompt and knowledgeable help my thumb, gashed on my table saw, has healed up nicely and I had the stitches out on 6 April. My wife, Maribeth, (who says that she doesn't want her name in this) after a rough winter is responding to treatment and

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should be better in time to get working in the garden. Thank you all so much for the friendly inquiries, phone calls, the visits and the taste treats that accompanied them, engendered by my gashed thumb and my wife being under the weather.

Thanks also to our friends and neighbours, and to the PCW and WI, for their sympathy, cards and visits on recent loss of my mother at age 96+.

John Hall

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We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all the people who came to our birthday celebration on April 10. We had a wonderful time.

Special thanks to all for gifts, (there weren't supposed to be any); also for the many cards.

Special thanks to Laureen Kilpatrick for the beautiful cake; to Dorothy McGinn, Lorraine Burton and Laureen Kilpatrick for decorating; to Annette Phillips for the special favors; to Beth Forester and the ISLE Committee for doing the bar; to our nephew Reed Koenders for the music; and to all who brought food; to our children and spouses for the food and preparations and all the gifts.

We hope all of you had a good time.

Sincerely

Ray & Zelma Koenders

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We would like to thank Irene Glenn and Marian Glenn and the P.C.W. for the gifts and goodies delivered on the occasion of the birth of our daughter/sister Katie.

Garth, Penny, Matthew and Benjamin Coleman

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Chelsea Alexandra Sneep would like to say thank you to Diane Pearce, Dave Fleming, Phil Silvers and Dr. Alex Scott of the Amherst Island Emergency

Response Team who were there for her when she needed them.

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#### Beacon Awards

We start this month's awards with a 'Tip of the Helmet' to Mario Lemieux who after finishing cancer treatment came back to light the league on fire. He's been scoring something like three points a game and has led his team to 16 straight wins at last count. His Penguins certainly have the royal jelly and should easily take the Cup for the third year in a row.

To the First Response Team, specifically Diane Pearce and David Fleming, a 'Tip of the Birthing Scales' for assisting Bonnie Azulay and Jan Sneep with the birth of their daughter, Chelsea. They did have help from Dr. Scott but not immediately. We at Topsy Farms think that once they get a little more practice with humans, they can come up here and assist with our lambs!

Finally to Dianne Marshall we offer the 'Tip Of The Month Award' who managed to break her wrist while roller skating which will slow her down a bit for a month or so - no more wrestling with the rams. On the bright side, she is suing the rink for not having a padded floor and for allowing other people to skate while she was there. Maybe we should have given her the Semi-guided Skater Award instead!

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#### Meynard Maltin Reviews

Disappointment was hardly the word for this year's Oscars. Hollywood is glitz - completely and unabashedly self-indulgent glitz. I don't watch the Oscars to see stars promote the cause of one group of disadvantaged or oppressed people over those many others in the world. And, in declaring this edition 'The Year Of The Woman', it makes one think that all preceding and future years will not be. The producers could have featured the contributions of women in the industry without this kind of production. This air of politics gave the show an uneasy unreality even for this little make-believe world. Maybe next year, they'll get back to the real Hollywood - vanity!

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Last Of The Mohicans with Daniel Day-Lewis is a well done remake of the 1936 version. Very pretty to look at but the violence is unnecessarily graphic - much like Black Robe. (7 out of 10)

Paradise with Don Johnson and Melanie Griffith is a fairly standard attempt at a tear-jerker. Pretty well done but Melanie has to carry the picture. (6 out of 10)



Impromptu with Judy Davis as George Sands who is chasing Frederick Chopin around France is a delight to the eye and ear. (8 out of 10)

The Final Option is a 10 year old film with Judy Davis. A group of fanatical peace activists take over the American Embassy in London. A British film so you really don't know how the plot will twist (they do it differently over there). It still stands up fairly well today. (6 out of 10)

Where Angels Fear To Tread with Helena Bonham Carter, Judy Davis, Helen Mirren and Rupert Graves is a E. M. Forster novel in film. Quite watchable but not great. (7 out of 10)

The Player with Tim Robbins, Greta Scacchi, etc takes no prisoners in its look at the Hollywood film making industry. Very clever and enjoyable. (8 out of 10)

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And Finally

The Beacon wishes to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the following fully bilingual advertisement run in The Quebec Gazette April 11, 1793 (p 7).

Notice

To Be Let on life Leafes or fuch Terms of Years as may be agreed upon, feveral parcels of Land etc, in Upper Canada, the property of Sir John Johnson, Kt & Bart

Viz

Sundry Lots on that rich and delightful spot near Kingfton, called Johnfon's Ifland (lately known by the name Isle of Tonti) with all the privileges of Wood, Harbours, Bays and valuable Fisheries. Its very fort distance from teh Main Land and the Town and Harbour of Kingston renders this Island a desirable object to the induftrious, and every attention will be paid to the accomodation [sic] of Settlers in proportioning the Lots fuit their convenience. [other properties in the region listed] For the particulars of the above apply to Revd.

John Stuart at Kingfton, who will give the neceffary information and is empowered to grant leafes.

The above advertisement is one of the very few references to Sir John Johnson's development of the Island. He had a survey of Island lots circa 1790 and was "open for business". It is doubtful that the advertising was effective since the resident community on the Island pre-1800 is thought to be primarily Loyalists who started crossing the Bay from Ernest Town and Fredericksburg by 1794. Tom Sylvester is currently compiling a collection of names of Island residents of the 18th and early 19th centuries.

submitted by Tom Sylvester

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[Staff: The following clipping was submitted by W. Bruce Caughey. It concerns Dick Dodds who is a part time Islander and former Superintendent of the L&A Board of Education.]

Dick Dodds, former Director of Education and Secretary-Treasurer of the East York Board of Education and immediate Past President of the Canadian Education Association has received many provincial awards for his contribution to education. The most recent was the Distinguished Education Award from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Now Dick's efforts have been recognized internationally. He has been awarded the very prestigious Distinguished Service Award by the Washington-based American Association of School Administrators (AASA) and has been voted one of the 100 Outstanding Executives in North America in 1992 by the National School Board Association (NSBA) in the United States.

Well done, Dick!

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For Sale / Wanted

Open Barn

Topsy Farm's Annual Open Barn - Mother's Day Afternoon

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For Sale

Cassette Tapes

Almost New!!

Elton John- The One

2- Michael Bolton tapes

2- Mariah Carey tapes

Bryan Adams- Waking Up... and more...

Call Jacob at 389-3802

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For Sale

Fresh Maple Syrup

1 litre - \$12

2 litre - \$22

3 litre - \$40

Phone Jack Kerr 389-0386

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Computer Assistance

Over 10 years experience working with a large variety

of different computers and programs. Specializing in helping to organize and build computer skills. Call Jan at 634-1995

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#### For Sale

Brown and white eggs.

Contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828.

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#### Wanted

The Millers are again looking for Whig TV Times - used in the barn.

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#### For Sale

Picnic Tables- Super Design.

Custom made all steel weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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#### Amway Distributor

Amway products now available.

Contact Myrtle Veech at 389-5782

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#### Albertan Homes "A Family Tradition"

Contact Albertan Homes for a no obligation quote on new construction or renovations. No job is too small. We will build to suit. We have a designer who will design plans for you. Further information, please call our office at 549-0561 or contact one of our Amherst Island resident staff members:

Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Susan Sedore at 384-7866

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#### Hair At Home

Quality work without the travel! I will come to you. Specializing in permanent waves and cuts. Call to arrange a time. Shelley Glenn at 389-3113

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#### Printing

A Complete Printing and Design Service for Letterheads, Invoices, Envelopes, Business Cards, Computer Forms, Price Lists, Brochures, etc.

Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102

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#### GLM Construction

General Contracting

All facets of home decorating, renovations, additions and new construction. Custom design service also

available. For quality workmanship...

Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456

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#### House Cleaning

Professionally trained house cleaner looking for Island work.

Island references.

Call Laurel at 384-6617

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#### Cisterns Filled

Competitive Rates.

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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#### B & B Small Engine Repair

Spring is just around the corner, during the months of March and April, B&B Small Engines will be offering spring specials on all lawn equipment. With every tune-up you will receive a free oil change and new spark plug. Parts Extra If Needed.

Lawn Mower - \$28.95

Weed Eater - \$19.95

Lawn Tractor - \$49.95

Call Bill Halferty at 389-1413

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#### General Contracting

Renovations & Restorations, New Construction, Custom Woodworking, Stairs and Drafting Services. Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

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#### Shorewell Maintenance

Shorewells pumped and cleaned, foot valves and clamps checked.... \$30

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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#### Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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#### Babysitting

Kelly Baker & Jessica Gavlas will babysit Friday nights and weekends.

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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#### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, painting.

Reasonable. References.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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#### Clothing

If you have a tear, I will repair.

Also simple alterations. Clean clothing only.

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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#### Pumps Of All Kinds

Softeners / Conditioners / Filters / Chlorinators /

Sterilizers / Sprinkler Systems

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

Authorized Dealer for Archer Pumps

Softener Salt always in stock

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Glenn's Store 389-0417

Take Out Counter Now Open

Sandwiches:

Egg Salad or your choice cold cuts and cheese...

\$2.00

Deli Sandwiches:

Smoked Ham or Pastrami on a Kaiser with Swiss or

Regular Cheese... \$3.25

Subs:

Ham or Salami... \$4.25

Assorted Cold Cuts... \$4.50

#### Post Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00-11:30

“ - “ 2:30- 5:00

Saturday 9:00 - 12:00

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Visitors Welcome at Watercolours Et Cetera

Paintings Pottery Pine Sculptures

3rd Concession - 389-2588

If we are home we are open.

Local Artists and Artisans

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#### Painting Classes

If you ever thought you might like to paint, why not join us and see what you think?

Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588.

Wed. 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Wed. 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Sat. 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

8 Classes for \$48

1 Visit Free

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#### Notices And Announcements

##### Women's Institute

Annual Mother's Day Ham Supper

Saturday May 8th from 5 - 7 p.m.

at the Amherst Island Public School

Tickets at the door.

Adults... \$7.00

Children 6-12 yrs... \$4.00

Under 6 yrs... No Charge

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##### Recreation Committee

Spring Dance And Fish Fry

Saturday May 22

Amherst Island Community Centre

\$25 Per Couple

featuring

Sue Pilon-Shurtliffe And Young Country

Special Note: Tickets will be available to Island

Residents Only until May 1st. Beginning May 2nd, we will be selling these tickets off the island so be sure to

get yours early. Tickets Are Available At Glenn's

Store. Pick Up Or Call To Reserve A Ticket - 389-

0417.

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##### Township Of Amherst Island

Anti Rabies Vaccination Clinic

May 1st at the Firehall 5-6:30 p.m.

\$8.00 per animal

County Vaccination Deadline - June 2

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##### Amherst Island

Mixed Slow Pitch League

- It is time again to start organizing for our new season of slow pitch softball.

- Again this year we will use last years team lists to form this years teams and add or delete names as people indicate whether they want to play this year or not.

- New players: Either sign your name to the list in Glenn's Store or phone Brian Ward at 389-5767.

- If you played last year but cannot play this year please let me know as well.

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##### Special Council Meetings

Budget Meeting Monday, April 6, 1993 at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Zoning Meeting Thursday, May 6, 1993 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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the affected landowners have responded favourably to this proposal. Topsy Farms expressed written concern about a new road separating barns from the rest of their land, and the tax increase that will result from the increase in their property value. A public meeting will be held in June to discuss the issue.

Discussion followed regarding a change from Kingston Township to Napanee for Fire and First Response Team dispatch. No real benefit could be seen from such a change, in fact it is likely that there will be hidden costs.

Council then confirmed the hiring of Jim McEchran to a temporary casual position of Marine Engineer 3rd class. Councillors Murray, Woods and Tugwell and/or Caughey were appointed to the committee to negotiate amendments to the collective agreement.

As for the budget, the L & A Board of Education has informed us that they require a total of \$213,350.00 from Amherst Island, an increase of 5.2% over last year. Council will set a date towards the end of the month to discuss this year's budget.

Given that the Official Plan is now officially in place, Council repealed an earlier bylaw restricting landowners to one severance per person per year.

Finally, Council received a letter from the Ministry of Transportation regarding the Ontario Government's new Expenditure Control Plan. In keeping with the Plan, the Ministry has reduced its

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{Council Report will continue after the following item}

#### Ferry News

The Beacon has it from a reliable source, the Reeve, that MTO has confirmed the use of the MV Frontenac II on the Amherst Island run during this summer's peak season. That is, providing MTO and the Island can reach a cost sharing agreement. Negotiations begin soon...

We may see Frontenac II sooner as the Coast Guard only gave the Amherst Islander a three month license which ends in July and before it can be renewed the hull has to be examined and proved seaworthy (it popped a few holes last winter). With the Millhaven dock almost completed, this could be possible starting anytime towards the end of May or the beginning of June.

Last year there was no surcharge on the Frontenac II. The IBI people were asked when they were last here about the operating expenses and they thought them to be about 10% higher than our boat. Don't be surprised if this, coupled with the cost sharing agreement, lead to higher fares.

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budget by \$110.7 million - about \$27 million of which will be chopped from road allocations. At this point, Council has only been asked to submit a proposal on how to save money on the operating budget. Council discussed this matter but no action was taken.

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#### Special Council Meeting

May 6, 1993

- Don Tubb

A Special Meeting of Council was held to continue the discussions of the proposed Zoning By-law. At this point, Council and Robert Mackenzie have just about finalized the first half of the document. Council seems to be reasonably content with this part and there seem to be only a couple of sticky points.

One has to do with the continuance of existing farms in zones that do not permit farming. I had thought we had this covered and was more than a little surprised to see a severe restriction - a 153 meter separation between a residence on another lot and any new livestock or addition. It was suggested that there was a missing provision which said that if the livestock building's location was no closer to the residence on another lot, it would be permitted. Robert will look into this and try to strike a balance.

The evenings do have their more absurd moments like when the talk turns to whether llamas are a type of livestock or ostriches... and how many animal units do they represent. Animal units are the measure of manure production and someone in a higher level of government has figured out that one cow's manure production equals that of a bull or horse which, in turn, can be equated with 4 sheep (with lambs) or 125 hens or even the same number of turkeys. All of these minor and unlikely to ever arise points do have to be discussed and some way of covering them laced in the Zoning By-law. It is the rules and regulations for the Official Plan and therefore it is very detailed.

There will be more discussions on this point and others in the next meeting which will be in June sometime (no date set). This document is fast approaching the stage where Council will feel it ready for a full Public Meeting.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Tena Tugwell on the birth of her second granddaughter, Sarah Jasmine Maleska, on

Good Friday. Sarah was born in Chilliwack, B.C., weighing 9 lbs 4 ozs. Her parents are John and Penny Maleska. After Tena's vacation in Holland, she will travel to B.C. to see the newest of her 9 grandchildren.

Congratulations also to Dr. Alex Scott on being awarded a commemorative medal for the 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation. But here is the mystery. This medal is issued "to recognize Canadians who have made significant contributions to their fellow citizens, their community or their country." While Alex is (and should be) pleased to be receiving this award, he has no idea why he is getting it, who nominated him, or what he has been nominated for. Can anyone out there help solve this mystery?

Best wishes to Janet Bews, who spent some time in hospital last month, also to Kate Coleman, Tony Sychra and Myrtle Veech.

Burial service for Edward Filson was held on the Island Saturday May 8.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E. S. McIntyre

The April meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jackie Sylvester and opened with the Ode, Collect & O Canada. It was mainly a business meeting, making final arrangements for the Ham Supper. This being the Annual meeting, the election & installation of the officers for 1993-1994 took place.

Pres. Mrs. Jean Baker

Sec. Mrs. Leslie Gavlas

Treas. Mrs. Irene Glenn

P.R.O Mrs. Jean McIntyre

The Past President, Mrs. Phyllis Strain, installed all the officers.

Once again our Cancer Canvas was very successful and we were able to send \$1272.80 to the Cancer Society. This tops last year's amount and we thank you all for your generosity.

Also many thanks to all those who supported and helped with the Ham Supper. A special thanks to Tyler and Nathan who set up the tables and chairs for the supper and who came and took them down for us afterwards. It was a great help.

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Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Please Help!!!

The Recreation Committee, long-time sponsors of nearly all leisure time activities on the Island, finds itself with no money!!! Due to unannounced Provincial Cutbacks, we have for now lost our 517 Grant, which is

our operating money for the year.

The Consequence: We Have No Money For Canada Day.

A do-it-yourself backyard fireworks kit costs at least \$25. If each family could contribute \$10 toward the Rec Committee Canada Day Fund, we could have a nice (although not ostentatious) display on Canada Day for everyone. Our Fireworks Display This Year Will Depend Entirely On Donations. If we get donations of \$100, we will have \$100 worth of fireworks, and so on.

Please leave donations at the Township Office, at Glenn's Store, or with any of the following Rec Committee members:

Heather Young

Sue McGinn

Annette Phillips

Sheri Cox

Bonnie Caughey

Lyn Fleming

Noel McCormick

Rick Bedford

Jim Whitton

Jack Forester

Jack Kerr

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Coming Event

Everyone is Invited to Watercolours, Etc. on the third concession of Amherst Island to the 1993 Season's Opening

on May 22-23-24

noon to 5 p.m.

refreshments

Discover the beauty and charm of this unique farm house studio/gallery and the intriguing styles of its artists and artisans.

Gallery hours: by chance or by appointment to owner/artist, Shirley Miller 389-2088

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Open Meeting With The District Health Council

- Leslie Gavlas

The Moderator,- Peter Trueman, introduced the President of the District Health Council, Cathy Schuyler, who outlined many aspects of the changes in health care anticipated for Ontario. Motivating change is the current economic situation with health

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leaving less money available for other necessary expenditures such as education. In the KFLA region we receive a proportionally larger share than many other areas of the province. Driving the increased demand for

services is the fact that neither users nor providers received incentives to reduce the use. It is worth noting that 50% of an individual's health expense often comes in the last 6 months of life when the outcome is inevitable. Another striking aspect of our health care was noted in that the frequency of common surgical procedures varied greatly from one developed country to another, suggesting that some of these procedures are of no proven value.

Mrs. Schuyler outlined some of the factors which aid a healthy life-style, such as peace, shelter, education, food, income etc. She also pointed out that people who regularly follow a healthy life-style may enjoy an increase of up to 11 years of life. A healthy life-style includes proper diet, sufficient sleep, moderation in the use of alcohol, no smoking, and regular exercise. The aim of the Health Council, facing cuts in funding, is to maintain their goals of universality, accessibility, comprehensiveness, portability and public administration while remaining affordable. Some features being studied are the efficiency of our hospitals, a change from institutional to community health care, changes in drug benefits and alternatives such as the use of midwives and home care workers. In conclusion Mrs. Schuyler pointed out the health care is Not Free and that changes are inevitable. However, the Health Council sees this as an opportunity to improve, not to diminish, health care while increasing the health of the population. These meetings are designed to encourage community participation.

The Moderator then introduced the panel, Mrs. Maureen McGinn, a head nurse at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital, Reeve Steven Willard, and Dr. Alex Scott. They started the discussion by asking questions which concerned them closely. Maureen expressed concern about the changes which always accompanied changes in government. Steven asked about the distinction between the KFLA Health Unit and the District Health Council. Mrs. Schuyler explained that the Health Unit has the responsibility of providing health care; the Healthy Council is composed of an appointed Board which has the responsibility of advising the Minister of Health on health planning for the region, and also of allocating funds to the various health agencies of which the Health Unit is only one. Consumers are represented on this Board along with experts from the other sectors of health care. Alex queried the discrepancy between the government's push toward more home care and the reluctance of the OMA to permit doctors to make home calls which are particularly valuable for the elderly.

A general discussion, with coffee break, followed. Many questions were dealt with; the role of the individual in caring for his own health came up again

and again. Peter Trueman suggested an "abuser fee" for those who abused their

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{The above article will continue after the following two items}

Food Drive  
Girl Guides Brownies Pathfinders  
Wednesday, May 26th  
(After School)

Door to Door

If you're not going to be home, you can drop off your donation at Glenn's Store.

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Mark It On Your Calender...

The Bicentennial of the 1st church service on Amherst Island will be celebrated with a non-denominational service and other events on June 27th. Watch for further details next month...

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{Health Council article continues}

own health, though all agreed that this was neither acceptable nor feasible. It was emphasized that Doctors have been trained to heal and that it is not reasonable to use them as primary givers of advice concerning preventative health measures. Suggestions were made that more use could be made of trained professional such as nurses, nursing assistants, midwives and paramedics as well as trained volunteers such as our first response team. The discussion questions suggested in the April Beacon were considered. It was agreed that people should take personal responsibility while recognizing that a Doctor or Specialist need not be consulted for minor matters. The use of extraordinary measures to prolong life was discussed with everyone agreeing that this is a very difficult question. All were agreed that palliative care in the home should be publically funded. With personal responsibility and preventative care of such great importance it seems that more allocation of funds to education and the promotion of a healthy life-style is desirable.

Mrs. Jean Baker, speaking on behalf of the W.I., P.C.W., and A.C.W., thanked Mrs Schuyler, Mr. Trueman and the panel, as well as the audience, for a very informative meeting.

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Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

The Girl Guides, Brownies and Pathfinders recently had an International Night at their Flying Up ceremony. The parents all brought a variety of main course dishes from all over the world. Seeing as I am only allotted so much space, I will include the rest of the recipes in following Beacons...

#### West Indian Sugar Chicken

C. Yull & H. Bell-Smith

Mix:

3/4 cup molasses (not blackstrap)

1/4 to 1/3 cup oil

In a nice heavy pot, brown about 3 lb. of chicken pieces in this mixture. Stir pretty constantly, and diddle to prevent scorching. When they're all browned, put them aside. Add into the mixture 3 chopped onions, 2-12 cloves garlic (depends on personal taste & stamina) pressed through a garlic press, and 1/4 to 3/4 cup water (enough to cover chicken pieces) and salt & pepper to taste. Return chicken & simmer long enough for your rice to cook. (That's what you're serving it with). Just before serving, whisk in about 1/4 cup flour to thicken. Serve & eat & enjoy!

(All amounts & times approximate - use your own judgement.)

#### Curried Lamb - India

Dianne & Bonnie Marshall

2 lbs Ontario Country Fresh Lamb cut into bite-sized pieces

2 large onions sliced

1 cup grated carrot

1 cup raisins

2 Tbsp curry powder

salt and pepper to taste

2 Tbsp chutney

1 cup tomatoes

2 cups water or beef stock

3 Tbsp flour

Brown lamb in oil and transfer to stewing pot. Saute onions, carrots, raisins, curry, salt and pepper in skillet. Add chutney and gradually stir in tomatoes. Pour mixture over lamb and add liquid. Cook in 300 degree oven for 2 hours. Thicken with flour if necessary. Serve with rice and salad. Serves 4 - 6.

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#### 100th Birthday Celebration

The family of Kathleen Wemp welcome friends and relatives to join them in celebrating their Mother's 100th Birthday on Saturday, June 19th from 2 - 4 p.m. at Lenadco Nursing Home, Napanee.

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#### Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

The Partners in Mission Food Bank still needs our help. Amherst Island is the only community regularly sending fresh food to help hungry people in the Kingston region. The recession has hit many families who are normally self-sufficient, and the Food Bank struggles to meet the increased need.

Duncan and Coralie Marshall are again willing to receive your donations and deliver them to the Food Bank. They normally travel on the 10 a.m. ferry, Thursdays. Give them a call in advance to confirm, and deliver to the boat. They will do the rest. If you are unable to pick your crop, or to deliver to the boat, please call Sally at 389-3802 for help.

It is rhubarb season now, and anyone with a few roots probably has extra. Please contribute it.

If you have last year's vegetables frozen, and are cleaning out your freezer to make room (I understand some energetic people do) please don't throw them out. Duncan can deliver them to be used by the Kingston soup kitchens.

Thanks for your help, everyone. Lots of people just need Food Bank help temporarily while they are getting on their feet. Let's continue to assist.

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#### Thank You Notes

[Staff: The following two notes arrived in the Beacon bag just after we went to press last month.]

I want to thank Dorothy McGinn, and my family for giving me such a lovely "Surprise" 75th birthday party. The dinner and birthday cake was delicious.

Thanks very much to all for the gifts, flowers, the lovely corsage, and the beautiful white Family Bible from Dorothy and Kaye. It really was a surprise but I enjoyed and appreciated it very much. Thanks every one for coming and making it a memorable event.

Emily Tugwell

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I wish to extend my thanks to all my neighbours, relatives, friends for showing their caring kindness, phone calls and flowers while I was in the hospital and since I got home.

Thanks to the A.C.W. and P.C.W. for their visits and goodies.

Thank you again

Sandra Reid

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It was almost worth it.... I would like to thank the A.C.W. - Elsie and Hazel for the wonderful butter tarts and the P.C.W. - Madeline and Beulah for the tea biscuits and maple syrup. I was only sorry that I was up at the barn working and not in bed nursing my broken arm when they arrived to visit the patient. Fortunately, it was a simple break but it was kind of you to think of me.

Dianne Marshall

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#### Congratulations

To Geoff Grey, for coming 3rd in the County Public Speaking contest. His purple gerbil and he went a long way!

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#### Beacon Awards

The Line Jumping Award goes to Robert Bourassa who either did not trust his own medical system or would not wait his turn for going down to the States for cancer treatment. It really gives you pause to think when your political leaders can't stand in line like the rest of us and then turn around and criticize us for wanting the same.

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The Life After Death Award goes to Harold Ballard who must be spinning in his grave to see his Maple Leafs become the Leafs of Old. Starting at the top with the owners who have provided the best management possible (none), to the general manager and coaches providing the players and the system to make the most of their talents, to the players themselves who have shown game after game that hard work makes up for a lot of talent we offer this award. [Not that they have a hope of beating the Habs if the Leafs make it to the finals.]

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#### And Finally

For those of you away from the Island we are pleased to let you know that we're still here - a little smaller but still here. Lake Ontario is very high this year and the Public Works crew have been kept busy trying to keep the roads from slip sliding away into the water. Every wind brings trouble to some part of the Island's shore roads. We've had reports that the breaking waves are really spectacular on the south shore - the high water is letting them break right at the base of the road's edge. Up at the Head, we have a couple of short sections of road that are no more than a few inches above calm water. We are hoping for no

storms coming down the Reach which will certainly wash out the road (and we don't have enough water wings to get our sheep across). By the time you get this, the Lake is expected to peak but the real damage comes from the storms which we hope are few and mild.

The Millhaven dock is just about finished (one section of concrete on the front to pour and some landscaping). You won't recognize it when you first see it. By the way, there are no plans to renovate the Stella dock until the end loading dock is built which is probably some time around the end of the Millennium.

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This issue is late and for no good reason except that lambing has taken up all our spare energy. Usually I can find enough hours in the day to put it together but staying up to check the sheep for the last month or so has made sleep a more important function. We have had a pretty good lambing but will be glad when it is over... soon so we can get ready for haying. So much for another lazy spring and summer!!

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#### Township Stuff

The Occasional Worker List has been posted in Glenn's Store, From time to time, the Township hires people to work at short duration jobs doing clerical, roads or ferry work at \$8.00 per hour. To be eligible, you must sign up and supply your phone number by June 1st.

For those coming to the Island soon, be warned that there is now a 7:50 a.m. ferry along with the 6:50 a.m. ferry.

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#### For Sale / Wanted

##### For Sale

Sewing Machine Sears Kenmore Model 1250 zig zag sewing machine, various special stitches, attachments, instruction booklet; in wooden cabinet stand, all in excellent condition. Asking \$200.00  
Call Karen J. Fleming at 389-9869

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##### Wanted

Approx 500 sq ft dry storage for furniture and possessions for the next 6 to 12 months.  
Please call John at 377-6371

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##### For Sale

Fresh Maple Syrup  
1 litre-\$12  
2 litre - \$22  
3 litre - \$40  
Phone Jack Kerr 389-0386  
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Computer Assistance  
Over 10 years experience working with a large variety  
of different computers and programs. Specializing in  
helping to organize and build computer skills.  
Call Jan at 634-1995  
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For Sale  
Brown and white eggs.  
Contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828.  
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Glenn's Store will be open on Sundays and Holidays  
from now to Labour Day.  
Hours: noon to about 4 p.m.  
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Cedar Posts & Poles - Free  
27 Mature trees down in the Big Blow last fall.  
Cut and remove your own poles, posts and kindling  
chunks... leave branches in accessible piles for my  
removal.  
Phone John Hall at 389-6553  
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Wanted  
The Millers are again look for Whig TV Times - used in  
the barn  
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For Sale  
Picnic Tables & weather vanes.  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588  
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Amway Distributor  
Amway products now available.  
Contact Myrtle Veech at 389-5782  
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Albertan Homes  
Homes built or renovated.  
Ken Albertan at 389-2662  
Susan Sedore at 384-7866  
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Hair I Come

No need to travel - I'll come to you.  
Specializing in permanent waves and cuts.  
Call to arrange a time. Shelley Glenn at 373-2128  
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Printing  
A complete printing and design service  
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102  
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GLM Construction  
General Contracting & Renovations & Designs  
Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456  
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House Cleaning  
Professionally trained house cleaner.  
Call Laurel at 384-6617  
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Cisterns Filled  
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071  
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B & B Small Engine Repair  
Call Bill Halferty at 389-1413  
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General Contracting  
New Construction & Renovations  
Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434  
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Shore Well Maintenance  
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078  
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Portable Welding  
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172  
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Babysitting  
Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199  
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Property Maintenance  
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned,  
painting.  
Call Bob Horth at 389-2916  
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Clothing  
Repairs and Alterations  
Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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Pumps Of All Kinds  
Rural Water System Maintenance  
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105  
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relocation

Je?... Special Council Meeting to continue drafting the  
Zoning By-law  
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Glenn's Store 389-0417  
Take Out Meal Counter  
Groceries  
Movies

Post Office Hours  
Mon - Fri 9:00 - 11:30  
" - " 2:30 - 5:00  
Saturday 9:00 - 12:00  
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Visitors Welcome at Watercolours Et Cetera  
3rd Concession - 389-2588  
If we are home we are open.  
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Painting Classes  
Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588  
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Community Calendar  
My 20... Women's Institute at 8:00 p.m. at Jean  
Baker's home - 'A Visit From The Dairy Princess'  
My 20-21... Pressure testing at the L&A Generating  
Station during daylight hours  
My 22-24... Season's Opening for Watercolours, Etc  
(from noon to 5 p.m.)  
My 25... Special Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m. to  
continue setting the Budget  
My 26... Food Drive by the Guides, Brownies and Path  
Finders (after School)  
Je 1... Township Occasional Worker List - sign up  
deadline  
Je 1... Regular Council Meeting 8:00 p.m. in the  
Council Chambers  
Je 3... A.C.W. Chicken Bar-B-Q (6-8 p.m. at the  
Community Centre)  
Je 16... Women's Institute at 8:00 p.m. at Jean  
McIntyre's home - 'Water Gardening' with Jackie  
Sylvester as speaker  
Je 19... 100th Birthday Celebration for Kathleen Wemp  
(2-4 p.m. at Lenadco)  
Je 27... 1st Island Church Service Bicentennial (details  
of events to be announced later)  
Je?... Public Meeting on the North Shore Road

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#### Beacon Notes

We've run into trouble with Canada Post which finds our folded newsletter unacceptable. After some soft under-the-breath expression of negative emotion, we decided to henceforth send our subscriptions in envelopes. This, of course, costs something in materials (actual \$'s) but should save in labour (free). Also, there will be the annual increase in stamps come January. Our subscription price is right now at the break even point and so we will be increasing it when new subscriptions are taken out or old ones renewed. Our last subscription price increase was April/90 (3 years ago) so we think a small one would not be out of line now.

This is our pre-summer issue so we'll run some reminder items for our summer residents and visitors like the landfill site hours & regulations, the new ferry schedule and the baseball schedule (and anything else we can think of).

It's certainly been a change in weather from the cool cloudy yet dry May to the glorious sunny middle of June.

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#### Council Report

June 1, 1993

- Chris Kennedy

[Staff: We offer many thanks to Lynann for admirably filling in last month. Trying to schedule Council in with lambing and everything else was just too much. It's been a long time since either Chris or Don have nor been available for a Regular Meeting of Council.]

Councillor Tugwell was away in Holland for this meeting. In May, in addition to the regular meeting, there was a meeting on the Zoning By-law, a Cemetery Committee meeting, a Municipal Control Group

meeting (this group deals with potential emergency situations on the Island), a budget meeting and a Ferry Committee meeting.

Lynann Whitton spoke to Council about the need for continuing training for the First Response Team, and further funding for this. Council has no more money for this year. Phil Silver, the Fire Chief, offered to provide \$2,000 from the Fire Budget for this year only to help with costs.

Kirk Parsons, from the Fire Marshall's office, spoke to Council about the review of our Fire Department. A copy of this is available at the Township Office for anyone interested. Among the recommendations it was suggested that a Dry Hydrant

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be installed at the Stella ferry dock. This will make refilling the trucks much easier, particularly during the winter. Improved access to the lake at several points around the Island was recommended. The report also said that the vehicles were too old and that a long range plan and budget should be worked out to update them. Council received the report and said that they would discuss it at a future meeting.

We will not be getting the Frontenac II until the water level drops or work is done to raise the Stella docking facility, as the bigger ferry will override the Stella dock and pound it, or itself, to pieces in a storm from the north. Council will advertise for another relief engineer for the ferry, as the present one has several other commitments. Council decided that, on Dance nights, if requested, the 1.00 am ferry will leave at 1.15 am or there will be an extra ferry at 2.00 am if the organization putting on the Dance will pick up the Township's share of the additional costs, approximately \$35.

The Township is to meet with the Ministry of Transport about the Ferry cost sharing agreement. The Township will ask that the Ferry be free. Failing that the Township will push for continuing the present 10% Township: 90% Province split that we have at the moment. [Staff: MTO staff are waiting for decisions from their political masters.]

There will be a Public Meeting about the North Shore Road Relocation soon; the date is still to be set [Staff: since set at June 28, 1993 at 8:00 p.m. in the Community Centre].

The trial date for the Back Beach Affair is tentatively set for October 18th 1993, in Napanee. The Township's special lawyer continues to work on the case and send in his bills.

The Ministry of Transport has offered to put in \$186,000 towards the cost of the new Township Roads Shed, provided that the Township put up \$14,000. Council was worried that the Province would not come through with the rest of the money needed next year, and the Township would be stuck with the rest of the bill. At a later meeting council decided to get a more detailed design and cost worked out, and to go ahead if it was reasonable. The Township's \$14,000 will have to come from this year's Roads Budget. A yellow centre line will be put on the road on the Presbyterian Church hill, to try to keep the traffic on the right side of the road. More work will be done on the hill on the Emerald 40'.

There is a draft schedule for revised tipping fees. Large items such as beds, furnaces etc. will cost \$5. Council will also charge for each bag of household garbage delivered to the dump starting July 3rd. The exact details will be announced soon.

The Fire Department budget was presented and approved in principle. It includes two new Airpacs and two new firesuits, so that all firefighters can have safety clothing.

Sheri Cox is leaving the Island, so has resigned from the Recreation Committee. The Reeve will be in Bath for the Canada Day celebrations. Donations are requested for ours, there is a can at the Store.

At the Glenwood-Pentland Cemetery Committee meeting last month council was asked to make up the deficit of \$3,600 from taxation and this was approved by Council.

Two Building permits were issued in May: to Lorne Veech for a new garage to replace the one blown down last fall; and to F. Bailey, in Emerald.

Council supported a resolution from the Township of Kaladar, Anglesea and Effingham, in the north of Lennox and Addington, which requested a review by the Ministry of Education of the tax increase, 11.8%, demanded by our School Board. Then, after an in camera meeting, council adjourned at about 11.15 pm.

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Township Of Amherst Island  
Attention

Anyone having any information regarding the whereabouts of the original minutes or copies of the minutes of Council for the Township of Amherst Island for the period 1861-1886; please contact Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer (613) 389-3393.

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Special Council Meeting

June 9, 1993

- Don Tubb

Council held another and, hopefully, one of the last Draft Zoning By-law meetings. The Reeve, Councillors Murray and Woods were present along with Consultant MacKenzie, Clerk/treasurer Pearce and this Reporter/Typist/Layout/Graphics Coordinator/Editor/Bottle-Washer.

There does seem to be light at the end of the tunnel with Council heading for a full Public Meeting in August. Whether this light proves to be the headlight of a speeding train is yet to be seen, however they seem to think that they've got the Draft Zoning By-law pretty much under control. The last or next-to-last set of revisions have been sent off with Robert MacKenzie and by the next meeting there should be a fully revised draft available. The number of unresolved issues seems to be small and largely technical but there are always surprises when examples are tried out.

For us farmers in the Shoreline Zone, our problems with continuing to farm seem to have been resolved. We will be allowed to continue to evolve as farming conditions change as long as new buildings and additions do not reduce the separation between the existing livestock facilities and living units on adjacent lots (that is if the existing livestock buildings are within 153 metres of the living unit).

One of the unresolved issues will be how to identify existing agricultural uses in those zones where they are not permitted. Two ways were suggested: first to locate all existing farming uses and show them as zone exceptions on the zoning map along with describing them in the zoning by-law (which would lead to a very extensive list in the Shoreline zone), or second to write a provision in the General Provisions. This latter option was left with Robert MacKenzie to wrestle with.

There was a discussion both theoretical and practical at the same time about a new marshalling yard for the ferry dock. Initially, it was thought a zoning change would be needed but it appears that one will be unnecessary as the yard would be part of the road system which can be built on land of any zone. Of course, any work is way in the future but the discussion was interesting.

It would be a very good idea to check out the Draft Zoning By-law to see if there is anything that will adversely affect your property. Zone exceptions are much easier to get now rather than after passage.

No date has been set for the next meeting but it will, as usual, be posted at the Township Office and Glenn's Store.

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A.I. Firefighter's Association

## Sponsors

Street Dance

July 3, 1993

8:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Amherst Island Fire Hail

The OPP will be enforcing all provincial liquor laws.  
No coolers allowed.

Donations to help support the firefighters can be made to the Amherst Island Firefighter's Association.

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## Township Of Amherst Island

Public Meeting

8:00 p.m. June 28, 1993

A.I. Community Centre

A Public Meeting of Council will be held to discuss the proposed relocation of the North Shore road.

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## The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to all those sick and/or in hospital this month: Kyle Murray; Mark McCormick; and Audrey Miller.

Condolences to Keith Miller and family on the death of his aunt, Rose Sylvester in Stratford. Also, sincere sympathy to Bonnie Caughey on the loss of her grandmother this past weekend. Elmer Willard passed away this morning (June 16th) in hospital and we offer out condolences to his family.

Congratulations to Susie Welbanks (daughter of Eric and Linda) on her graduation from St. Lawrence in Information Systems.

Attention craftspeople: Lisa McCarthy (who lives in the bank building) is attempting to get a craft shop going in the tin house. You probably have noticed the improvements and sprucing up she has done outside. She is looking for local craft items to exhibit and sell from her shop, sort of a showcase of our local talent. For a small Island, we do have a tremendous amount of talented craft people hiding in their closets. Don't be shy about your skills - give Lisa a call at 389-3948.

Best wishes to Beth Forester who will be leaving Amherst Island Public School for a new teaching position at Bath Public School in September. Good luck, best wishes, and thank you for all you have done for the children both in and out of school.

By the way, anyone who missed last week's performance of "The Swinging Piper" by Beth and the students, really missed something.

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## Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E.S. McIntyre

The May 20th meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Jean Baker. After opening the meeting with the Ode & Collect & O Canada we were introduced to the Dairy Princess, Miss Ann Margaret Hudgins who has been a student at the Bible College in Toronto this past year. She gave us an interesting quiz on milk and its properties and on the whole we did very well. This will be the last year we will have a Dairy Princess visiting the group. After lunch we had a business meeting and heard reports of the Annual District meeting which several of the members had attended the previous day. A plant exchange concluded the meeting.

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## Canada Day

### Event Schedule

7:00 p.m. Kids Fancy Dress Parade from Anglican Church - led by the Fire Department with blaring music and with clowns in attendance.

7:30 p.m. Arrival at Community Centre

7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Hot dogs, snacks and soft drinks will be on sale by members of Rec. Committee

7:30 p.m. on Judging of costumes. Games. Races.

7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Music by the Limestone City Stompers Band - Dancing on the rink - O'Canada

9:30 p.m. Fireworks

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## Amherst Island Recreation Committee

As you come off the ferry onto the Island, ease your eyes away from the Insurance Co. billboard "Fire, Theft, Disasters, etc" and enjoy the colour of the newly installed and planted flower boxes. Designed, procured and installed by a Rec. Committee member, flowers were bought and planted by Helen and Doug Lamb who will tend them during summer. A good community-spirited effort - thanks.

Canada Day... We plan to organize our Canada Day celebrations as in previous years. As mentioned in the May Beacon, your Rec. Committee cannot afford the spectacular display of fireworks you enjoyed last year. We are providing a reasonable display which can be made better by public donations. Our earlier plea for donations fell mostly on stony ground. At \$10 per family we can have a great wind-up to the evening. We know times are tough and are going to be tougher but at \$10 a pop, let's have a display the kids will enjoy and of which we can all be proud. Contributions may be given to Rec. Committee members, to Glenn's Store or

to the Township Office staff.

Rink... With the re-installation of the east end basketball stanchion (brought down in the big storm) we now have a multipurpose facility. Roller blading (casual) or Roller blade hockey with the hockey goals, basketball (hockey goals can be moved to the corner) and tennis can now all be played. The tennis and basketball lines will be re-painted. Basketballs and the tennis net may be borrowed from any member of the Rec. Committee.

Red Cross Swimming... lessons will be held in August this year. We have a home-grown instructress in Lori Caughey and once again Dick and Ardis Shurtleff have generously offered the use of their swimming pool. Precise dates and costs will be given in the July Beacon.  
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#### Public Notice

Please pick up your new Bell Canada telephone book at Glenn's Store. You can leave your old one there to be recycled.  
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#### Amherst Island Emergency First Response Team Update

[Staff: This is a somewhat shortened and modified version of the flyer sent out a week or so ago for the benefit of our summer residents and visitors.]

The First Response Team program was established by the Ministry of Health over 10 years ago, with its goal being to provide rapid emergency medical aid to patients in remote areas where the ambulance is more than 30 minutes away. The Amherst Island First Response Team has been in operation since October 1991 currently with 9 volunteers.

All of our members are certified in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). In addition, we received a three day training course taught by ambulance personnel, where we learned the use of the equipment supplied by the ambulance service. We have skills and equipment to deal with numerous medical emergencies, including heart attack, traumatic injuries, shock, fractures, neck and back injuries, and emergency childbirth.

When you call 911 with an emergency medical problem, the ambulance is dispatched first, then the First Response Team and ferry are called out - all automatically. You will be asked for your name and location. Write your grid number and road by the phone so you will always have it on hand or a visitor can give your location.

On Amherst Island it has been traditional to take a seriously ill person down to the dock to meet the ferry. The ambulance service strongly advises against the transport of unstable patients in personal vehicles. Stay where you are and the First Response Team will be with you within minutes of your 911 call.

The 911 Call Automatically Calls Out The Ambulance, The First Response Team And The Ferry.  
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#### Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

I think that we'll just let Carolyn Yull introduce her own recipe this month.

This is one of those 'Lipton Recipe Secrets' things, which I usually tend to avoid just on principle, but it's actually very yummy.

#### Roasted Potatoes a la Lipton

- Wash and cut into chunks 2 lbs potatoes.
- Put them in a large plastic bag or sealed container (one of those big margarine boxes we take cookies and squares to picnics in) with 1/3 cup oil and 1 envelope onion soup mix or savory herb with garlic soup mix.
- You can spice it up with Cajun spice too - I put it on almost everything!
- Close top of container and shake hard to coat potatoes.
- Bake 40 minutes or so at 450°F on a cookie sheet.
- Stir a couple of times if you remember to.

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#### Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

The Partners in Mission Food Bank is grateful for the donations from Amherst Island. A few people have sent last year's frozen vegetables which are gladly received by the soup kitchens.

Duncan and Coralie Marshall normally travel on the 10 a.m. ferry, Thursdays, and will deliver to the Food Bank. Give them a call in advance to confirm (389-5031), and deliver any donations you might have to the boat. They will do the rest. If you are unable to pick your crop, or to deliver to the boat, please call Sally at 389-3802 for help.

Surely some of you have extra rhubarb or lettuce you could donate. Please don't leave it until it can only go to the compost.

Thanks for your help, everyone. Lots of people just need Food Bank help temporarily while they are getting on their feet. Let's continue to assist.

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#### Parish Bi-Centennial Celebration

Two hundred years ago, in the summer of 1793,

Rev. John Langhorn held the 1st church service on Amherst Island. An Ecumenical Service will be celebrated.

Sunday, June 27th

3 p.m.

A.I. Public School

On the lawn (weather permitting)

Refreshments after

[bring your own chair]

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#### Thank You Notes

My grateful thanks to all of you who donate time and energy to prepare for potential emergencies on the Island.

I am deeply grateful to the First Response Team members who came to our aid when Kyle stopped breathing. Their competence and their presence helped ease the terror and the loneliness we felt.

Thank you to all such volunteers, and to the Island people who show so clearly how much they care.

Sally Bowen

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#### Beacon Awards

The award for Team Play goes to the Montreal Canadiens who with only one legitimate star - some Scotsman named Patty Roy - took on all comers and showed that team play is as important as star players. While just a shadow of the great Canadian teams of the 70's, they still managed to add another notch in the Cup (maybe the famous Boston Celtic leprechauns have found a new home).

The award for Gratuitous Excess is given this month for the following: In this season of grass cutting, we feel that an award should be made for the ultimate lawn mower. A gentleman in Indiana installed a 150 h.p. gas turbine engine from a Chinook CH47 helicopter on his lawn mower, and can now mow a football field in 15 minutes. He did comment that it tended to rattle his teeth a bit, and in the picture he was wearing a crash helmet and, we hope, ear protection.

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#### Theatre Review by Chris Kennedy

##### The Swinging Piper

My condolences to anyone who was unfortunate enough to miss the production of The Swinging Piper, a modern version of the Pied Piper of Hamelin put on by Grades 3-7 of Amherst Island Public School. I am sure that the whole audience enjoyed the performance as

much as I did, given the enthusiastic applause after each song. Andrew McDonald, Tyler Hutchings, and Kyle Murray sang well as the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker. Scott Marshall, Jessica McGinn and Bonnie Marshall made three very impressive Counselors and dishonest politicians, headed, fortunately, by Jacob Murray as a straight dealing Lord Mayor who saved the day and the children. Jessica Garrett was a suitably school-marmish librarian. Stephanie Fleming, as Christina the Lord Mayor's daughter, was a strong supporter of the Pied Piper, played by Nathan Maleska. Nathan was well cast as a fast talking, rapping Pied Piper with a kind heart who returned the children to their grieving parents at the end. The rest of Grades 3-7 made up the crowds of Townspeople, Children and of course the Rats.

Jill Caughey was in charge of Stage Production, assisted by Caroline Yull, and with help from Amy and Lori Caughey and Jesse Yull. I hear that Janet Scott and Karen Fleming designed and made the great costumes that were one of the highlights of the production. The Grade 8 students did a lot of work on the scenery. However, nowhere on the programme notes was mentioned the impresario, musical director, accompanist, scenery repairer, and singing coach Beth Forester. Parents and students alike owe her many thanks for all the hard work that she must have put into this excellent production.

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#### Movie Review by Scott Marshall

##### Super Mario Bros.

For my birthday party this year I took a group of friends and went to see the movie Super Mario Bros. I was very excited to see it because the television previews looked exciting. The story line is about Mario and Luigi's exciting adventures in another dimension. Their mission was to save a princess whom Luigi had fallen in love with. The special effects grabbed my attention and were somewhat different from other movies. The movie is an adult accompaniment. However, I don't remember any sex or violence or swearing and don't understand why there must be an adult along. Overall it was a funny, exciting adventure. I would give this movie a rating of 9 out of 10.

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#### More Movie Reviews by Meynard

##### Bob Roberts

A truly great film... better than The Player... a 9 out of 10... a must see. The story is based around the run for a U.S. Senate seat with right wing candidate, Bob



Roberts (Tim Robbins), against long-time liberal incumbent played by Gore Vidal being documented by a British film crew. Good acting, quick cutting bring this biting film to vivid life.

#### Wind

Jennifer Grey and Matthew Modine enliven this rather Hollywood view of America's Cup racing. A pleasure to watch and very energetically acted with a real spark between the lead actors. It's a good night's entertainment. (7 out of 10)

#### Howard's End

Just to show that we reviewers can put aside our personal prejudices... I do not like films which feature family intrigue particularly among the privileged as their main action. This film concerns a house (titled) and the family's trials in keeping hold of it (against no real threat only an imagined one). Wonderfully acted throughout with an Oscar-winning performance by Emma Thompson. (8 out of 10 even without watching the last half hour)

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#### And Finally

##### Shock

##### Amherst Island First Response Team

- Dianne Marshall

We have all experienced some degree of shock. The severity of shock depends on how badly we were scared or hurt or how ill we were. It is a serious condition which can be fatal if not treated.

When I broke my arm, shock was experienced as anxiety, sweating, thirst and nausea. These are but a few signs. Others may be paleness, cold and clammy skin with sweating, weak rapid pulse, shallow rapid breathing and changes in the level of consciousness.

In order to prevent or reverse shock we must act quickly. What can you do?

1. Give First Aid to any obvious causes
2. Reassure the casualty
3. Loosen tight clothing and make comfortable
4. Cover to prevent loss of body heat
5. Place in recovery position if unconscious

Do Not give anything by mouth if the shock is severe.

If possible, lay the person on their back with feet slightly elevated (6 to 12 inches).

The First Response Team is trained to handle Shock. We can also give oxygen to the casualty. All you have to do is call 911. The Ambulance, First Response Team and Ferry will all be automatically called out.

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#### Slow Pitch League Team 'A'

Brian Ward  
Dan Wolfreys  
Val Wolfreys  
Rick Welbanks  
Laura Wemp  
Mark Wemp  
Tracy Hitchins  
Debbie Fleming  
Cheryl Hutchings  
Ruth Scott  
Mike Strain  
David Wemp  
Larry Fleming  
Sandy Scott  
Kevin McCormick  
Mike Horth  
Jason Fleming  
Ian Murray  
Douglas Gavlas  
Peter Winstock  
Bill Belsey

#### Team 'B'

Warren Kilpatrick  
Chad Miller  
Christie Peters  
Rob Wemp  
Heather Young  
Dana Boyce  
Jackie Clark  
Amy Caughey  
Lori Caughey  
Carley Grace  
Jeff deHaan  
Tim Glenn  
Garnet Willard  
Jamie Scott  
Richard Grace  
Jeff Forester  
Jack Forester  
Chris Kennedy  
Jason Hutchings  
Alex Scott  
Derek Grange

#### Team 'C'

Donnie Miller  
Sherry Ward  
Duncan Ashley  
Kim Ashley

Donald Miller  
 Judy Miller  
 Janet Grace  
 Jim Potter  
 Rita Brown  
 Julie Forester  
 Reg Hitchins  
 Wayne Fleming  
 Dale Willard  
 Hugh Filson  
 Earle Tugwell  
 Rick Bedford  
 Chris Maleska  
 Mike Wilshire  
 Joe Potter  
 Chris Doherty  
 Sue Shurtliff

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#### Schedule 1993

All Games at 8:00 p.m.

May 30 B-C\*

June 2 C-A

June 6 B-A

June 9 C-B

June 13 A-C

June 16 A-B

June 20 B-C

June 23 C-A

June 27 B-A

July 1 C-B

July 4 A-C

July 7 A-B

July 11 B-C

July 14 C-A

July 18 B-A

July 21 C-B

July 25 A-C

July 28 A-B

August 1 Rain Outs

\* marks the column which is the Home team and which is responsible for supplying the umpire.

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Come on out and watch the fun on Sunday or Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. You will probably get a laugh or two.

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Landfill Site - Hours and Regulations  
 Revisions Effective July 3, 1993

#### Hours

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sundays 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### Fee Schedule

1. Bagged garbage or equivalent container:... 1 bag tag
2. Yard waste: sorted leaves, grass cuttings & brush... \$5/load
3. White goods: appliances... \$5 each
4. All large items including furnaces, water heaters, water tanks, 45 gal. drums, fuel tanks, snowmobiles, larger tv's, sofas, beds, box springs, mattresses, arm chairs, large gas barbecues... \$5 each
5. Tires:... \$3 each
6. Construction/renovation waste: (must be sorted)
  - Half ton truck... \$20/load
  - Dump truck load
    - single axle... \$125/load
    - double axle... \$250/load
7. Old metal fencing: All fence posts must be removed. Fencing must be either cut into 4' pieces and bundled and tied or rolled compactly and tied.
  - Half ton truck... \$20/load
  - Dump truck load...
    - single axle... \$125/load
    - double axle... \$250/load

#### Prohibited

1. Dead animals
2. Abandoned motorized vehicles (other than snowmobiles)
3. Waste oil
4. Septic tank wastes
5. Other hazardous wastes
6. Earth and/or rock fill, except when authorized and supervised by the Township Public Works Superintendent.
7. Tree stumps.

#### Other

1. An attendant will be on duty at all times.
2. Bag tags will be available June 21, 1993 from the Township Office (\$1 per bag tag).
3. Receipts will be issued for all items paid or charged. Fees may be paid at the landfill site or at the Township Office during office hours.
4. Removal of items from the landfill site including the metal pile for personal use, not resale, shall be permitted at the scavenger's own risk. Vehicles must be parked out of the way so as to not interfere with other landfill site users.
5. No charge for recyclable materials: newspapers, bottles cans.

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

By reducing the amount of waste that goes to the landfill site, you will reduce the cost of operating the site and make it last longer.

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### For Sale / Wanted

#### Wanted Piano Lessons

Bonnie Marshall would like to take piano lessons on Amherst Island. If anyone is interested please call Dianne at 389-0554

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#### Wanted

1 large non-working refrigerator. Will collect.  
Call Topsy Farms at 389-3444

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#### Computer Assistance

Over 10 years experience working with a large variety of different computers and programs.  
Specializing in helping to organize and build computer skills.

Call Jan at 634-1995

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#### For Sale

Brown and white eggs.

Contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828.

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Glenn's Store will be open on Sundays and Holidays from now to Labour Day.

Hours: noon to about 4 p.m.

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#### Wanted

The Millers are again looking for Whig TV Times - used in the barn.

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#### For Sale

Picnic Tables & weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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#### Amway Distributor

Amway products now available.

Contact Myrtle Veech at 389-5782

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### Albertan Homes

Homes built or renovated.

Ken Albertpn at 389-2662

Susan Sedore at 384-7866

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### 'Hair I Come'

No need to travel - I'll come to you.

Specializing in permanent waves and cuts.

Call to arrange a time. Shelley Glenn at 373-2128

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### Printing

A complete printing and design service

Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102

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### GLM Construction

General Contracting & Renovations & Designs

Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456

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### House Cleaning

Professionally trained house cleaner.

Call Laurel at 384-6617

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### Cisterns Filled

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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### B & B Small Engine Repair

Call Bill Halferty at 389-1413

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### General Contracting

New Construction & Renovations

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

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### Shorewell Maintenance

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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### Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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### Babysitting

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned,

painting.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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Clothing

Repairs and Alterations

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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Pumps Of All Kinds

Rural Water System Maintenance

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

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Glenn's Store 389-0417

Take Out Meal Counter

Groceries

Movies

Post Office Hours

Mon - Fri 9:00 - 11:30

“ - “ 2:30 - 5:00

Saturday 9:00 - 12:00

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Visitors Welcome at Watercolours et Cetera

3rd Concession - 389-2588

If we are home we are open.

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Painting Classes

Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588

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Community Calendar

Je 16... Women's Institute at 8:00 p.m. at Jean McIntyre's home - 'Water Gardening' with Jackie Sylvester as speaker

Je 19... 100th Birthday Celebration for Kathleen Wemp (2-4 p.m. at Lenadco)

Je 20... Baseball Teams B vrs C at 8:00 p.m.

Je 21... Bag Tags available from the Township Office.

Je 23... Baseball Teams C vrs A at 8:00 p.m.

Je 27... 1st Island Church Service Bicentennial 3:00 p.m. A.I. Public School on the lawn

Je 27... Baseball Teams B vrs A at 8:00 p.m.

Je 28... Public Meeting on the North Shore Road relocation (8:00 p.m. at the Community Centre)

Jy 1... Baseball Teams C vrs B at 8:00 p.m.

Jy 3... New landfill site regulations come into effect.

Jy 3... Street Dance sponsored by the Firefighter's Ass. from 8:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Jy 4... Baseball Teams A vrs C at 8:00 p.m.

Jy 7... Teams A vrs B at 8:00 p.m.

Jy 11... Baseball Teams B vrs C at 8:00 p.m.

Jy 14... Baseball Teams C vrs A at 8:00 p.m.

Jy 18... Baseball Teams B vrs A at 8:00 p.m.

Jy 21... Women's Institute at 8:00 p.m. at Phyllis Strain's home - 'Canadian Industries' with an Ault Foods' representative as speaker.

Jy 31... St Paul's Garden Party (details next month)

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A Letter Home

Dear Folks:

The Island is still here and the water levels are actually going down a bit, but all that water has been evaporating and falling as rain. So far this month, we've had a good rain storm every few days it seems with more than an inch of rain from each. The fields have pools of standing water so it's going to be a while before we get haying. After the cool dry May, the pastures stopped growing but with the warmth, sun and rain they've picked up again. The rain can stop anytime now but not before we get hit again tonight.

The Millhaven dock is done with the exception of the bubble system and shed. There's a lot more parking now and could be more if the electrical lines were buried to the light pole in the middle of the dock. You might not remember this pole but it stood on the east side of the road to the dock and has a guy wire bracing it. This guy wire blocks several parking spaces (unused at the present time but will be later, I'm sure). The talk around is that the compressor shed will be going up by the toilets which would be out of the way leaving the vista clear. However there won't be any shelter against the wind (if you can call it that) for those walking onto the boat.

Well, looks like the Frontenac II might be delayed because of the high water. It wouldn't take a contractor long to put a couple blobs of concrete on the top of the existing front face but we are dealing with government here and they have their own ways of doing things - either slowly or at a complete stop. Ah, who am I to complain - the ferry is still running and the traffic seems a little lighter than in previous years.

The coyotes have found us with at least 6 lambs killed so another pasture season has officially begun - hopefully we'll get away without too many lambs killed this year. It's frustrating because we don't figure we're in the business of feeding the wildlife but what can you do....

Bye 'till next month.

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Beacon Notes

Did we forget to mention an event last month? Could it have been an important event which we all attended (ie Chris, Dianne, Don, Ian & Sally)? I think so!! We are embarrassed to the max!! Even after all these years of messing up in the Beacon, we topped ourselves last month. Oh well, incompetence is its own reward. So we, belated but heartfully, wish Graeme MacDonald and Tracey Filson official congratulations on their marriage (June 12).

While we are apologizing, I am supposed to say something about the 'purple gerble' article which ran a couple months ago. I'm not sure but I think that is was supposed to be a mauve hamster or was it a purple hamster or maybe even a mauve gerble - whatever, the mutant (but cute) rat-like creature. Obviously, our vast network of reporters tripped up somewhere and while we cannot make adequate amends for this offence, we offer our deepest apologies to the whatever and its caregiver.

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Council Report

July 6, 1993

- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present for the regular meeting, except for Allen Caughey. The minutes of the previous month's meetings were approved. There was a special meeting on June 3rd, to discuss the ferry cost-sharing agreement with the Ministry of Transportation. The gentlemen from M.T.O. were unable to present any cost-sharing proposals to the Township, so presumably the present agreement stays in place. At a Council meeting on June 8th the budget was approved, with the overall general mill rate unchanged from last year. The Township is required to put up \$14,000 towards the

cost of the new Roads Building and this money has to be shaved from the Public Works budget. The staff were asked to prepare a plan to reflect that decision. There was also another Zoning By-law meeting on June 9th. At a Public Works Committee meeting on June 17th the details of the Bag-Tag system were discussed. One Bag-Tag will be required for each standard sized garbage bag, or the equivalent. Council

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will ask for proposals for the Roads Shed from several local consultants, and also ask for tenders for gravel crushing this fall. There was also a meeting to discuss safety jurisdiction on the Ferry, and to hire Lance Slack as relief engineer on the Ferry. Later, it was found out that he was not available, so Alfred Orr was hired instead. Lastly, there was the Public Meeting to discuss the relocation of the North Shore Road.

Work will be done on the Stella dock to prevent the Frontenac II overriding the dock when there is a strong wind from the north. Three concrete pylons will be put up, which they hope will do the job.

Council will meet with Arn Raymond, from Ministry of Transportation, to inspect the North Shore Road up at the Head, to see if it is possible to patch it up.

A letter from Ted Welbanks questioning the wisdom of laying off the Public Works Crew for the summer started a discussion among Council. It appears that the only place that the \$14,000 could come from was the wages. One less load of calcium than usual has been put on the roads this summer. It appears that if some calcium is not put on there will be very little left of the roads by the end of the summer, they will all have turned to dust. The cost of plowing snow last winter was very high, and this has hurt the Roads Budget as well. Council confirmed the temporary lay-off the two Public Works staff.

There will be a meeting to discuss the Fire Marshall's report on our Fire Department. Township residents are asked to please inform the Fire Chief, Phil Silver, before burning brush or other waste, to prevent false alarms.

Duncan Ashley and Lisa McCarthy have been appointed to the Recreation Committee. Swimming lessons have been arranged for August, with Lori Caughey as our own home grown, fully qualified instructor. Twenty-eight kids have been signed up.

There was some discussion about how the Social Contract talks will affect Municipal employees. Once Steven's caustic asides about the N.D.P. were deleted, it appeared from the discussion that until the details are

worked out it is hard to predict what will happen at the Municipal level.

Council then went into closed session to discuss some legal and personnel matters.

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St. Paul's Annual Garden Party

Saturday July 31st 1-4 p.m.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Home Baking

Fish Pond

Country Garden

Afternoon Tea

Pie and Ice Cream

White Elephant Table

- A Draw With Two Prizes -

A Hamper Of Groceries

A Hamper Of Paper Products

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Special Council Report

June 28, 1993

- writer Chris Kennedy

- re-writer Lynann Whiton

- re-re-writer Don Tubb

About forty people attended this Public Meeting, roughly half of which were residents living along the North Shore road. It was chaired by the Reeve, and three of the four Councillors were present. Councillor Murray did not attend as he has a potential conflict of interest in the matter.

The North Shore Road from Lots 2 to 9, 1st concession, (Harvey Eves' to Drumgoole's), runs along the water, and has suffered severe erosion problems, particularly with the recent high water. It is considered by the Public Works crew and many residents living on it to be narrow, to have poor sight lines, and to be generally dangerous. Reeve Willard is proposing that the road be relocated to the south of the existing buildings away from the water. As part of the plan the 25 landowners along the road would exchange the new road allowance for the existing allowance, and would pick up that portion of the cost of the new road not covered by Provincial or other grants.

The moving of the shore roads has long been a contentious issue. During

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the course of the meeting discussion centered mainly on three different possibilities and their ramifications:

The first is the Reeve's proposal, see above. There will be an increase in the property values of the landowners living along the road, the down side

(particularly for those not interested in selling their land) being that this increase will lead to higher taxes on this land in the future. The cost of the new road to the 25 landowners is unknown at the moment and would have to be determined before any agreement could be reached. The Reeve mentioned about \$150,000 (a number which was questioned by some of those present). He believes that 90% of this could be picked up by the Province, leaving \$15,000 to be shared between the 25 landowners. A number of residents not living along the road objected that the loss of the shore road would mean a loss of part of the heritage of the Island, while others commented that this option would set a dangerous precedent for the (previously controversial) south shore road relocation. It was noted that the ownership of the shoreline (from the road down to the water) is still in contention. The Totten-Sims-Hubicki Consultants report on the road a few years back listed the complete relocation of the road as the cheapest option.

The second option is to reinforce the existing road, with minor relocations where necessary. This would preserve the scenic road and would make it safer. Totten-Sims-Hubicki estimated the cost of a complete repair to be \$500,000. It is the Reeve's opinion that the Province would not pick up part of the cost of this option, as it would be a stop-gap measure and not the cheapest. The Reeve stated that the Township could not finance this out of taxes.

The third option is to completely relocate the road south of the buildings, but retain the existing road as a public right-of-way, perhaps as a walking path (the comment was made that in the past it used to be a walking path). There was some discussion for and against this proposal. No information was available on viability or costs of this option as it has not been previously considered by Council. The comment was made, however, that many walking trails exist across the Province; these are maintained by volunteers and represent no cost to local townships.

In the opinion of Totten-Sims-Hubicki the cheapest options involve moving the road south of the buildings. This must be balanced between the loss of a scenic shore road to all of the Island residents, and the rights of the landowners living along the road. The Reeve has stated that he will not proceed unless he gets the approval of the majority of the 25 landowners along the road, although some concerns were raised about receiving the approval of all Island taxpayers, whether or not they live on the road.

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Township Of Amherst Island  
Notice For A Public Meeting

A Public Meeting will be held on August 31, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Centre for the public to give input on the proposed Zoning By-law.

Copies of the proposed By-law can be obtained from the Township Office towards the end of the month when Official Notice will be given.

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#### Special Council Report

July 12, 1993

- Don Tubb

A Special Meeting of Council was held on July 12 to continue the discussions of the Draft Zoning By-law. All Councillors were present along with the Reeve, Clerk/treasurer, Robert MacKenzie, this reporter and two members of the public.

A new draft (July 8) was presented for Council's consideration. The format has been put into the finished form making it easier to read. After about an hour's discussion of both big and small points, Council decided to set up the required Public Meeting as soon as they receive the map showing the Zones. The date set is August 31, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Centre. This marks a watershed for the Zoning By-law in that Council is now satisfied enough with it (or just tired of dealing with it) to put it before

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the public.

Agreement seems to have been reached with how to permit the continuation of farms in the nonagricultural zones (Village, Shoreline, Water, Recreational Opens Space, Natural Environment, and Rural I). There are significant restrictions on where expanded facilities can be placed and how large they can be. Council has agreed to locate the existing farming operations on the Zoning map and to list them as Zone Exceptions. The Zone Exception will exempt them from the size restrictions leaving the location of the additional buildings in force. This says that as long as the distances between existing houses on adjoining lots (if less than 153 meters) and the existing agricultural structures are not reduced, then additional buildings can be built. There are further restrictions with location with respect to lot lines and roads but the one dealing with houses on abutting lots seems to have been solved. Of course, fresh eyes may find other glitches with this (and other) sections, so it is in your interest to get a copy of the Proposed By-law and give it serious study.

A number of other points were discussed but most were relatively minor.

So once the map is received and approved by Council, official notice will be given for the Public

Meeting. At that point, the Township Office will have copies of the Zoning By-law for your edification. To help understand the By-law, two tables summarizing the Permitted Uses and the Specific Zone Regulations follow on page 5.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Our sympathy to Myrtle Veech and family on the death of husband Lorne last week. Condolences also to Dale Willard, Garnet Willard, Barbara Laine, Anne and Charlene on the loss of their father, Elmer Willard, last month.

Best wishes to those who are, or have been in hospital: Katy Coleman, Jim McMullen, Anne Cox, and Lily Browne.

I wasn't alone last month in forgetting to mention congratulations to Graeme and Tracey on their Long Point wedding. I believe the entire Beacon staff was invited and they didn't even catch the omission in my column. Sorry Graeme and Tracey - and a belated congratulations.

Neither did I wish a Happy Birthday to Grandma (Kathleen) Wemp, who celebrated her 100th with a big bang at Lenadco. Best wishes Grandma.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E.S. McIntyre

The June meeting was held at the home of Jean McIntyre and opened with the Ode & Collect. After the business meeting we had an interesting evening with Jackie Sylvester speaking to us about Water Gardening. Jackie told us how to start and maintain a water garden and the different methods to do so. The usual method is to excavate a hole and then line it or use an old bath tub or sink. She then told us of the various plants and fishes to be used which keep the water aerated and clean. With magazines and coloured photographs she showed that it could be a very interesting hobby. The meeting closed with the singing of the Royal Anthem and lunch was served.

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#### Lisa's Cottage

Amherst Island Creations

Come visit this quaint cottage craft shop, nestled on the banks of beautiful Stella Bay and discover the intriguing styles of our Island's artisans.

Shop hours are from now 'till Christmas:

Friday-Sunday

Noon - 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

I am still accepting crafts so don't be shy. Come by

for tea and show me your creations.

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### Zoning By-Law Primer

What follows are two tables summarizing two important areas of the Zoning By-law. The first is each zone's Permitted Uses - that is, what you can do without permission of Council. The Official Plan gives Council some discretion in what can be permitted with other uses (zone exceptions). For example, if you wanted to put a commercial enterprise in the Village zone, then you would have to go to Council and ask, whereas if you wished to have a duplex or triplex, then you would not. The permitted uses do come with strings attached - there is a series of requirements which must be met before it can be done. To go back to the duplex or triplex for a minute - a single unit dwelling can be built on a 0.5ha lot but you will need a 0.6ha lot for a duplex or triplex. A four or five unit residence would need permission of Council and they would set the lot size needed for it. Finally, existing uses can continue indefinitely as long as the use is not abandoned provided they are legal uses (so if you have a nuclear waste dump in your back yard, do not expect protection from this by-law as toxic waste dumps are not permitted, ever). For example, a farm can continue in the Shoreline zone as long as the barns, fences and other structures are not pulled down. However, if you do pull everything down or let it deteriorate to the point that it no longer can be used for its intended use, then you lose the right to start up again, as farming is not a permitted use in this zone.

The full zone names are:

A - Agricultural

M - Mineral

E - Natural Environment

O - Recreation Open Space

W - Water

V - Village

S - Shoreline

RI - Rural I

RII - Rural II



Table 1: Permitted Uses (July 8, 1993 Draft)									
USE \ ZONE	A	M	E	O	W	V	S	RI	RII
Agriculture	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓
Dwelling Unit									
- Accessory	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Attached Single	✓	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓
- Single	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
- Two & Three	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-
Forestry	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Home Occupation	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
“ Occupation Rural	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
“ Industry	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
Marine Facility	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-
Natural Environment	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Open Space	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Open Storage	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pit or Quarry	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recreational									
- Open Air	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓
- Open Air Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-
Shorewell	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-
Shoreline Access Structure	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-

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This second table is the individual regulations for each permitted use in each zone. There have been a couple of changes to this during the last meeting and some of these have been incorporated. There were enough changes that I do not remember them all so this table is a little out of date, however, it gives you a good starting point.

As far as I can see, there is just one significant point still outstanding - the minimum size of a lot in the Agricultural zone. You will see that 30ha has been set as the minimum lot size because the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food has rejected Council's request for a reduced lot size of 20ha. Council has decided to pursue this to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Table 2: ZONE REGULATIONS (July 8, 1993 Draft)

USE \ ZONE	A	M	E	O	W	V	S	RI	RII
Lot Area (minimum)		5 ha	-	0.5 ha	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	10 ha
Accessory Dwelling Unit	30 ha	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Attached Single Dwelling Unit	0.6 ha	-	-	-	-	-	0.6 ha	0.6 ha	-
Single Dwelling Unit	0.5 ha	-	-	-	-	0.5 ha	0.5 ha	0.5 ha	-
Two & Three Dwelling Unit	-	-	-	-	-	0.6 ha	-	-	-
Livestock Facility	4 ha	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 ha	-
Open Air Water Rec	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0 ha	-	-
Open Storage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lot Frontage	120 m	100 m		60 m	-	60 m	60 in	60 m	120 m
Building Area (maximum)	10%	10%	-	25 m		10%	10 %	10 %	10%
Building Setback				206					
Front				825 m79wTj-0.13.2 TD(-)Tj0 -26.4 TD(-)Tw 45.36 132 Td-					
- livestock facility	30 m	-	-	25 m				30 m	30 m
- other	25 m	40 m	-	25 m				25 m	25 m
Flank									
- livestock facility	30 m	-	-	-	-	-	-	30 m	30 m
- other	25 m	30 m	-	25 m	-	5 m	25 m	25 m	25 m
Rear									
- agriculture	25 m	-	-	-	-	-	-		25 m
- other	15 m	30 m	-	15 m	-	10 m	15 m	30 m	25 m
Side									
- agriculture	25 m	-	-	-	-	-	-		25 m
- other	10 m	30 m	-	10 m	-	5 m	10 m	10 m	25 m
Building Height (maximum)									
Accessory Dwelling Unit	Accessory Dwelling Unit	Accessory Dwelling Unit	Accessory Dwelling Unit	Accessory Dwelling Unit	Accessory Dwelling Unit	Accessory Dwelling Unit	Accessory Dwelling Unit	Accessory Dwelling Unit	Accessory Dwelling Unit
- other									
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with a good old-fashioned sing-song. Of course, the most satisfying moment came early, with Beth's arrival and a long series of "Oh's" as she realized just what she'd walked into (and probably regretted changing into her comfy cut-offs). That surprised look was a great reward to all who'd schemed and intrigued to get to that point.

The committee that formed to do this job were: Annette Phillips, Lyn Fleming, Lesley McDonald, Ann Albertan, Karen J. Fleming, Suzie Caughey, Fern Willard, and Kathy Reed.

They were gleefully assisted by a cast of (almost) thousands of volunteer cooks, decorators, performers and doers of many, many other tasks. Of course, the collusion and help of Mary Farrar, Nancy Holden and Doug Helliwell were indispensable in achieving the goal. Thanks all for helping us celebrate the contribution made by Beth over the last 15 years.

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#### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

We can now reminisce on yet another most enjoyable Canada Day. We thank all of you who contributed so generously to our Fireworks Fund. The display made a grand finish to a very pleasant evening. The combination of the kids' parade, races, all to the background music of the Limestone City Stompers band made for a great evening. Even the (unintended) substitution of uncooked eggs for those hard-boiled ready for the egg and spoon race did not spoil the evening, but the sloppy yolks are much more difficult to pick up!!! We owe special thanks to Heather Young for once again organizing the races and to her and Robbie Wemp for orchestrating the fireworks. Your Recreation Committee worked hard for this evening but got their reward from the obvious enjoyment shown by all those who attended. We are grateful, as usual, to our Fire Department for leading the parade and for standing by during the fireworks display.

#### Swimming Lessons

Registration for swimming lessons will be held in the Council Chambers on August 3rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please bring swimming certificates along so that the children can be slotted into the correct level. Fees are \$30 for the first child and \$10 for each other child in the family. Since many of the 28 children who have expressed interest in taking lessons are very young, most of the lessons will be held in Ardis and Dick Shurtleff's pool. We are very grateful to the Shurtleffs for offering the use of the pool. More advanced swimmers who may have to do extended lengths for their badges will do so either in the Bay (water quality is being tested by the L&A health authorities) or in the

Henderson indoor pool.

Lori Caughey is our instructress and you will hear

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from her regarding times of instruction. We welcome Lori to this programme and look forward to having her with us for several years.

#### Stella Village Fair

On Saturday, September 4th, the Recreation Committee will be holding a Village Fair. While the planning has not been completed (and, by the way, if you have suggestions and ideas give Susan McGinn or Annette Phillips a call), we are working on the following:

Agricultural Exhibits

- enter your best jams, jellies, preserves, fruits and vegetables,

- 4H Calf Show,

Entertainment and a Dance,

Lots of Fun and Games for all ages.

More information will be in next month's Beacon as our plans develop.

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#### Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

Thursday mornings are easy to forget when you are busy, but please try to get surplus food to hungry people, instead of your compost heap.

Duncan and Coralie Marshall normally travel on the 10 a.m. ferry, Thursdays, and will deliver to the Food Bank. Give them a call in advance to confirm (389-5031), and deliver any donations you might have to the boat. They will do the rest. If you are unable to pick your crop, or to deliver to the boat, please call Sally at 389-3802 for help.

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#### Obituary

Garnet Elmer Willard

On the 28th day of March 1934 Joe and Gertrude Willard welcomed their third son into the world - Garnet Elmer. He arrived in the usual fashion assisted by Dr. Northmore of Bath and his grandmother Jessie Cork. Midwife and neighbour Mabel Tugwell may also have been present.

Elmer spent his school years in the building which stands to the east of Bruce and Helen Caughey's house. Having grown up on a farm he continued in this occupation after obtaining his own property on the second concession from Eddie Reid. Here he milked cows and operated his own truck transporting cans to

and from the cheese factory in Stella for several neighbouring farms. He married Wilda Sayeau from Prescott and raised five children. In the early sixties his barn burned to the ground. About this time he secured employment with the R.E. Harding Ltd. where he became a roofing foreman and continued with this company until the late seventies. His final years of employment were with the Roads Dept. here on the island where failing health forced him to retire several years ago.

Elmer will be remembered as a good neighbour and a hard working, good natured man who was deeply attached to his children. He sometimes demanded more of his body than it was able to give and despite a strong constitution he succumbed to emphysema having only reached the age of 59 years.

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#### Bible Study Group

Join In the Bible Study Group every Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall. Come share a cup of coffee and learn about God's Word.

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#### Thank You Notes

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to everyone who attended, sent gifts, cards or messages to Mother's One Hundredth Birthday Celebration on June 19th.

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Thanks to Keith and Shirley Miller for taking pictures and taping the entire event; to Diane Hieatt for copying and distributing the biography at our Sunday service made special by Rev. Blaber; to Noreen Welbanks and Elsie Willard for flowers for decorating; to our spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren for helping to organize, decorate, supplying and serving food and helping with the entertainment; to the A.C.W. for the use of various items, and for all the loving interest and kindnesses shown by friends, neighbours and family which contributed to a happy and memorable week-end for all of us.

Sincerely,

The Family of Kathleen Wemp

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My many thanks to all, who sent cards and expressed condolences in the passing of my sister Dorothy and after my surgery.

Special thanks to my very loyal friend, I am enjoying my rose plant very much. Also P.C.W., I had a lovely

visit with Gen & Coralie, and enjoyed the goodies they brought with them.

God bless you all.

Audrey Miller

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The family of the late Edward Filson wish to thank all their Amherst Island relatives and friends who attended Edward's burial service on May 8th. Our thanks also goes to the Royal Canadian Legion #539 and to Canon J.R. Thompson who conducted a Memorial Service at the Robert J. Reid and Son Funeral Home. Also our thanks to Rev. K. Blaber who conducted the burial service with his comforting words. We appreciate all the kindness and help shown to Edward during his time on the Island.

Sincerely,

Janet, Grant, Colin and Diana

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My sincere thanks to friends Helen and Noel McCormick and Women's Institute for their kindness shown at the time when I was sick with a heart attack at Kingston Hospital.

Thank You

Tony Sychra

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We wish to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of a dear brother Elmer. Thanks to Zelma Koenders, Anne Marie Hitchins and Laurene Kilpatrick for preparing the luncheon. Special thanks to Mr Blaber for his kind visits and prayers, the sympathy cards and phone calls, offering their condolences. Also the A.C.W. members, Leslie Gavlas, for the goodies and Jean Tugwell for her gift. It was very touching Jean. Another special thanks to the crew who just happened to drop in on Thursday to lend a hand. You folks have an extended welcome and could even make it a weekly habit.

Everything was deeply appreciated.

Many thanks again.

Kaye & Dorothy McGinn

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We would like to express out sincere thanks to those who supported us during the loss of our loving father. Many thanks to those who sent flowers and for all the donations given to the Lung Association. We would like to thank all of the Pallbearers who were: Vernon McGinn, Chris Willard, Steve Willard, Rick Eves, Randy Eves, Reg Eves, honorary pallbearer Dave Willard. They are his seven nephews, who he always loved so dearly and thought so much of. Thanks to Aunt

Dorothy who opened her home for the family and friends to meet and gather after the service in the cemetery. Thanks to those who have sent all members of the family cards, expressing their kindness. The family thanks Rev. Blaber for his kind words during the service. Also for the many visits to the hospital while dad was in, they were greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank the Aunts and Uncles for being there for us, during this past month. With all their love and support to us, it made the days go by a little easier. Knowing their love and support is with us, we know they will be around to watch over us in the days and years to come. We know that if we need advice, we can call on them to help and guide us through.

Many Thanks From All Of Us

Bob, Garnet, Dale, Anne and Charlene

‘The Willards’

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#### Beacon Awards

The Civil Service Runs Amuck award goes to the European Community bureaucracy who have been ‘zealously interpreting European Community regulations’ according to a report in the July 5th issue of Time magazine. Two examples from Britain:

- a quail farmer was informed that quail were to be re-classified as poultry instead of game which meant re-building his slaughterhouse so instead he sold off his stock and closed down only to discover shortly after that quail had been re-classified back again, and
- a wine merchant was informed that he could no longer take his folded cardboard cartons to the recycling plant in his private car unless he paid \$140 to buy a license to transport industrial waste.

The bureaucracy is running the government according to Richard North (a former environmental-health official) who likens the situation to, “Ministers are like small children on the back of a rampaging elephant.”

Where’s Maggie When You Need Her!!

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#### Entertainment

##### Jurassic Park by Scott Marshall

A few days ago, I went to the theater to see Jurassic Park. The main plot is of a scientist who discovers dinosaur DNA and is able to re-create living dinosaurs but they get out of hand. If you have been wondering if JP is a scary movie, it would be for younger spectators and was very suspenseful for all other ages. Even though it was suspenseful, it was a good movie partly because of the special effects, such as the dinosaurs. I

didn’t find any fault with this movie and would recommend it. I would give this movie a rating of 10 out of 10.

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#### And Finally

First - a few words on what’s happened to the Beacon over the last month. Since we started producing The Beacon 10 years ago, it’s been written on 5 different programs (and soon to be six). When we got each program, I learned enough to do what we wanted with the least initial effort. So as the Beacon grew in complexity (more graphics like the illustrations and text boxes scattered around) the effort multiplied considerably. I could have saved myself a lot of time if I had taken a computer course once I was initially familiar with program, however, with no fixed schedule, this was totally impractical.

The two hours spent with the expert showed me the possibilities of WordPerfect. And, convinced me that what we are attempting to do here is not beyond the program’s capabilities (which is a good thing because good quality desk top publishing programs cost a bundle). In this issue, I have incorporated several new features:

- ‘styles’ feature which is a way of storing all of the headers used,
- 3 tab types (standard, dot leader, and decimal);
- the ‘tables’ feature (very slick),
- the character sets have been explored (that’s the little symbols at the end of each article and I haven’t even started using the 1500 characters from greek through scientific); and
- I changed the settings for sizing the type.

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We have an update from Jean Baker and the A.I. Women’s Institute on manganese in gasoline. There have been some evidence linking it with premature aging of brain tissue in older people and negative behaviour in children.

Manganese-free gasoline is now available from the UCO Gas Bar at 736 Bath Road (just west of Gardiners Road) and from the UCO Bulk Plant, 1 km east of Napanee on Hwy 2.

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#### For Sale / Wanted

For Sale

Fresh basil.

Call Sally at 389-3444.

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#### Computer Assistance

Over 10 years experience working with a large variety of different computers and programs. Specializing in helping to organize and build computer skills.

Call Jan at 634-1995

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#### For Sale

Brown and white eggs.

Contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828.

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Glenn's Store will be open on Sundays and Holidays from now to Labour Day.

Hours: noon to about 4 p.m.

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#### Wanted

The Millers are again looking for Whig TV Times - used in the barn.

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#### For Sale

Picnic Tables & weather vanes.

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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#### Amway Distributor

Amway products now available.

Contact Myrtle Veech at 389-5782

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#### Albertan Homes

Homes built or renovated.

Ken Albertan at 389-2662

Susan Sedore at 384-7866

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No need to travel - I'll come to you.

Specializing in permanent waves and cuts.

Call to arrange a time.

Shelley Glenn at 373-2128

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A complete printing and design service

Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102

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General Contracting & Renovations & Designs

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Professionally trained house cleaner.

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Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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#### General Contracting

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Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

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#### Shorewell Maintenance

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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#### Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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#### Babysitting

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199

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#### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, painting.

Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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#### Clothing

Repairs and Alterations

Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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#### Pumps Of All Kinds

Rural Water System Maintenance

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

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Glenn's Store 389-0417

Take Out Meal Counter

Groceries

Movies

Post Office Hours  
Mon - Fri 9:00 - 11:30  
“ - “ 2:30 - 5:00  
Saturday 9:00 - 12:00  
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Visitors Welcome at Watercolours Et Cetera  
3rd Concession - 389-2588  
If we are home we are open.  
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Painting Classes  
Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588  
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Community Calendar  
Jy 18... Baseball Teams B vs A at 8:00 p.m.  
Jy 21... Women's Institute at 8:00 p.m. at Phyllis  
Strain's home - 'Canadian Industries' with an Ault  
Foods' representative as speaker.  
Jy 21... Baseball Teams C vs B at 8:00 p.m.  
Jy 25... Baseball Teams A vs C at 8:00 p.m.  
Jy 28... Baseball Teams A vs B at 8:00 p.m.  
Jy 31... St Paul's Garden Party from 1-4 p.m. at St  
Paul's Presbyterian Church  
Au 1... Baseball Rain Out Games if necessary.  
Au 3... Swimming Lesson Registration in the Council  
Chambers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Au 18... Women's Institute Visit to the Adolphustown  
Museum.  
Au 31... Public Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Community  
Centre regarding the Zoning By-law.  
Se 4... Stella Village Fair Details next month...  
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A Letter Home  
Dear Folks:

Well, we got the Frontenac II on July 2 - a welcome relief with the busy summer traffic now here. Morning traffic has been getting steadily heavier during the last month and people have been having to go down early to make sure they catch the boat. I guess the water has gone down enough so the big boat can tie up at the Stella dock. Now the Amherst Islander can go into dry dock to see if there is anything major wrong with the hull - you remember the leaks last winter.

And, most importantly we got official possession of the big boat for the summer season (the first step towards permanent possession). Our Reeve, MPP Gary Wilson, Bill Blum (Maintenance Engineer from MTO), Mike Griff (Maintenance Supervisor from MTO) along with Councillors Tugwell and Woods held a ribbon

cutting ceremony. Apparently sections of the ribbon are for sale (initial price is \$2 per inch but will go up quickly as it shortens). Should be a big money-maker for the Township, eh what!

We're also getting the bubble system installed with very little disruption to date but we'll just have to see what happens when they start installing the pipes.

Haying was delayed for almost a month because early May was quite dry stunting the grass so it had to grow some and then June was very wet and we didn't have water wings for the baler. We got started at the first major break in the weather - that's 6 hours of continuously dry weather. Once started, however, haying proceeded apace all through the extremely hot, humid weather. We're crossing our fingers to get things wrapped up quickly without too many breakdowns.

You will have noticed the new graphics in the Beacon. I bought a set of clip-art which has 3500 images - I shouldn't have but I couldn't resist. There is a lot of stuff that I can't use but that leaves more than enough to explore in coming months.

Well, I think I'll sign off here. We become rather single minded with haying in full swing and I can't even think of what else has been going on lately. Bye 'til next month  
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Beacon Notes

Ah... the dog days of summer when we recover from haying. That's almost the case but for 800 square bales left to get in the barn. Just enough for us to remember how terrible it was to take in 10,000 or so - thank goodness for round bales.

There doesn't seem to be a lot going on this month or so it seems from the lack of articles and announcements submitted. Of course, in the political arena, there was interest generated by the Social Contract. And, still to come is the draft Zoning Bylaw Public Meeting at the end of the month. This is where Council will find out how good a job it has done over the last year or so.

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Council Report

August 3, 1993

- Chris Kennedy

Councillor Tugwell was absent for the Regular meeting. Last month there was a Special Council meeting on July 8th to consider the draft Zoning Bylaw, and another on July 22nd to consider the Road's Budget, the new Road's Shed and to appoint a new Mate for the Ferry. Brent Wolfreys is the new mate, and the Greer Galloway Group has been appointed as consultant for the new Public Works Garage, a.k.a. the Road's Shed.

The Ducks Unlimited Project in the Big Marsh is still on hold, waiting for approval from the Ministry of Natural Resources. Everyone involved there seems to be on holiday.

The Ministry of the Environment is becoming stickier about the Fire Department demolishing buildings by burning them, and we will not be allowed to burn the Annie Clyde house in the village.

The Reeve is starting to work on the Federal Government to give us end loading docks for the ferry. The docks are federal property, so it is the

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federal government that has to pay for, improvements. The Amherst Islander is in dry dock at Whitby, having work done on the hull, a new lifeboat installed and a lot of painting done.

Last month there was a near accident with the Frontenac II, when a child jumped into the water as the ferry was pulling out. Because the propellers are used for steering they sometimes pull water in from the side of the boat, and it would be very easy for someone to be sucked into the propellers. It is Extremely Dangerous to swim near the ferry as it is leaving. The Reeve will look into the best action for Council to take about this matter.

There have been complaints that the Stop sign in Stella is being ignored, so the Reeve will ask the police to deal with the problem.

The Recreation Committee is going ahead with plans for the Fall Fair.

Three building permits were issued in July: to Ken Albertan for a swimming pool: to Ted and Faye Wemp for a workshop and to Robert Thompson for a new house, just west of Rick Bedford's.

There is considerable confusion about how the Social Contract will affect the Township. The directives are most unclear and the Clerk-Treasurer is having great trouble sorting out the whole shemuzzle. It appears that the Province wants all of the Township's unconditional grants for this year, and then some. Letters will be sent to all the relevant politicians to ask what is meant to be happening.

The Ontario Home Renewal Program has been terminated.

In the new Zoning By-law, the Ministry of Agriculture is still insisting that in Agricultural Areas the minimum lot size for a severance be 30 hectares. Council could appeal this decision to the Ontario Municipal Board to have this reduced to 20 hectares, as requested in our original draft of the By-law. However, this is likely to be an expensive court case (yes, another one) and, in the opinion of our planner, Robert MacKenzie, one we may well lose. Therefore all landowners who would be affected by this will be contacted to see how important this matter is to them before Council goes ahead with the appeal.

Council then went into closed session to consider personnel and other matters. It has since been



announced that Bob Marshall was promoted to Purser and Dianne Marshall is the new full-time Deck Hand.

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

#### Notice Of Public Meeting

#### Zoning By-law

#### Community Centre

8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 31, 1993

For more information see the article on this page

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#### Special Council Report

#### Zoning By-law

- Don Tubb

Instead of typing the notice sent around by the Township (boring), a summary would be better...

The Public Meeting to be held on August 31 is required when a Zoning By-law is being considered. The public will have this occasion to ask questions concerning the content and effect of the By-law. Written comments can be submitted either at the meeting or beforehand to the Township Office. Of course, if you would like more information, call the Township Office or would like to review a copy of the draft By-law, visit during office hours.

The Zoning By-law is the rules for the Official Plan which was passed some time ago. These rules lay out in detail how land can be used, what kinds of structures and buildings can be built and how they can be used, and where these structures or buildings can be located on a lot along with their size (both area and height).

This will affect you. Reading the By-law is important to protect your interests.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

We are sorry to hear about the death of our friend and neighbour Lily Browne earlier this month. Our sympathy to her family.

Best wishes to those who have been sick and/or in hospital this month - Anna Hitchins, Audrey Miller, Myles Hutchings, Jessica McGinn and Ryan McGinn.

Best wishes to Gordon Reid in his new residence at the Helen Henderson Lodge in Amherstview.

Welcome to our new residents, Helen Trotter and her two daughters. Helen and family are staying with Tony Sychra while her husband is stationed at CFB Petawawa.

On a final note, I would like to thank the following people for their help with our move last weekend. (For

anyone who doesn't know, Bill, Shawna, Torri and I have moved to Tom and Audrey Miller's house. And yes, Tom and Audrey moved also, to the former Belmont place on the Front Road.) Thanks to Darrell Miller; Donald and Judy Miller; Sheri Ward; Scott White; Kim Redden; Glenn and Sandra Filson; Nanny Glenn and Nanny Miller; Chad Miller; Todd Filson and mom. A very special thanks to Tom and Audrey for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

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#### Fourth Annual BBQ

#### Royal Bank (Stella Branch)

Wednesday August 25th

From Noon to 1 p.m.

(on the Island)

Come One Come All

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#### The Pathfinders

#### A Poem To Think About

We have a way to raise some money,

And sometimes it can be quite funny

Other times it gets quite sad,

And tends to make us a little mad

We'll make our way to the newspaper shed,

Thinking about how much we've said

Apparently we need to say some more,

Because we're finding things the shed's not for  
Newspapers are fine in a cardboard box or paper bag,  
And if you pack your newspapers stuffings we won't nag,

Bundled newspapers are always welcome,

And we're proud to say we still get some

We don't like novels, diapers or shiny magazines, And  
try to keep away detergent boxes and plastic bags  
please.

Thank-you.

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#### Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

All Island gardeners - please keep the food coming!  
Duncan and Coralie Marshall normally travel on the 10 a.m. ferry, Thursdays, and will deliver to the Food Bank. Give them a call to confirm (389-5031), and deliver any donations you might have to the boat. They will do the rest. If you are unable to pick your crop, or to deliver to the boat, please call Sally at 389-3802 for help.

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## Obituary

Stanley Lorne Veech

Stanley Lorne Veech died unexpectedly at Kingston General Hospital after a brief illness at the age of 83. Born at Joyceville, Ont. he moved with the family to Simcoe Island where he lived for many years. He was the son of Stannes Percy Veech and Alma Abbott. From Simcoe Island, he moved to Kingston and then to Amherst Island where he resided for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle; son, Allan; daughters, Linda, Susan, Wendy and Carroll; his brother, Robert of Kingston; and sister-in-law, Ada Terry. Also surviving are 8 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted July 13, 1993 by Rev. McIntyre of St Paul's Presbyterian Church. Pallbearers were his sons-in-law; Raymond Wemp, David Yeomans, Wayne Reid, Harry Smith, and grandsons; Mark Wemp and Kirk Veech. Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery.

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## Thank You Notes

We would like to thank everyone who supported us during the loss of our loving husband, father and grandfather. To those who sent flowers and gave donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation - our sincere thanks. The many phone calls, visits and acts of kindness since the funeral have made these difficult days easier to endure. Special thanks to Dianne and Anne-Marie for preparing the luncheon following the service; also to all those who prepared food. The kindness and prayers of Rev. McIntyre are sincerely appreciated.

The Veech Family

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Many thanks to the people who visited me when I broke my leg. Thank you for the treats and cards.

Many thanks to my 4-H club for showing my calf.

Jessica McGinn

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I wish to extend my thanks to all my neighbours, relatives, friends for showing their kindness, phone calls and flowers while I was in the hospital, and since I got home. Special thanks to the P.C.W. and the A.C.W. for the goodies, and finally Thanks to Coralie Marshall and Genevieve Fleming for sitting with my mother the day of my operation.

Thank you again.

Jim McMullen

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Thank you Brent, Roxanne, Lyn and Larry for our

surprise 40th anniversary party. We appreciate everyone coming to help celebrate our day.

A special thank you to our relatives from England, Patrick and Angela Foster, Bob Hill and Jean and John Cunningham-Smith for coming so far to be with us on this special occasion. Thank you for the wonderful gifts and best wishes and especially to Keith for making the lawn swing and picnic table. They are beautiful.

Thanks again everyone.

Elaine & Lloyd Wolfreys

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I would like to thank Ray and Zelma Koenders for opening their home for the surprise birthday party for me. Also, thanks to my family and many friends who participated to make it a success and still manage to keep it a secret. Special thanks for all the cards and gifts and to those who also remembered it was an anniversary as well. Although deeply appreciated, your attendance was all that was necessary.

Many thanks to my Loyal Friend for the beautiful flower arrangement.

My apology for being late folks But if I had known there was a party going on?

Many thanks again to everyone. Memories last forever.

Dorothy McGinn

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We sincerely thank everyone who worked so hard and helped so willingly to make our "Garden Party" a success.

Ladies of Presbyterian Church Women and  
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

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Meet The Teacher

- Sally Bowen

Playing Beacon reporter gave me the excuse to indulge Island curiosity, so I had a chat with our new Head Teacher, Mrs. Keitha Smith.

I am pleased to welcome her to our school and community, and to introduce her to you.

Keitha grew up in Odessa, where her parents still live. She first went to school in a 1-room then 2-room school, before going to Ernestown High School and Peterborough Teachers College. Later she worked part-time on a degree in English at Queen's, continuing in Philosophy at McMaster and York where she received her degree. She has experience and training in computers and completed her library specialist certification.

Keitha has lots of experience to round out her formal qualifications. She has taught all grades from JK to grade 8 in several schools, in Langford, Oakville, Scarborough, Selby, Fairfield, and North Addington. Some of the time she has specialized in physical education and English. Keitha spent one year travelling across Canada. She also worked for some years for a publishing company, developing their elementary materials, and travelling widely to "expand my horizons and learn more".

She believes that children need opportunities to be actively involved in their learning and challenged to do their best. She believes that the kids are best served when everyone, home, school and community are working together. She warmly welcomes parent involvement in her classrooms.

She expressed warm gratitude for the help she has already received from Beth and from Mary, in getting oriented to the school, the community, the materials and to the students.

Keitha is responsible for JK to grade 4, and will be working with the assistance of T.A. Joan McCracken. (She will be introduced to you in the Beacon next month.)

Welcome and very best wishes to Keitha Smith, our new Head Teacher.

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#### Beacon Awards

The Common Enemy Award goes this month to Bob Rae who has united the extremely diverse groups in Ontario against his government. It's been a very long time since any politician has been able to do this so quickly. Of course, he had help in the form of political naivety, excessive high expectations by both the public and his party, and a continuing poor economy which the government refused to recognize until the 11th hour, but it really does take talent to exploit these factors into political oblivion.

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#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Reggie Jackson on his induction to the Baseball Hall Of Fame: a man who when he stepped to the plate gave you your money's worth. It didn't matter if he struck out on three pitches because there were going to be swings so powerful that he would be corkscrewed knee deep into the batter's box. Pitchers loved to battle his home run swing putting a little extra on their fastball, curve or whatever.

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#### Entertainment

I've finally found some time to watch a few movies.

It's been difficult with everything that's been going on but someone has got to do it.

#### Scent Of A Woman

Al Pacino gives an Oscar winning performance in this long but worth while film. The story concerns a recently blind man's fling with his 'guide dog' - a young student from the neighbouring private school.

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Engrossing because of Pacino's domination of the screen and a good script (except for the slightly hokey ending). (8 out of 10)

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#### The Unforgiven

Clint Eastwood's mega-hit which garnered him a bunch of Oscar's last year. Despite being warned to expect the unexpected, I was unexpectedly unprepared for this film. Probably the thing that threw me off was that it was set in the 1890's in the American west which to me suggested a Western. Well done, well acted but slow (for an Eastwood film) which until the last half didn't really draw me in. (6 out of 10)

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#### A Few Good Men

Another mega-hit with Tom Cruise, Demi Moore and Jack Nicholson staring. With so much star power you expect good acting... and you get it but the story lets you down. Basically a trial film with Tom and Demi trying to defend a couple of Marines accused of killing a fellow Marine. Jack has got some great scenes as the commanding officer of both the accused and victim. (7 out of 10)

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#### The Crying Game

Well, what can I say about this much over-publicized film... First, it's two films in one - the relationship between a hostage (a British soldier) and his captor (an I.R.A member), and the relationship between the soldier's lover and the I.R.A. captor. I think it relies too much on shock value when there is a good story there and it is well enough done. So despite the fact that it is pretty good and worth while seeing, I'm knocking it for doing it wrong. (6 out of 10)

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Amherst Island County Fair  
Saturday September 4th  
A.I. Community Centre  
Starting at 9:00 A.M.  
Events

### Morning

Food Stand (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.) Coffee Donuts  
Corn-on-the-Cob Hot Dogs Hamburgers  
Flea Market (tables are free but a donation of  
10% of profits is requested)  
Craft and Home Baking  
Preserves Exhibits  
Craft Fair (all day)  
For The Kids (all day) Fun Air Jumping Castle  
Gaines Fish Pond

### Afternoon

Judging of Craft and Home Baking Exhibits  
(1 p.m.)  
Beer & Wine Bar Opens at 1 p.m.  
Entertainment by Fred Werthman  
Bossy Bingo  
4-H Calf Show  
Watermelon Eating Contest  
Euchre Tournament

### Evening

Dance to Country Music from 8 p.m. and a  
Full Bar  
... and More ...  
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### For Sale / Wanted

For Sale Smith Corona SD 750 Typewriter  
- Hardly used & in excellent condition  
- Owner's manual  
- With:  
Spell Right Dictionary  
Automatic Correct  
Memory  
Screen displaying current type line  
\$200 (Negotiable)  
- Bonus:  
3 extra ribbons  
1 extra correcting cassette  
(app. \$25 value)  
Call Marie or Brian Ward 389-5767  
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### For Sale

Fresh Basil  
Call Sally at 389-3802  
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### For Sale

Fresh basil.  
Call Sally at 389-3444.  
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### For Sale

Brown and white eggs.  
Contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828.  
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Glenn's Store will be open on Sundays and Holidays  
from now to Labour Day.

Hours: noon to about 4 p.m.  
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### Wanted

The Millers are again looking for Whig TV Times -  
used in the barn.  
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### For Sale

Picnic Tables & weather vanes.  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2388  
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### Lisa's Cottage

On Stella Bay  
Crafts by local artisans.  
Hours until Christmas  
Friday - Sunday  
Noon - 5:30 p.m. 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
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### Bible Study Group

Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the  
Presbyterian Fellowship Hall  
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### Computer Assistance

Can help to build computer skills on many programs.  
Call Jan at 634-1995  
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### Amway Distributor

Am Way products now available.  
Contact Myrtle Veech at 389-5782  
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### Albertan Homes

Homes built or renovated.  
Ken Albertan at 389-2662  
Susan Sedore at 384-7866  
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### 'Hair I Come'

No need to travel - I'll come to you.  
Specializing in permanent waves and cuts.  
Call to arrange a time.

Shelley Glenn at 373-2128

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#### Printing

A complete printing and design service

Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102

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#### GLM Construction

General Contracting & Renovations & Designs

Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456

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#### House Cleaning

Professionally trained house cleaner.

Call Laurel at 384-6617

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#### Cisterns Filled

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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#### B & B Small Engine Repair

Call Bill Halferty at 389-1413

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#### General Contracting

New Construction & Renovations

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

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#### Shorewell Maintenance

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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#### Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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#### Babysitting

Call Kelly at 389-2404 or

Jessica at 389-3199

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#### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, painting. Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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#### Clothing

Repairs and Alterations

Call Tens Tugwell at 389-5569

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#### Pumps Of All Kinds

Rural Water System Maintenance

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

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#### Glenn's Store 389-0417

Take Out Meal Counter

Groceries

Movies

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#### Post Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00-11:30

“ - “ 2:30- 5:00

Saturday 9:00 - 12:00

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#### Visitors Welcome at Watercolours Et Cetera

3rd Concession - 389-2588

If we are home we are open.

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#### Painting Classes

Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588

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#### Community Calendar

Au 18 Women's Institute Visit to the

Adolphustown Museum.

Au 25 Royal Bank BBQ from noon-1:00 p.m. at

the Stella Branch.

Au 31 Public Meeting 8:00 p.m. at the Community

Centre regarding the Zoning By-law.

Se 4 Stella Village Fair Details next month...

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#### A Letter Home

Dear Folks:

It's been really, really nice here during the last month - just like an old fashion summer. There's been lots of sun, heat, humidity, storms. I'm still making up for last year's dismal summer so no complaints here.

We're about 98% done with baling with just a few square bales left to take in if we can get the weather to co-operate. Then comes the rather tedious task of hauling the round bales home which does have its moments of sheer terror when you meet someone speeding around a blind corner. Let all beware - 10 tons of hay, tractor and wagon do not come to a quick stop and do not have anywhere to pull off where the roads are narrow. Watch out for all the farmers hauling produce and machinery this time of year.

The water levels continue to drop and drop fast like someone pulled the plug on Lake Ontario. And, you know the just when the Island gets dried out, there was a story in the Whig about how low the lake is expected to go - that is in the long term if the predictions about global warming are correct made by someone using some unknown set of data of unknown reliability analyzed by some sort of program of unknown accuracy with unknown assumptions. (You might get the feeling that I don't give much credence to this sort of story but they're fun to speculate about.) The lake level was predicted to drop about 5' (if I remember correctly) below its average level. I guess we'll cross that bridge when we get to it... or maybe we won't have to as we might be able to walk across the channel.

Work has stopped on the docks for unknown reasons but my guess is that they are waiting for the Amherst Islander to return so it can tie up on the side of the dock. This would leave them free to work in front of the dock.

Bye-bye for now ...

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#### Beacon Notes

The summer is over and it was a very, very fine one. Such a surprise after the dire predictions this spring of it being just like last year's. There was an exception, however, on Morning Side (Peter Gzowski's CBC radio program) where a big name weather prognosticator correctly predicted a 'wonderful summer'.

With the kids back in school, parents can take their vacation by sitting back and enjoying the weather. They can't do otherwise because their bank accounts have been severely depleted outfitting these style monsters. This month, we've got some very important items to report. Not only were there two Zoning By-law meetings (a Public meeting and a regular Special meeting) but also a meeting with MTO about the ferry. No one who lives here will go unaffected by the MTO dictates and so we lead with that news...

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#### Special Council Meeting

Ferry Agreement

- Don Tubb

On August 27th a Special Meeting of Council was held to hear details from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) of the new ferry arrangement. Allen Caughey and Tena Tugwell were not present. The rest of Council, the Clerk-Treasurer, Senior Captain and this reporter were there.

Two MTO representatives (Don Barnes & Ed Kenney) came over to give us the bad news which hits us three ways:

- 1- The Township will be responsible for collecting 19% of operating costs (instead of the 10% now collected) starting Jan. 1 1994;
- 2- More items will be included in the operating costs thus increasing it; and,

- 3- The Township will be responsible for 100% of operating costs of all future service improvements.

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This is pretty severe but it should be pointed out that it could have been much worse as MTO's stated goal is to collect 30% of operating costs from the ferry services. However, in recognition of our small community size and long ferry run, they have devised another plan which amounts to 19%.

The operating costs will now include:

- salaries,
- fuel,
- cost of electricity for the bubble system,
- routine marine inspection by MTO,
- annual inflatable apparatus safety inspections,
- minor dock adjustments,
- salaries for MTO bridge crew for safety related improvements,
- phone charges at Millhaven, and
- consumables & disposables.

AREA FERRY SERVICES				
FERRY	OPERATING COST	VEHICLES	1993 SUBSIDY	1994 SUBSIDY
Wolfe	\$2,600,000	385,000	100%	70%
Glenora	\$1,400,000	291,000	100%	70%
Amherst	\$1,400,000	118,000	90%	81%
Simcoe	\$ 100,000	18,000	80%	78%
Howe (Cty)	\$ 690,000	185,000	80%	67%
Howe (Twp)	\$ 140,000	Not Logged	80%	70%

Previously we were responsible for only salaries and fuel. The MTO representatives mentioned annual costs of about \$50,000 for the bubble system and a guess at \$7,000 for the other new items (This amounts to about a 5 % increase in total operating costs charged to the boat).

What's the bottom line for a commuter:

- going from 10% of our present operating costs to 19% of a larger number will mean about twice what we are paying now;
- twice \$1.79 (\$28 tickets for \$50) is \$3.58;
- going to town 5 days a week for 50 weeks would cost about \$895 just to commute and not counting discretionary trips, so let's say a nice round \$1000 to travel across the channel.

One way to look at this is to calculate what it would cost if we had a bridge. Company rates for travelling range from about 25¢ to 30¢ per kilometer which is supposed to represent the cost of operating a vehicle (fuel, insurance, tires, servicing, etc). So if it is a 3.8 kilometer trip one way (MTO's figure), then it would cost about \$2.10 a round trip to drive a bridge compared to about \$3.58 to travel the boat.

Do we have any choice in this matter... not really except to buy our own boat and operate it ourselves. This is a done deal with negotiations possible on some limited points.

Okay, that's the bad news but there is some good news of sorts. The future operating costs will be based on 1994 figures and not this year. This means we get to figure out how to keep the operating costs down. There is a balance between keeping the operating costs down and providing a level of service which is representative of what will be needed in the years ahead. We could have the Frontenac II here for as little time as possible and only run the bubble system when absolutely necessary which would reduce operating costs. However, if we do that then any extra operating costs

caused when we do want the Frontenac II longer or when we get a cold winter (more use of the bubble system) will be our complete responsibility - 100%. We do have some experience this year with the big boat so the operating costs can be calculated fairly accurately and thus compared to the Amherst Islander's. The main difference between the two is fuel costs as now they have the same crew size.

Who knows what effect this will have on ridership - Will tourists come over in the same numbers? Will residents take as many discretionary trips? Will people move off the Island to reduce their commuting costs? All of this is left for us to ponder. In the end, what we do know is that we will be paying considerably more to ride the boat and that's that - but with the knowledge that all the ferry operations will be treated the same!

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Zoning By-law Public Meeting

August 31, 1993

- Don Tubb

An Open Meeting was held to discuss the draft Zoning By-law. About 30 members of the public attended along with Council (except Allen Caughey) and Robert Mackenzie, our consultant.

There were several important points to come out of the meeting:

- The rear line of the Shoreline zone (Pt Lts 7-20, South Shore Concession) was discussed. At present it is defined by the hydro lines which weave their way behind the buildings, between the buildings and in front of the buildings. Council will take another look at this and try to figure out how to set of more consistent line behind the present structures.
- Several people wanted to know about protecting the right to expand their livestock uses in the Shoreline



zone. As the by-law reads now, barns, pastures, handling facilities can continue to be used but cannot be enlarged nor can new livestock facilities be built. If a landowner wished to expand or continue building, then the he or she would have to get a zone exception. Council identified several of these and is receptive to more. There are restrictions which do apply and which can limit where expanded or new facilities can be placed. Also once built, these new facilities will further limit where additional houses can be built. So for those planning both to expand a farming operation in the Shoreline Zone and sever more parcels of land, then take note of the restrictions which apply to your property.

- Zone exceptions can be applied for to identify any non-conforming use in any zone.

- Zone boundaries cannot be easily changed as they match (or nearly match) those set out in the Official Plan. This document has been approved by Council and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs (except for one item) so it is, in effect, a done deal. Significant changes to the Zone boundaries means that the Official Plan would have to be amended - a not inconsiderable process.

- There was a request to reduce the minimum distance between houses and the shore (presently 30m). This was referred to Council for further discussion.

Almost everyone in the meeting got their say and the general tone was of specific criticisms and questions. It does appear that there are some misunderstandings about the Zoning By-law. More study and questioning is the only way to get a handle on how this document affects you and your property.

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#### Annual Turkey Supper

The Annual Turkey Supper under the auspices of the Anglican Church Women will be held on October 2nd starting at 5 p.m. onward in the Amherst Island Public School.

The serving will be buffet style.

Adults- \$10.00

Children 12 and under- \$5.00

Preschoolers- free

Fish Pond and Bake Table

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#### Council Report

August 7, 1993

- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present. In addition to the Regular Meeting in August there was a meeting on August 4th to discuss the specifications for the Roads Equipment Shed, two meetings to discuss Ferry

business and the Social Contract, and the public meeting on August 31st to discuss the Zoning By-law.

M.T.O. has not taken any action on secure parking and passenger shelter on the Millhaven dock so the Reeve will try to speed things up. A sign will be posted on the Stella dock asking swimmers to stay away from the face of the dock when the Ferry is in.

The trial to consider the ownership of the Back Beach will take place at Picton on October 18th.

Council then discussed the new Ferry Subsidy Agreement with M.T.O.. There is an article elsewhere in the Beacon

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giving the details. Allan Caughey, who unfortunately could not be present at the original meeting with M.T.O. thought that the Township should fight the increase. The Reeve and most of the rest of Council thought that we were lucky to get away with 19% of the total Ferry costs, as Wolfe Island and Glenora will be paying 30% of the total costs. It appears that M.T.O. have no intention of negotiating the main points of the agreement, this 19% was an ultimatum. Council can discuss with M.T.O. exactly which costs will or will not be included, and the new Ferry ticket prices are still to be worked out.

The tenders for the Township gravel contract are due to close on September 16th.

Council discussed whether the churches on the Island should be exempt from tipping fees. It was decided that in the future they will have to pay.

A letter from Tanya Glenn asking about providing toilets at the beaches will be sent to the Recreation Committee.

No building permits were issued in August.

The counties will soon be required to have an Official Plan and a Zoning by-law. Townships without one will have one imposed on them by the County. Fortunately, our Official Plan is finished and the zoning by-law is almost done. Council adjourned at 9:30.

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#### Invitation

The family of Marie and Brian Ward would like to invite whoever would like to come to our Open Rouse at Amherst Island Public School to help them celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on October 16th. Best Wishes Only, Please.

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#### Special Council Meeting

September 13, 1993

-Don Tubb

A Special Meeting of Council was held to continue discussions of the draft Zoning By-law. All members of Council were present except for Allen Caughey. Robert Mackenzie (Consultant), Diane Pearce (Clerk-Treasure), this reporter, and two members of the public were also present.

Most of the meeting was taken up discussing the points brought up at the Public Meeting (August 31). Also there were a number of letters to Council expressing approval, various concerns, or making requests for changes to the present draft of the Zoning By-law.

The first major item discussed was the location of the rear line of the Shoreline Zone from Lots 7 to 20 or the South Shore Concession. As it stands now, the hydro line is defined as the rear of this zone. This varies tremendously in location, that is, with respect to the present road and the buildings. In some places it passes very close to and even to the water side of some houses. In other places the line is between houses and barns. Robert pointed out that the hydro line was chosen because it was the only existing physical boundary acceptable to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) which was reluctant to have any development area on this shore. While mention of a relocated road is mentioned in the Official Plan, it is neither built nor even defined yet so this could not be used. After much discussion, Council has decided to ask Totten Sims Hubicki for an estimate to run an 'engineered centre line' for this proposed road. The hope is to get something physical which could be used as a more practical rear boundary between the Shoreline Zone and the Agricultural Zone. Of course, this will have to be run by OMAF again and there is no guarantee it will be acceptable to them.

It was pointed out that this same problem exists on the north shore (Lots 3-8, Con 1) where the other major road relocation has been proposed. Council will include this in their request for an engineered centre line.

The other zone boundaries will all have to be precisely defined on the map accompanying the Zoning By-law. Some are easy in that they follow physical features like the shore, a road or a lot boundary. Others are not so easily defined like the south end of the Village zone or the rear of the Rural 1 boundaries. Members of the public should keep their eyes open to see if these change or affect their

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property. For example, we at Topsy Farms have a barn on Lot 1 Con 1 which might or might not be in the Shoreline Zone. If it is, then we will have to apply for a Zone Exception so we can continue to modify the barn

to meet our changing needs. If we let this slide by and do not get a Zone Exception, then we would be prevented from changing the physical size of the building or building other livestock facilities.

Another point raised in one of the letters (and at the Public Meeting) questioned why the set back from the water is 100 metres. Robert pointed out that this was a provincial policy. Council decided that this was not a good enough reason and over the advice of our planner has asked him to make changes. Instead of a uniform 100 metres, Robert will attempt to modify this to be the rear setback in each appropriate zone making it either 10 or 15 metres.

Several letters requested Zone Exceptions which were granted: E. Bailey & H. Filson for S-2 (agricultural exceptions). Several other properties were noted which might have to be considered as the boundaries of the zones are firmed up. One zone exception was objected to the V-7 on Stella Point (a second hand shop and transient accommodation). The owner will be contacted and asked to justify the zone exception and the objectors will be written to so they can be present at that meeting.

There was a long letter from OMAF (Ray Valaitis specifically) which basically recommended that the township adopt the agricultural code of practice instead of the way it has been done now. At present, there is series of rules which reflect the reality of Amherst Island. Representatives of OMAF have been invited to discuss this difference in approach and a meeting is presently being arranged.

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#### Township Of Amherst Island Tree Trimmer Required

The Township of Amherst Island, through the Glennwood-Pentland Cemetery Committee, is advertising for an insured tree service to do tree trimming in the Glennwood Cemetery, Amherst Island.

if you are interested, please forward the following by September 24, 1993:

1. your rate per hour or fee schedule, and
2. the name of your insurance company, general liability policy number and expiry date.

Send to

Diane Pearce

Clerk-treasurer

Township Of Amherst Island

Stella, Ontario K0H 2S0

For information, please call. (613). 389-3393  
between 9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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## The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Our very best wishes to John Hall, who was taken to hospital Tuesday. And best wishes to Vaughan McMullen who is also recovering from illness.

Congratulations to Whitney Fleming and Helen Bell-Smith on their acceptance into the no-longer-elite 'Amherst Island Cast Club'. I think this makes 5 kids in 6 weeks, if I am counting right. Helen's cast is on her wrist, and I am told Whitney is sporting the very latest in fashion by wearing a purple cast from toe to hip. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Our condolences to the family of Herb Wires, who passed away in Napanee earlier this month. Herb used to run the post office here many years ago. And sincere sympathy to Keith and Kaye McGinn on the loss of their brother, Leslie, of British Columbia.

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## Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E. S. McIntyre

The August meeting took the form of an outing to visit the Adolphustown museum and the Puddlesbury Bus museum. The first meeting in the Fall will be a visit from the District President and her branch and they will provide the programme after the Pot Luck supper. Anyone wishing to join our meeting will be very welcome and we have some interesting speakers and programmes for the Winter season.

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## Township Of Amherst Island Notice

Application forms for the Amerik's Memorial Scholarship Fund are now available from the Township Office during regular hours - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., weekdays. For information call (613) 389-3393.

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## Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

Have the voles left you any food? It has been a good year for squash, melons, roots vegetables etc. If the pesky nibblers have left you extra, please share.

Duncan and Coralie Marshall normally travel on the 10 a.m. ferry, Thursdays, and will deliver to the Food Bank. Give them a call in advance to confirm (389-5031), and deliver any donations you might have to the boat. They will do the rest. If you are unable to pick your crop, or to deliver to the boat, please call Sally at 389-3802 for help.

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## Cook's Corner

- Dianne Marshall

How does "Once A Month Cooking" sound to you? That's what I thought. I recently ordered a book by just that name. Think about only cooking one or two days a month. No more coming home from work or town with hungry people clamouring "What's for supper" and then having to work in the kitchen for the next hour or so getting supper ready. From what I have read, the key here is organization. The whole process will go faster if there are two people sharing in this production. The book provides a pantry list of what to have on hand and a grocery shopping list for either a two-week cycle or monthly cycle. The book provides enough recipes to cover this period. When you get use to the idea, you can substitute your own family favourite recipes. The success of this method is in the carrying out of certain steps all at once. An example of this is to do all the chopping, slicing and dicing for all recipes at one time. In order to make the best use of time, suggestions are made as to how and when the various steps should be carried out.

Seeing as I am going back to work tomorrow, I feel very smug with having put 8 dinners in the freezer. I hope next time to be better organized to have more put away on my next eight days off.

Now sit back and put your feet up!  
Once-A-Month-Cooking - Mimi Wilson and Mary Beth Lagerborg, St Martins Press, \$11.99

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## Amherst Island Recreation Committee Country Fair

The Rec Committee would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all those who helped us put together our first ever Amherst Island Country Fair.

To all who participated by entering exhibits and flea market tables, thank you for your interest and your support. To those who came as spectators and participants in some of the events, thanks. We appreciate most of all the words of encouragement, the suggestions and ideas from many Islanders which will all go toward making the fair bigger and better in future years.

Special thanks to the following for all their help:

- To the judges: Keith Miller, Ron Miller, Wayne Fleming, Bill Phillips, Larry Fleming, Lloyd Wolfreys, Elsie Densem, Laurene Kilpatrick, and Philip Gillesse;

- To CFB Kingston for the loan of the marquee tent;

- To John and Helen Trotter for invaluable help in

putting up the taking down the tent;

- To Caroline Yull for running the Jumping Castle and Fish Pond, and to Angela Fleming for giving horse rides;

- To Stephanie Fleming for helping out wherever she was needed, and for being a gopher;

- To Lois Millen and Simmons Feed and Seed for a donation, and to Phyllis Henderson for delivery;

- To Peter Morgan for help with the Business Ads;

- To Stanley Burke and John Trotter for judging the Bossy Bingo;

- To Fred Werthman for help with odd jobs;

- And last, but certainly not least, to Adam Miller for many hours of hard work putting together the 4H Calf

Show, the Bossy Bingo, for working on the bar, and for

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Maroon:

Helen Bell-Smith, Shawna Phillips, Andrew & Alison McDonald, Brent McGinn, Mindy Fleming.

Blue:

Sarah Whitton.

Green:

Jill Caughey, Wendy Fleming, Jacob & Kyle Murray.

Grey:

Mark McCormack.

White:

Angela Fleming.

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#### Thank You Notes

On behalf of everyone at the Lennox & Addington Interval House, I wish to thank all those who have made donations. In the past 12 months I have delivered to Napanee many household furnishings, appliances, toys etc. These items were much needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you to all again and please keep us in mind if you find you have furniture, or any household items you no longer require.

Sincerely

Keith Miller

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To all who helped us move, we thank you for making a huge job much easier.

A special thanks to Shirley Miller, who kept us fed all day.

God Bless You All.

Lovingly

Tom & Audrey Miller

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A special thanks to Ted Wemp, for his help, and for taking Tom's place on the ferry, so he could take me to the hospital last July.

A loving thank you to my family for rallying round me with their support and love once again.

Sincerely

Audrey Miller

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"Who needs the Ferry?"

"The Kwazy Quest for a Quinte Kwossing"

Joe Porretti, 20, of Barry's Point Amherst Island, former competitive swimmer and lifeguard, has, for several years, dreamed of swimming across the channel.

Bright and early on Sunday August 29th, he and his cousin Jeff Stransky, 21, of Collingwood, also a former competitive swimmer made his dream a reality when

they were transported to the mainland to begin their swim. After a heartfelt rock hugging session, the two intrepid adventurers entered the unknown waters of Quinte's North Channel to begin what would become a somewhat grueling test of their stamina. One hour later, after fighting off many imaginary sharks and psychotic divers with harpoon guns, they heaved their weary bodies up onto the rocky shore of Amherst Island near Topsy Farms. When asked why they did it the swimmers commented that they have heard so many "when I was your age" stories, they felt they should create some of their own.

Accompanying the adventurers on various parts of their journey (to fend off the sharks and divers of course) were supporting swimmers Blair Stransky, 13, and the mayor of Barry's Point, Doug Martin. The two boats which accompanied the daredevil (for safety precautions) were respectively manned and womaned by Blake and Jackie Porretti, and official journalist Joan Martin captured the entire escapade on film for posterity.

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#### Beacon Awards

To the US Special Forces, we offer in gratitude the 'Truant Officer Award' for successfully capturing several extremely bad UN employees who were living outside of approved area and apparently in General Aided's house (unbeknownce the them).

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#### Entertainment

##### Hoffa

Jack Nicholson looks so much like Jimmy Hoffa it's scary. Jack and Danny Devito give solid performances in this 1992 story of Hoffa's rise and fall in the Teamsters Union. Much better than I expected and the labour movement is your cup of tea, then this movie should satisfy. (7 out of 10)

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##### Benny and Joon

Johnny Dep and Mary-Stuart Masterton star in this very likeable story of Joon who is just the sane side of institutionalization and Benny, a drifter, who comes into her life. A love story with a difference. Good performances and enjoyable. (7 out of 10)

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#### The Waterdance

Eric Stolz, Wesley Snipes, William Forsythe, and Helen Hunt star in this new film about the bonds that develop while the three men are in a rehabilitation hospital recovering from accidents which

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have left them paralyzed. Strong performances all around. (8 out of 10)

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Chaplin

Robert Downey Jr star in this biography of Chaplin. Very well done but with surprising little passion which might be because it is based on Chaplin's autobiography in large part written when he was an old man. (8 out of 10)

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And Finally

[Staff: The next item appeared in the August 24, 1993 Peterborough paper written by Paul Rutherford. Thanks to the sender.]

Is there a heaven on earth? Yes...I've been there

It's hard for many people to remember the last time they had a truly relaxing weekend or holiday.

Vacations have become almost as hectic and fast paced as life itself. It's often very difficult to slow yourself down.

I know I have that problem; the problem of being just as tired and worn out when I return from a few days away as when I left.

The idea of getting away is, of course, to rest and refresh yourself.

This past weekend, I can truly say I had the most relaxing time of my life. With no worries or concerns and by shutting out the rest of the world, I managed to 'slow down'.

Doing this every once in a while not only is good for your physical health but your emotional and psychological well-being as well.

A friend and I spent the weekend at my family's other home on Amherst Island. For those who don't know where it is, it's a strip of land 12 miles long and three miles wide about 15 miles west of Kingston.

There's really not much there. In fact, the island consists of only one general store. There's no malls, restaurants or hotel; no crowds, traffic or noise.

Many may dismiss it as a backwards, simple community not important to the survival of the world. To those of us that it's a part of though, it will always be a special place.

What you can find there is real peace and quiet, something I have not found in Peterborough or anywhere else I've lived. There's a special atmosphere on Amherst that probably exists nowhere else. It was good to feel that again and relax the way I should.

This insignificant piece of land is very dear to my

heart as a place I visited as a child many times. My mother was born there more than 60 years ago and my grandmother lived there for her whole life, more than 90 years.

I used to spend two weeks every summer at this house with 'Gram'. It's taken me until now to discover why she loved it so much. It's a place where your troubles seem to disappear in the murky waters you cross to get there. And the respect and friendliness of all the islanders is unique to this place only.

I didn't want to leave come Sunday night but knew I had to.

My visits to the island are much more infrequent now and the day is rapidly approaching when this place will be nothing more than a distant childhood memory.

My relatives on the island now are few and the house which once was a monument to my mother and her family will fall into new hands. It's kind of sad to see this part of my roots disappearing.

But Amherst Island will never disappear as it has been discovered by big city folks who now are building large homes and changing the face of the island. They have come there for the relaxation and peace of mine that my family knows so well.

The island will survive all of us. I hope it never loses the peace and tranquillity it has nurtured for so long.

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For Sale / Wanted

For Sale

Kelvinator Heavy-Duty Clothes Dryer

Good Condition

Call 389-4874

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Glenn's Store will not be open on Sundays and Holidays until further notice.

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For Sale

Brown and white eggs. Contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828.

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Wanted

The Millers are again looking for Whig TV Times - used in the barn.

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For Sale

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Call Keith Miller at 389-2588  
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Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078  
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Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199  
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" - " 2:30- 5:00  
Saturday 9:00 - 12:00  
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Visitors Welcome at  
Watercolours Et Cetera  
3rd Concession - 389-2588  
If we are home we are open.  
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Painting Classes  
Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588  
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#### Community Calendar

Se 15 Women's Institute 7:00 p.m. Pot Luck supper  
in St Paul's Presbyterian Church Hall. Hostess Mrs  
Marian Glenn  
Oc 1 Amherst Islander due to go back into service  
(approximately)  
Oc 2 Annual A.C.W. Turkey Supper at A.I. Public  
School  
Oc 5 Township Council Regular Meeting in the  
Council Chambers  
Oc 16 25th Wedding Anniversary Open House at the  
School for Marie and Brian's Anniversary  
Oc 20 Women's Institute 8:00 p.m. Educational  
programme with Mrs Lois(?) Sylvester at the home of  
Mrs Leslie Gavlas  
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#### Seizure

A temporary alteration in behaviour due to abnormal  
electrical activity in the brain. Other names for seizures  
are convulsions and epilepsy.

Seizures are frightening to both the patient and the  
witnesses and have therefore led to prejudice and  
restrictions caused by a lack of knowledge rather than  
fact. Seizures have many causes such as: trauma, heat  
stroke, toxemia, high temperatures, drug or alcohol  
withdrawal and many unknown causes. Since 1% of the  
adult population suffers from recurrent seizures it is  
wise to be familiar with its characteristics and first aid  
treatment in case you should be on the scene. Anyone of  
us could experience a seizure without warning or  
apparent cause.

The patient may sudden stare and have brief lapses  
of attention or awareness or he/she may have  
intermittent contractions and relaxations of the skeletal  
muscles, which result in rapid jerking movements. This  
is followed by a lower level of consciousness and  
confusion. If seizure should occur:

- 1) Protect patient from harm, remove hazards, avoid  
unnecessary restraint.
- 2) Make sure the patient can breathe.
- 3) Call 911 to initiate medical help - better to be safe  
than sorry; if the seizure is prolonged (more than 30  
minutes) you need help.
- 4) In cases where the family is familiar with a patient's  
seizures and has been taught how to deal with their  
particular recurrent seizure they should know what to

do.

5) A seizure may be a warning sign - get medical help.  
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Sorry, there's no room for the Letter Home this  
month. Next month we'll see what's going on. Just one  
little short item though... apparently the Amherst  
Islander will come back at the start of the month with a  
new paint job - green and white like the Frontenac II  
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Brownies  
Girl Guides  
Pathfinders  
are starting again.  
Call Karen Fleming 389-0210  
or Janet Scott 389-4608  
for information.  
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The Amherst Island Firefighters Associations draw  
for Fred Werthman's painting 'The First Run' was won  
by Paulette Apps. The Association would like to thank  
Glenn's Store, Millhaven Store and the Millhaven  
Legion for selling tickets.  
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#### Beacon Notes

Thanksgiving has come and gone officially ushering in Fall. Nice weather so far; which is great because we've had to put up with an election dominating the news. This one has been more interesting than usual with more parties to choose from (we'll have more on our choices later).

The island seems to be quickly emerging out of the summer doldrums. The meeting on the ferry rates was well attended despite its timing and the opinions expressed left no doubt as to public's wishes. A full report follows. (The publishing date for this issue has been delayed so we can report on Council's response to this information session.)

Don't forget to watch out for the trick-or-treaters who will be out in the dark on Sunday October 31.

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#### Council Report October 5, 1993

- Chris Kennedy

All members of council were present for the regular meeting. In September, in addition to the regular meeting, there was a meeting of the Cemetery Committee to discuss tree trimming, a Zoning By-law meeting on September 13th, a Special Meeting of Council on September 16th to open the Gravel tenders, to discuss the new Roads Shed, and to discuss the implementation of the Social contract agreement, and a closed meeting on September 28th to discuss a legal matter. There was also another meeting on September 28th to discuss matters relating to the Zoning By-law with Ministry of Agriculture representatives.

Council then talked at some length about the

danger of parking on the Presbyterian Church hill. It was finally decided that when there is a large gathering at the church, signs will be posted warning that cars are parked on the road.

Allen Caughey and Ralph Woods have been working with other groups in the area on the problem of the increased ferry fees. They have called a public meeting on the Island for Sunday October 10th, where people may express their opinions. Meanwhile the Reeve has been meeting the provincial politicians concerned with the increase. It appears unlikely that the increase will be rolled back, but it may be phased in over time.

The tenders for the new Roads Shed will be opened on October 15th. Quite a number of firms are apparently bidding on the contract. McKendry's are due to crush gravel on the Island this fall.

The wells have been drilled for the hydrogeological studies around the dump.

The Recreation Committee reports that it made about \$1500 on the Fall Fair. This money goes to support recreation projects on the Island. In previous years the Rec. Committee has received substantial funding from the province, but this year almost all the grants have been cut, so the Rec. Committee has had to raise all its own funds. Next year some grant money should be available from the province for small municipalities.

Four building permits were issued in September: to Jim Reid, to Steve Hart, to Peter Whiting, and to Victor Ellis. A new dog pound will be built, to bring it up to Ministry of Agriculture standards.

Bill Stoker received final approval for a severance, and the Council adjourned at about 9.30 pm.

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#### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

And The Travel Broker

Present our 2nd Annual Holiday Draw

1 Grand prize of \$2,000 Travel Voucher or cash

Only 500 Tickets Printed

Tickets \$10 each

Available at Glenn's Store and from all Rec Committee Members:

Heather Young, Bonnie Caughey, Jack Kerr, Noel McCormick, Duncan Ashley, Lyn Fleming, Lisa McCarthy, Annette Phillips, Jim Whitton, Adam Miller, Rick Bedford.

Draw New Year's Eve

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#### Public Meeting Ferry Rates

October 10, 1993

- Don Tubb

A Public Meeting was held on Sunday, October 10th to discuss the ferry rate increases scheduled to come into effect on January 1, 1994. Allen Caughey and Ralph Woods co-chaired the meeting. Council had given them its blessing to find out what the residents of the Island thought about the proposed rates. The meeting was well attended (about 75 people) despite that night being Thanksgiving for many Islanders.

Allen gave a quick run down on the meetings he and Ralph had attended recently on the same subject but for the other area ferries. They then threw open the meeting to comments from the floor. Their stated goal was to find out what Islanders thought Council should be doing. About 20 people spoke to (and around) the topic so a fair cross-section of opinion was expressed. No one spoke in favour of the rate increases.

As you might expect if you have been to a few of these sorts of meetings, the subject was aired from various angles in a fairly disorderly but thorough discussion. We heard some of the history of the early days of the Amherst Islander and how we arrived at where we are now paying 10% of the operating costs. Also heard were several commuters who figured that they would be paying at least a thousand dollars a year to get to work which was going to be a hardship. No one said that they would have to move off the Island because of the new fares but some concern was expressed that they would be a deterrent to attracting more people to the Island.

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As to what Council should be doing, it was pretty unanimous that it should negotiate as hard as possible. One person thought the best course of action was simply stalling until the present government is voted out of office and then deal with the new one. Another suggestion was to argue for no increase but yielding, if absolutely necessary, to a small increase each year to spread the pain out as much as possible.

Other suggestions were to re-instate the pass system and limit their sale to local tax payers or even just full time residents (ie those with driver licences having Amherst Island as an address). A similar suggestion was made about the bulk tickets. Both were more or less discounted by the fact that this had been tried and MTO frowned on a two tiered system when most of the ferry cost was being paid by the province.

It was also suggested that we join forces with Wolfe Island which has reportedly hired lawyers to fight this in court. Concern was expressed that our situations are not similar enough that our interests might not be represented by their lawyers.

Another suggestion was to tie our fares to those paid on the Wolfe Islander. This too brought questions as to the actual figures being used and whether, as some people thought, Wolfe Island was to pay more for a return trip than even our increased fares.

Several people questioned Council's actions to date and what its policy was. The Reeve's actions at County Council were questioned when it was reported (through a source not named) that he had voted against a resolution supporting those fighting the rate increases. The Reeve was not present at the meeting to respond but Chris Kennedy said the Reeve had told him that he had voted in favour of the resolution. {Staff: The Reeve has written a response to this and other allegations which will be included immediately following this article.} Also the position of all Councillors was asked - Allen Caughey was in favour of fighting the fare increases as was Ralph Woods. Tena Tugwell who was present for part of the meeting also was in favour of fighting the increase. Chris Kennedy spoke for Ian Murray saying he too was in favour of this action. The Reeve's position was somewhat in doubt but it was presumed that he held similar views.

At the end of the meeting, Allen Caughey called for volunteers for a citizen's committee and made mention of a suggestion box where ideas could be written down.  
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#### The Royal Canadian Legion Annual Poppy Drive

Members of Branch 539 will be calling on you Saturday, November 6th, for their Poppy Drive. Your support will be appreciated.  
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#### Response from the Reeve

[Staff: We received the following letter dated October 10, 1993. It is our policy to stay away from controversy but have reluctantly allowed the Reeve space for this rebuttal.]

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Meeting on Thanksgiving Sunday concerning the proposals from the Ministry of Transportation. Because Sunday is the Sabbath I do not feel it is right to have a meeting on the Lord's Day, and in talking to other people I was not alone in this.

I am concerned to hear that rumours are being spread by an Islander about my voting at County Council. A motion was recently presented to County Council concerning ferry fares. During the debate I commented on certain speeches by my fellow councillors that I felt to be incorrect. The Napanee Beaver quoted me as saying that "Everyone should pay". What I fully said was "Everyone should pay or

we should all go free”; typically the Beaver only quoted half the sentence. When the vote was called I voted in favour of the motion. If I had wished to vote against it I would have called for a recorded vote and made my opposition clear. The official minutes will confirm this.  
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The Neighbourhood  
- Annette

Our sympathy to the family of John Hall, who died last month after a brief illness. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

Best wishes to those who have been ill or in hospital this month - Victoria Eves, Charles Eves and Janet Bews.

Welcome to all our new Island residents. Joe and Anna Wlasuk (Stuart Miller’s sister) have built a new home between Stuart’s and Hall’s. Robert and Corinne Thompson are finishing their new house next to Rick Bedford’s. Ken and Lois Fennell are also new full-time residents.

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Amherst Island Recreation Committee

We have had tremendous response to our Jazz Dancing Classes, with 24 children taking part. Our instructor, Christie Peeters, has four classes with ages ranging from 2 to 15. It’s not too late to join, so if there are any other girls or boys who wish to participate, please contact Annette. Classes are Tuesdays from 6 to 8.

We are sorry about the loss of one of our long-term members, Susan McGinn. Susan has been on the Rec Committee almost 10 years, and was a hard-working and very valued member of our group. We extend our sincere thanks to Susan for her many years of service and wish her the best of luck in future endeavours.

We welcome a new addition to the Rec Committee this month as well, Adam Miller. Besides his well-known talent for bar tending, Adam has a background in agriculture which will be put to good use at fair time.

Speaking of Fair Time, we missed a few people on our thank-you list in last-month’s Beacon. Our appreciation to the following:

- Lori and Jill Caughey, Jason Fleming and Jessica McGinn for taking part in the Calf Show,
- Lori and Jill Caughey for letting us use a calf for Bossy Bingo.

And we forgot to list one of the most important event winners: Caroline Yull made \$250 on our Bossy Bingo. Many congratulations!

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Township Of Amherst Island.

Thanks for the Community Spirit

Cutbacks to the Public Works budget prohibited the cutting of weeds along the Township roadsides this summer. However, no doubt in response to a sense of civic pride, some Island residents took it upon themselves to mow the roadsides, not only in front of their properties but elsewhere as well.

Council wishes to publically thank these individuals (you know who you are!!) for this display of community spirit and generosity.

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Welcome to A.I.P.S.

Welcome to Joan McCracken, Education Assistant at Amherst Island Public School. Joan works with 6 children in junior kindergarten and 1 child in kindergarten children, under the supervision of primary teacher Keitha Smith.

Joan is from the Napanee area. Her husband, Ron, works for Moore Bros. and

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sometimes provides service on the Island.

She has worked as an Education Assistant for five years in several county schools usually with young children. She enjoys working with our kids, talking about puppet making and the recent projects “All About Me” and “Circle Of Friends”.

Best wishes Joan.

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Thank You Notes

The family of the late John Hall would like to express their heartfelt thanks to our many friends, relatives and neighbours who were so kind and supportive during our recent loss. The beautiful cards, flowers, food brought to the house, and donations to the Heart and Stroke Fund, and to St. Paul’s Memorial Fund were deeply appreciated. Our sincere thanks to Rev. L. McIntyre for his comfort and support, and to the Pallbearers our gratitude is extended. Thanks also, to Beth for taking the morning off work to be our organist and also the choir. We appreciated the kindness of Bruce and Susie Caughey for arranging for transportation from the boat to the church. Our thanks to P.C.W. who supplied us with a delicious lunch.

Sincerely,

Mary Hall & Family

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I would like to thank Tena Tugwell for taking me to emergency to have my finger stitched and Chester for taking me to have the stitches taken out.

Also the P.C.W. for a nice treat also the A.C.W. for nice cookies and Dr. Scott.

It was appreciated.

Madeleine Glenn

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The ladies of the Anglican Church Women wish to thank all those who so generously contributed to the success of our recent Turkey Supper and Sale. The donations of money, food, and help with the serving and in the kitchen were very much appreciated. Special thanks are also due to Jessica Gavlas, who manned the fish pond, and to the 4-H club who cleared up the hall after the supper. A special vote of Thanks goes to Terry McGinn who worked so hard at setting things up on Friday night and then did so many varied jobs to keep things running smoothly for us on Saturday.

Leslie Gavlas, Sec'ty A.C.W.

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Township of Amherst Island

Call for Tenders

Sealed tenders, clearly marked as to content, will be received until 4:00 p.m., Monday, November 1, 1993 for the following:

Removal of wood at Glenwood Cemetery

The Glenwood Pentland Cemetery Committee recently hired a contractor to fell approximately five trees and to take down large dead limbs in the Glenwood Cemetery. This tender is for the removal of the wood that has been left on the site.

The successful tender agrees to

1. remove the wood from the site;
2. clean the site, remove branches or burn them on the cemetery roadway;
3. use all possible caution to prevent damage to headstones;
4. complete the job by December 31, 1993.

Tenders must be accompanied by a \$200.00 performance bond.

For details, please contact the Public Works Superintendent, Stuart Miller, at 384-2579 or leave a message by calling the Township Office at 389-3393.

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Congratulations

To Helen Cooper, soon-to-be ex-Mayor of Kingston, on her appointment to Chair the Ontario Municipal Board for the next 3 years, we offer heart-felt

congratulations. She brings with her intelligence and hard work to a body in need of both. Its nice to see someone get what they deserve - a job which should suit them to a 'T'.

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Beacon Awards

The Astounding Award of the Month goes to the participants of the Judge Hryciuk inquiry. The participants are the 'cream' of our society but their testimony shows that the derision behind all those lawyer jokes may have been based on something. In a disgusting display of accusation, denial, confirmation of accusation, confirmation of denial, we have been witness to people playing legal games. When you peel away the games you get - Yes, you did!... No, I didn't!... Yes, he did!... No, he didn't!... Liar, liar, pants on fire!... Sticks and stones... Disgusting!

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The Best I've Ever Seen Award goes to Michael Jordon who really was the best I've ever seen. I know that I'm going to miss seeing him on the late nite sports and for him alone I wish that I had cable. He could take any stadium crowd right out of their seats. He transcended his team and was a player to be enjoyed by all.

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539

The Halloween Masquerade will be held at A.I.P.S., Friday, October 29th starting at 7 p.m., unmasking at 8 p.m. Up to grade 8 is free and grade 9 and up is \$3.00. Refreshments, prizes and games.

Come and join the fun!

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Entertainment

This month I want to mention some voices which entrance me. Ones that are so rich that when God was giving out voices, these people went back for seconds. Stan Rogers has a new CD out called 'Home In Halifax' which is the first issue of a 1982 concert he and his group gave. Thirteen songs showcase a voice which resonates in your chest rather than being heard something like a fog horn - near enough that you can physically feel it. If you like Stan, then this is a must have.

I first heard Mary-Chapin Carpenter on a PBS show called Austin City Limits where she appeared with Nancy Griffith, the Indigo Girls and others. For me, she stole the show with her understated singing even in her up-beat hit, 'I Feel Lucky'. Her voice is smooth as silk and as rich as chocolate sauce. Absolutely marvelous...

Lastly, a freebie... Kathryn O'Hara hosts the 4-6 p.m. show out of Toronto on CBC radio. She has a wonderful voice and a quirk of speech making her nearly irresistible - a half beat hesitation at the start of some words and then a quick emphasis to catch up. Would I bear her children? Without a doubt! She takes great pleasure in conversing with just about anyone who shows up but the repartee with the regulars is very enjoyable.

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For Sale / Wanted  
For Sale  
Pumpkins - all sizes  
\$1.00 and up  
Baker's on the 3rd Con.  
389-2404  
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For Sale  
1 brown steel bed w/ springs  
1 wood bed w/ springs  
Call 389-1872  
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For Sale  
Lamb to order  
Call 389-3444  
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Winter Storage  
Winter Storage for boats, RV's, etc  
Call Vince Aitkin at 389-5546  
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Glenn's Store will be closed on Sundays and Holidays until further notice.  
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For Sale  
Brown and white eggs. Contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828.  
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Wanted  
The Millers are again looking for Whig TV Times - used in the barn.  
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For Sale  
Picnic Tables & weather vanes.  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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Lisa's Cottage On Stella Bay  
Crafts by local artisans.  
Hours until Christmas  
Friday - Sunday  
Noon-5:30 p.m. 6:30-9:00 p.m.  
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Bible Study Group  
Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the  
Presbyterian Fellowship Hall  
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Computer Assistance  
Can help to build computer skills on many programs.  
Call Jan at 634-1995  
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Amway Distributor  
Amway products now available.  
Contact Myrtle Veech at 389-5782  
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Albertan Homes  
Homes built or renovated.  
Ken Albertan at 389-2662  
Susan Sedore at 384-7866  
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'Hair I Come'  
No need to travel - I'll come to you. Specializing in permanent waves and cuts. Call to arrange a time.  
Shelley Glenn at 373-2128  
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Printing  
A complete printing and design service  
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102  
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GLM Construction  
General Contracting & Renovations & Designs  
Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456  
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House Cleaning  
Professionally trained house cleaner.  
Call Laurel at 384-6617  
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Cistern Filled  
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071  
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B & B Small Engine Repair  
Call Bill Halferty at 389-1413  
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General Contracting  
New Construction & Renovations  
Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434  
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Shorewell Maintenance  
Call Warren Kilpartrick at 389-4078  
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Portable Welding  
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172  
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Babysitting  
Call Kelly at 389-2404 or Jessica at 389-3199  
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Property Maintenance  
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned,  
painting. Call Bob Horth at 389-2916  
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Clothing  
Repairs and Alterations  
Call Tena Tugwell at 389-5569  
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Pumps of All Kinds  
Rural Water System Maintenance  
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105  
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Glenn's Store 389-0417  
Take Out Meal Counter  
Groceries  
Movies  
Post Office Hours  
Mon-Fri 9:00 - 11:30  
" - " 2:30- 5:00  
Saturday 9:00 - 12:00  
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Visitors Welcome at  
Watercolours Et Cetera  
3rd Concession - 389-2588  
If we are home we are open.  
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Painting Classes  
Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588

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Community Calendar  
Oc 25 Election Day Poll #216R at A.I.P.S. open from  
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Oc 29 Halloween Masquerade A.I.P.S. Starting at 7  
p.m. Unmasking at 8 p.m.  
No 2 Regular Council Meeting 8 p.m. in the Council  
Chambers  
No 6 Annual Poppy Drive Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 539  
No 7 Ecumenical Remembrance Service 1 p.m. at St  
Bartholomew's Church  
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#### A Letter Home

Time has been flying by the last month or so except of course while waiting for the ferry. Having the Amherst Islander back does mean an extra hour or so waiting to make sure I'll get on. Gone are the lazy days of summer when passage was virtually guaranteed no matter when you showed up. Speaking of the ferries, this brings to mind the fare increases... I was a little surprised to see Bob Ray talking about an economic impact statement after just dropping his fare bomb on all the ferries in the region. What do these guys think about? Did they really expect Wolfe and Adolphustown to just accept charges for the first time in decades? Even for us the increases were far more than had been hinted at over the last couple of years by MTO. This impact statement should have been offered immediately rather than let people get all worked up. Oh well., we are pretty small potatoes after the Social Contract which in itself was a nightmare of unwritten rules and policies.

We tried to find out about 'rejecting your ballot' but all we ended up with was conflicting information from parties who should know! One said that if you didn't want to vote for any candidate and still have your ballot counted, you could simply hand it back, it would then be stored separately and counted as a rejected ballot - not a spoiled ballot. The other person who also worked in the Chief Returning Officer's Office said that there use to be separate categories but new regulations have lumped both spoiled and rejected ballots together. If you are interested in this voting procedure, you will have to make your own inquiries.

Got to go now... the deadline calls.  
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Food Bank  
- Sally Bowen  
Thanks to everyone who contributed food this year

to the Partners in Mission Food Bank in Kingston.  
Amherst Island is still the only community that  
regularly ships fresh food produce, and we have reason  
to be proud of the variety and volume donated.

Thanks to the Guides and Brownies and their leaders  
who picked apples at Keith, Adam and Shirley Miller's  
place. Duncan and Coralie have done a wonderful job  
providing regular deliveries. Thank you all.

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# **STAND OUT**



The second hand-out was the changes that would be included in the Zoning By-law to implement the Agricultural Code of Practice. Once again discussion of this was left until the members of Council could absorb the information at their leisure. Perhaps I am getting ahead of myself here and should say that in an all-day meeting held (a month or so ago) between Council, our consultant and two representatives of OMAF, it was decided that the Agricultural Code of Practice would be included in our Zoning By-law and that it would be applied to the Agriculture and Rural zones. Any other place where any agricultural activity will be permitted or tolerated will remain with the present regulations. OMAF strongly recommends that agriculture in any form should be prohibited except the Agricultural and Rural zones. Council was equally strong in its resolve to write the Zoning By-law to recognize the fact that agricultural activity now takes  
{continued after the following ad}

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Amherst Island Recreation Committee  
and The Travel Broker  
Present our 2nd Annual Holiday Draw  
1 Grand Prize of \$2,000 Travel Voucher or cash  
Only 500 Tickets Printed  
Tickets \$10 each  
Available at Glenn's Store and from all Rec Committee Members:  
Heather Young, Bonnie Caughey, Jack Kerr, Noel McCormick, Duncan Ashley, Lyn Fleming, Lisa McCarthy, Jim Whitton, Annette Phillips, Adam Miller, Rick Bedford.  
Draw New Year's Eve  
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place in zones other than those where it is a 'permitted use' and will continue to do so with some allowance permitting changes and expansion of these operations. What was not settled was whether severances in the Agricultural zone would be 20 ha or 30 ha. OMAF remains firm in its previous recommendation to the Minister that the larger size should be included in the Zoning By-law.  
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Get In The Christmas Spirit  
visit  
Lisa's Cottage  
heirloom quality Christmas Crafts and gift giving ideas for the whole family  
Open Saturdays

Noon to 5:00 p.m.  
from now 'till December 11th  
For viewing during off hours, call Lisa at 389-3948.  
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Council Report  
November 2, 1993  
- Chris Kennedy

All Councillors were present, and I was the only one in the audience. Recent Council meetings have been quiet, with few in the audience, and no fierce debates around the Council table. Apart from the ferry fees and related matters, there have been no hot topics in recent months.

In October there was a Cemetery Committee meeting which mainly decided on tree trimming, a budget meeting on October 7th, and a meeting on October 15th to open the tenders for the new Roads shed. There was another meeting to confirm the decision on the Tender on 18th October. B. Haegele Enterprises Ltd. has been awarded the contract for \$244,873.76. Of this total \$8282.50 is for an optional split brick masonry facade. In a recorded vote, the Reeve and Councillor Murray voted against this option.

The Back Beach trial has been postponed until January because of illness in the family of one of the chief witnesses.

The Provincial government appointed Brook McNab, a lawyer, to look into the ferry fee controversy. The Reeve met with him twice. There was one public meeting for citizens to present their views in person. [Staff: The Reeve has told us that the Report will be presented to MTO on November 17th but there is no word as to whether it will be made public.]

Council is advertising for another part time engineer for the ferry, as with one engineer off sick the others have had to work a lot of extra shifts.

The new Township public works shed is due to be started on November 8th. The Roads Superintendent, Stuart Miller, will be asked to appear at Regular Council Meetings so that Councillors can keep up to date on Roads business. The gravel crusher is also scheduled to start work on November 8th. [Staff: Since Nov. 8th has now come and gone, the crusher is now due some time soon.] Council representatives have been around the Island marking out the edge of the Shoreline Zone for the Zoning By-law, and this seems to be going smoothly.

Council will review the tenders for the removal of wood from Glennwood Cemetery.

The Royal Bank is closing its branch on the Island. Council will investigate the pros and cons of changing its accounts to a different bank. Perhaps the Royal Bank will now start losing its 8 million customers, one

by one.

Syke Fleming was issued a building and a demolition permit in September, and Terry McGinn and Dennis McGinn were each issued permits for building renovations.

Council continues to receive the bills for the Back Beach lawsuit. The total for this year is about

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\$17,000. Council will ask the lawyer for itemized bills, so that they at least have some idea where our money is going.

Another Zoning By-law meeting was scheduled for November 15th, and then Council adjourned.

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St Paul's P.C.W.

Xmas Tea and Bazaar

Saturday, November 27th From 1-4 p.m.

At the Community Centre

Bake Sale

Tea and Goodies

Santa's Post Office

Treasures and Crafts.

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Special Council Meeting

November 15, 1993

- Don Tubb

Another Special Council meeting was held to continue the discussions on the present draft of the Zoning By-law. Allen Caughey and Ralph Woods were not present but Councillors Murray, Tugwell and Reeve Willard were. Consultant MacKenzie, Clerk/Treasure Pearce, reporter Tubb, and two interested members of the public were present.

Robert led off the meeting with a type-written handout of the changes necessary to incorporate the Agricultural Code of Practice into the By-law. This Code will be used to calculate separation distances between livestock facilities and other uses instead of the flat distances now in the draft Zoning By-law. A few other changes were also included which had been discussed and tentatively approved in previous meetings.

One item of note was a re-writing of clause 2.40 limiting a Farm Produce Outlet to the sale of agricultural products grown, raised or produced in the Township of Amherst Island. No restrictions on the origin of the goods sold was in the previous definition but this limitation to only Island produced goods is not as severe as what OMAF wanted - agricultural products from that specific farm for which the Outlet was an

accessory use.

Section 3.1 iii has also been modified to allow a livestock facility for a maximum of one animal unit on those properties of one hectare or more. This prompts a further change to section 3.7 eliminating the size

in the previous paragraph.

The meeting then continued by looking at more Zone Exceptions. The Frohlich's have written to Council stating the uses they foresee for their property on Stella Point. Council felt that these uses fit into the V-7 category and were willing to allow exception to stand however concern was expressed over parking problems. It was cleared up by our consultant who said that V-7 (transient accommodation and a second hand shop) required off-road parking for those uses - how much will depend on how many rooms are used and how large the shop is).

Duncan Marshall wants to re-arrange his boundaries but had a problem with a lack of adequate road frontage. He got approval in principal to do this but because this will be a Zone Exception, it will not come into effect until the Zoning By-law is in force which is some time yet.

Ray Feraday had a similar problem with a property he wished to sever and has received the same type of Zone Exception.

The last item of business was to strike a Hiring Committee (Reeve Willard, Councillor Tugwell, Senior Captain Earle Willard and Senior Engineer Ted Wemp) to interview and make recommendations to Council regarding a relief engineer for the ferry.

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#### Township of Amherst Island

##### Winter Parking Regulations

No Parking is permitted on Township Roads between midnight and 7 a.m. from December 1st to March 31st to facilitate snow ploughing.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to those in hospital this month: Myrtle Veech, Tina Filson and Genevieve Fleming. Best wishes also to Tena Tugwell's daughter, Susan Maleska, who is recovering in hospital from a car accident.

A warm welcome to our newest resident, Benjamin James Law Whitton, born November 7. Congratulations to Jim and Lynann.

Only a few weeks of cool, damp weather and lots of the neighbours are vacationing in warmer climates. Henry and Anna Hitchins are recently back from New Zealand; Piet Witteveen and Syke Fleming spent a couple of weeks in Arizona, and the Truemans opted for Cancun, Mexico. (Don't Forget To Get Your Ticket On The Rec Committee Holiday Draw - You, Too, Could Be Vacationing Some Place Warm And Tropical This Winter.)

Meanwhile, back at home, the Miller Camp at

Calabogie was in full swing. Eric Welbanks and Paul Glenn came back with deer this year.

In other deer hunting news, I have been asked for a count on the controlled hunt here this year. I will try and come up with this, and if the hunters could help out by letting me know when they get one, it will make the job much quicker and easier than trying to track down numbers through the ministry.

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#### Amherst Island Horseman's Club

##### New Year's Ball

##### Live Entertainment Door Prizes

##### Roast Beef Dinner

##### Dancing 8:30 - 12:45

##### Doors Open 6:00 with Dinner at 7:00

##### Tickets are \$44.00 Per Couple from

##### Jack Forester Al Caughey Garry Filson

##### Get Yours Soon!

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E. S. McIntyre

The Institute met at the home of Mrs. Leslie Gavlas on Thursday, October 21st. The meeting opened with the Ode and Collect and the singing of O Canada. After the business meeting, we had a report of the 67th Annual Meeting Kingston Convention Area Women's Institute which was held the previous day at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Barriefield. Our speaker for the evening was Mr. Tom Sylvester. His topic was Amherst Island, the distribution of families and land gathered from maps dated 1826, 1835 and 1855. The early freehold ownership of lots is shown by the distribution of stone houses and/or fences. Tenants invested in moveable property which they could sell or take away with them. With some input by long time residents, it was an interesting and informative evening. The evening closed with the singing of the Royal Anthem.

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#### 4-H News

- Barbara Salter & Tyler Hutchings

Our 4-H club this fall is about drama. We call our club the "Dramherst Islanders". The officers are as follows:

President... Kristy Grange

Vice President... Heidi Hitchins

Secretary... Stephanie Fleming

Treasurer... Scott Marshall

Reporters... Tyler Hutchings & Barbara Salter

Phone Convenor... Jessica McGinn

Recreation Committee... Wendy Fleming, Jill Caughey, Nate Maleska, Mark McCormick, Jessica Garrett, & Bonnie Marshall.

Lori Caughey is our youth leader and Lyn Fleming and Susie Caughey are our adult leaders.

In October, our group went to Selby to visit the L&A Theatre Guild's new facility. We are now working on a short play, "The Three Sons". Some of our club will be going to see a Kinsmen Production in Kingston.

On November 23 we will all be going to Napanee for our county Achievement Night.

We have done some pretty interesting things and look forward to more clubs.

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## Obituary

### John Graham Hall

John Graham Hall, husband of Mary E. Glenn, died September 24 at Kingston General Hospital following a two-week illness. He was 74.

John was born in Cornwall, England, to Thomas and Dorothea Hall. The family came to Canada in 1924, when John was five years old. Thomas died in 1939, and Dorothea in March of this year.

The remainder of the family, two brothers and two sisters, are still living: Robert, Herbert, Sara (Brown) and Dorothy (Dodgson).

John and Mary were married May 18, 1946 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Kingston. Their wedding took place in the morning, followed by John's convocation at Queen's in the afternoon. The couple met at Alcan, where they both worked.

John graduated from Queen's with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and went to work for DuPont. He was employed as an executive in a number of departments: finance; real estate and planning; sales; works manager, to name a few. The family relocated several times, living in Montreal, Toronto, Ajax, Shawinigan and Kingston. In addition to his work for DuPont, John also operated his own business, MARJOH Logistics, where he acted as a consultant in social policy and human resources.

When he retired in 1977, John and Mary moved to the Island full-time, renovating and building onto the cottage they had purchased in the early 60's.

John was a family man and a devoted grandfather.

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He leaves three children, John Barry, Susan and Pamela, and four grandchildren.

Pam, married to Strat Canning, lives in St. John's, Newfoundland. She has one daughter, Jordan. Pam is a noted artist/author/illustrator/filmmaker.

John B. lives in Montreal with his wife, Cristiane Forcier and their two children, Alexandra and Viviane. John is president of the Canadian Division of Jbsen, a Norwegian shipping company.

Susan, her husband Roger Banting and their daughter Erin live in Toronto. Susan works as a placement agent in the computer industry.

At the time of his death, John was the secretary of the Kingston Rotary Club. He was a former board member of the Queen's Alumni Association, a former councillor of the Township of Amherst Island, and a member of the Registered Industrial Cost Accounts Association. He was also a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's on September 27, with interment at Glenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Harry Filson, Edgar Mooney, Jack Kerr, Peter Trueman, W. Bruce Caughey and James Neilson.

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## Thank You Notes

I would like to thank everyone who called or sent cards following the death of my father, George Andrews on October 31.

A special thank you to Caroline, Llew and Helen who are always there when we need them.

Marjorie and Jim Baker and family  
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We wish to thank all of our family and friends for their many gifts, cards and good wishes on the occasion of our 25th Wedding Anniversary. Special thanks to Sherry for all of her hard work in organizing such a great party. Thanks to Steve and Pam, Donnie, Mom & Dad and the other family members who helped Sherry with the party and took food. We would especially like to thank Adam for bartending, Rob and Rick for doing the music, Chris and Mike for selling bar tickets, Heather for preparing the meat trays for the dinner and Grant and Donnie for looking after the Crown and Anchor game. This was an Anniversary that we will always remember.

Brian and Marie Ward  
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## 1st Response Team

A severe cut or gash of an artery or vein can be both terrifying and life threatening. If a person severs an artery the blood will spurt with each beat of their heart and be bright red. A severed vein, although there may be a lot of blood, will be darker in colour and will not spurt with each heart beat. The main thing is to remain calm and get the person to sit or preferably lay down.

Having the person rest will decrease their heart rate.  
Apply direct pressure with your hand over a clean cloth directly on the wound for two to five minutes.  
Tourniquets are not usually used as they completely cut off oxygen to the area below the cut. A tourniquet cuts off blood going from the heart (artery) and returning to the heart (venous) therefore building pressure at the wound prolonging bleeding.

- 1- Stay calm.
- 2- Sit or lay person down.
- 3- Apply direct pressure (firmly) with hand and clean cloth over cut.
- 4- Check for blood flow after 2 minutes.
- 5- Call 911 if bleeding severe and will not stop.

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Are You Over Run with Mice?  
Send In The Mouse Police!  
We have kittens to give away.  
Call Dave or Fern at 389-1656

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A.I. Sweatshirts  
Is your Amherst Island sweatshirt threadbare from use?  
Do you need the perfect gift for someone special for Christmas?

Help is on the way!

A new shipment of sweatshirts, both crew neck and hooded will be arriving in early December.  
If you should have specific requests, please phone Susie at 389-2012 immediately.

This is an ongoing project of the Presbyterian Church Women.

Many thanks to the community for their enthusiastic support.

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Congratulations

Congratulations is due to the Toronto Blue Jays on their successful defense of the World Series Championship. A fine ending to a pretty lack-lustre season where they seemed to specialize in under-achieving but came through in the end. With the exception of Ed Sprague, the hitting lineup was awesome from top to bottom but even Sprague had some timely hits. The best team in baseball and just think how dominant it would have been if Ricky Henderson had been healthy!

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Beacon Awards

The Poor Sport Award goes this month to Pepsi who

is apparently going to forbid Shaq O'Neil from playing in the Basketball World Championships to be held in Toronto next year. Pepsi apparently has him under contract and can do this. The reason why... these games are sponsored, in part, by McDonald's which has a contract with Coca Cola. Is this the beginning of a trend... I hope not.

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And Finally

State of the Newsletter

Amazed is the only word to describe our feelings that so many people buy this little newsletter. Even with the endless recession, there are still 133 names on our mail list. That's down a little from a year ago when we had about 145 subscribers. Glenn's Store is selling about the same number which should stay about the same and then go up by 25-50 sold during the summer.

The last price increase should hold us in good stead for a while yet - as long as the Gestetner machine holds together (we just had it in to be repaired for a \$135). The sales from the telephone list also helps. So what are the statistics...

- 12 people subscribe from 4 countries other than Canada: United States (8), Mexico (1), England (2), and the British West Indies (1).

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- 121 subscribers within Canada: B.C. (5), P.Q. (1), Sask. (1), and Out. (114).

- within Ontario we penetrate markets totaling 5.2 million people with representation in 42 communities (now... I will admit we are spread a little thin over some like Toronto with only 10 subscribers but do cover the city). We have 43 subscribers in Kingston, 11 on the Island, 8 in Bath and 4 in Ottawa.

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Election '93

Well, Kim Campbell's summer job is over, Stephen Willard is out of mourning and we can all wonder exactly what we did on October 25th. The Beacon now brings you an exclusive report on exactly how we voted on our own little Island.

Out of 299 eligible voters 225 actually made it to the polling booth, a 75 % turnout, with the votes cast as follows;

Milliken... (Lib)... 112

Gordon... (PC)... 65

MacAdam... (Reform)... 32

Higgs... (NDP)... 9

Papadopoulos... (National)... 4

Spoilt... 3

So when we start complaining about the Liberal government in a year or two 112 of us are merely getting what we voted for, even if we are too embarrassed to admit it.

The Christian Heritage and Natural Law party did not get a vote on this Island. I must confess to a certain sympathy for the Natural Law Party, as I thought that their promises were no wilder or less likely to be fulfilled than some of the promises of the more mainstream parties.

The spoilt ballots were incorrectly marked, with something other than a single X on the relevant circle, and everything else left blank. If you make a mistake marking a ballot you can ask the polling officer for a replacement.

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News Flash Foreward:  
November 15, 1994

Sheila, Minister of Everything, announced today that, following 8 months of intense negotiations with provincial premiers, numerous meetings with business delegations, countless public hearings, that the infamous Goods & Services Tax will now be called the Services & Goods Tax. Oh, by the way, its now 10% on every service and good in the country.

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While On The Home Front

Our never-ending search for proof that civilization runs deeper than a layer of paint suffered a blow when Caroline Yull reported hearing a pack of coyotes in the village a few nights ago.

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A More Serious Turn...

To end this little parade of features, we turn serious to mention that Kingston's best reference phone book is out again. 'Where To Turn' is available from the Kingston District Community Information Centre (137 Queen St - St. Paul's Church Hall). If I remember correctly, it costs \$20 and is worth every penny if you ever wanted the phone number or address for any of the multitude of agencies working in the Kingston area.

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Over Run by Mice?

Send in the Mouse Police!

We have kittens to give away.

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Wanted

Aluminum rowboat with oars with or without small motor. Call Sally 389-3802

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Fully Furnished

(formerly Tompkinson's) \$66,900

Call 376-6863

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For Sale

Lamb to order

Call 389-3444

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Winter Storage for boats, RV's, etc

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The Beacon makes a wonderful Xmas gift. One that continues to give throughout the year!!

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For Sale

Brown and white eggs. Contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828.

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Wanted The Millers are again looking for Whig TV Times - used in the barn.

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For Sale

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Heirloom Quality Christmas Crafts and gift giving ideas for the whole family.

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Shorewell Maintenance

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Mon - Fri 9:00 - 11:30

“ - “ 2:30- 5:00

Saturday 9:00 - 12:00

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Visitors Welcome at

Watercolours et Cetera

3rd Concession - 389-2588

If we are home we are open.

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Painting Classes

Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588

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Community Calendar

No 27 St Paul's P.C.W. Xmas Tea & Bazaar 1-4 p.m.  
at Community Centre

De 7 Regular Council Meeting in the Council  
Chambers

De 11 Seniors Christmas Dinner Party 6:30 p.m. at  
A.I. Community Centre

De 15 Christmas Party & Gift Exchange Meeting A.I.  
Women's Institute

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## A Letter Home

What a fall so far! Again we happily were the victims of mis-prognostication by the weather people. Cold and wet was what they predicted but compared to last year, we've had a wonderful fall. There's even been some sun to brighten the gathering darkness of the coming winter. So here's hoping for a nice winter - not too much of anything... particularly long.

The lake level seems to have stopped dropping like a stone. I measured a 4' drop from the high water marks on the dock... that's a lot of water. Seeing the docks sitting high and dry now instead of covered with water like this spring is very strange.

With the changing seasons, the jobs change too. The manure is still being moved but we're getting tuned up for wood cutting. Not only do we need more firewood but also a lot of fence posts as we've rented another lot and a half which has to be fenced. This should be a big plus as we shouldn't have to run the sheep up and down the road so often particularly in the summer. Time is at a premium then with haying.

After being depressed for some time now, lamb prices have started to rebound a bit - they're almost back to what we were getting 5 years ago which while not good is still better than losing money hand over fist. Speaking of selling lambs... we haven't been selling too many to the Township so far this year, that is from coyote kills. We're -232338383131'ng as cov on 538 p r i c e w i l l b e 6.56 0 t h e t h i n y ( t g o ) T j 33.6 0 T d ( r s a ) T j 15.36 0 c h e ( b u t ) T j 26.64 0 c a n ( d o ) T j 10.4 0 T j 14.56 0 J a s i n k i s ( o t h a M o e ) j 18.48 0 T o t h e l l h i l e ) T j 0.18 T c 0 202.26.56 -13.14 d d ( n o ) T j 10.56 0 t h e ( d o ) T j 13.44 0 T d ( t h



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Beacon Notes

Christmas already!... How did it get here so fast? Gosh, it was only yesterday that \_\_\_\_\_ (you can fill in the blank)!

So, what's been happening on the Island... The big news is that Reeve Willard has moved up a notch in the political world to County Warden. Congratulations are due and given for being elected to this plum political post. Is this a stepping stone to bigger and better things for our young whipper-snapper? Actually, on the radio the other day, he said he wasn't that young any more - he's all of 23 - ha! youngin'! The Warden has ceremonial duties but also is the chief executive officer for the county.

Enough about Steven... we've got a Council report waiting in the wings...

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Best Wishes to You and Yours from All of us Chris, Dianne, Don, Ian, Sally and assorted children

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Council Report

December 7, 1993

- Don Tubb

All members of Council were present at this Regular Meeting of Council except Ralph Woods who is off globe-trotting. The Clerk-treasurer, the Public Works Superintendent, one interested Islander and this reporter were also present.

Reeve Willard gave Council a short update on what appears to be happening with the Province's attempts to raise the ferry fees. He said that Bruce McNab's report was delivered to the government last Monday and an announcement is expected soon. His information was that the government would not be making any decisions

until the spring. Reeve Willard wanted Council to write to our MPP and remind him of the unfair situation in that we are still paying ferry fares while Wolfe Island

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and Glenora ferry users are going free. After some discussion, Council approved the writing of this letter.

In a related manner, the Clerk-treasurer said that MTO had informed her that we would be going into the new year with the same ferry agreement we've had for a few years now - 90% subsidy. Also, Diane Pearce was told to get back to the appropriate MTO official in January to make sure that our request for secure parking on the Millhaven dock will be put forward for funding.

The Back Beach trial has been put off to January 17th. The Township and the Shooting Club have ceased negotiations. The Public Work's Superintendent, Stuart Miller, was present to give a report on the state of the roads and equipment. He said that the crew was working to keep the roads in good shape which is difficult with the wet weather we have been having lately. The Public Works crew has the road equipment ready for winter. Stuart also noted that the gravel crusher is now on the Island. The repairs to fix the construction faults to the Millhaven dock have been completed. (While not part of the Super's report, it was mentioned that the new Millhaven dock lighting is presently being installed.) Also the equipment garage is on schedule and there have been very few problems so everyone is happy. The steel is due on December 13th or 14th. When the building is enclosed, it will be heated and the floor poured. There is some minor concern over the decorative masonry exterior which will have to be done in freezing weather but Stuart expects the contractor to just tarp and heat the area.

The recommendation of the ad hoc committee to hire a relief engineer was received and accepted. Chris Ciszek will be offered the job. He has more than the minimum qualifications necessary for the position.

Three accidents have occurred on the ferry during the last month. The Township will accept responsibility for the repairs. A Township policy for dealing with accidents on the ferry is being developed. After some discussion Council decided to send the following draft policy to the Ferry Committee for refinement. If there is an accident which is the crew's fault in the eyes of the Captain and Mate, then the Township will accept responsibility. If the accident is not the fault of the crew, then the OPP will be called to investigate. Likely there will be exceptions to this as having the boat tied

up at the Stella dock with a slightly damaged car half on the ramp for hours and hours while an OPP officer somehow travels to the Island would be irritating to the rest of the riders to say the least. Stay tuned for further developments.

In the Let's Just Try It On For Size File, the Kingston Area Recycling Corporation has billed the Township to the tune of \$85 to cover the costs of two loads of hazardous materials dropped off there. The Township has no intentions of assuming responsibility for actions of private citizens and will not pay the bill.

Council made official the appointments of Adam Miller, Helen Trotter and Reg Hitchins to the Recreation Committee.

Steven Willard gave 'notice of motion' to appoint  
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{the Council Report will continue after the following ad}

Amherst Island Recreation Committee  
and

The Travel Broker

Present our 2nd Annual Holiday Draw

1 Grand Prize of \$2,000 Travel Voucher or cash

Only 500 Tickets Printed

Tickets \$10 each

Available at Glenn's Store and from all Rec Committee

Members: Heather Young, Bonnie Caughey, Noel

McCormick, Duncan Ashley, Lyn Fleming, Lisa

McCarthy, Adam Miller, Annette Phillips, Rick

Bedford, Reg Hitchins, Helen Trotter

Draw New Year's Eve

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another member to the Cemetery Committee in the place of W.B. Caughey who has not been attending meetings for some considerable time.

Council will be advertising for new members for the Committee of Adjustments.

Council has spoken to the Royal Bank which has agreed to sell the two strong boxes to the Township for \$50 each (we have to remove them). The Bank will give the Township the desk they have been using which will be put to immediate use by the Township staff.

The latest draft of the Zoning By-law was received and while no date was set for the next meeting, it will not be until the new year. It was mentioned that our consultant (Robert MacKenzie) will be working on the maps over the holidays.

In a related matter, OMAF has sent Council its position on the size of severances in the Agricultural Zone. They continue to maintain the position that 30 ha should be the minimum. Council discussed the merits of

taking this to the Ontario Municipal Board but decided not to. The reasons given were:

- the tight budget (costs projected at \$5000 but they were guessing),
- the fact that our consultant could not be practically hired to represent us because he does not feel we have a good chance of winning so a new one would have to be hired and 'brought up to speed' on the issue,
- the very little support for this action shown by the affected landowners (this was the telling argument).

After a few other matters were dealt with, Council adjourned at about 9:30 p.m.

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## Township Of Amherst Island Notice

The Township of Amherst Island is inviting interested individuals to apply for two positions on the Committee of Adjustment. The Committee meets to consider applications for minor variances to the zoning by-law as they occur. Usually, there are very few applications per year (one typically) but each requires a minimum of two meetings. The remuneration is \$25.00 per application. The Committee is composed of three members of the public who are appointed for a maximum three year term. A person may be appointed to successive terms and the expiry dates are staggered.

If you are interested in serving on this Committee, please apply in writing to Council, c/o the Township Office by January 4th, 1994.

Diane Pearce, Clerk-treasurer  
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## Public Works Committee Meeting December 9, 1993

- Don Tubb

Having nothing better to do, I attended the Public Works Committee meeting. Councillor Murray chaired the meeting with Stuart Miller (the Public Works Superintendent) present but Reeve Willard and Councillor Tugwell were absent. Councillor Caughey was present along with David Malcolm of Malroz Engineering. Mike Coleman of the Ministry of the Environment, Diane Pearce in the capacity of Clerk/treasurer, and this reporter. So much for the cast of characters...

The meeting was held to hear a report on the hydrogeological study conducted by Malroz. After a detailed presentation, David Malcolm's basic conclusion was that the dryness of the fall made the samples taken unreliable. Mike Coleman agreed and wanted more sampling done. That's the bad side of the coin - the good side is that the rock under the site appears to be quite impermeable so there seems to be no

major problem with a leachate plume from the landfill site.

It was recommended by the Ministry that Council continue to proceed with attempts to purchase a buffer around the site. Money is available for this but only for land that is in the direction of the ground water flow (to the north) so that the Township would own the land over the plume.

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There was same considerable discussion of what to do with the waste material that is not within the certified boundary of the land fill site (which was put there with the Ministry's approval). Two options are available: first to relocate it within the actual landfill site boundary; or, second to try and expand the size of the landfill site. David Malcolm suggested that if the site was to be expanded that the Township try to enlarge it further to make an area which might accommodate us for a 100 years. Mike Coleman said that there was no problem in trying. He, however, did not give us any indication as to how difficult this might be or what our chances of success were.

Other work that will be going on will be finding out the capacity of the present site and finding out how fast it is filling up.

All of the above work will cost money and the Clerk/treasurer will be scrambling to get the grant applications in before the deadlines.

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The staff of Glenn's Store would like to extend holiday greeting to all our customers. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the crew of the Amherst Islander for their help throughout the year. Special thanks to Lyn Fleming, Helen Trotter and Karen J Fleming. Please Join Us for Free Coffee And Donuts December 24th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

We are again sorry about the loss of two Islanders, Genevieve Fleming and Charles Eves. Our sympathy to their families.

Best wishes to Albert Henderson, who is out and about after a brief stay in hospital; to Myrtle Veech, who is currently in hospital; and to Caroline Yull who was also in hospital for a couple of days.

An interesting note on local wildlife - a grey squirrel is living in the village. He has been spotted at Edward Filson's.

Best wishes to all the Beacon readers for a Merry

Christmas and a Happy New Year. (And to the Grinch who keeps stealing the light bulbs from the hedge in front of Glenn's Store - bah humbug!)

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E. S. McIntyre

The November meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jackie Sylvester. The meeting was chaired by the Vice President, Mrs. Helen Lamb and opened with the Ode & Collect & O Canada. Our speaker for the evening was Miss Juanita Glenn, a very talented lady in the art of ceramics. She spoke to us of the preparation of the green pieces for firing and the techniques used in the glazing and decoration of the ornaments and brought with her some very fine finished articles.

On December 4th, we held the Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner. As usual it was well attended and we enjoyed an excellent meal. Our thanks to the Amherst Island Loyal Orange Lodge and Canadian Legion for their generous donations and to all those who donated money towards the dinner. Once again the members of the 4H Club, Guides and Brownies were a great help in setting up and taking down the tables and chairs and in serving the meal. Many thanks to you and to all those in the kitchen.

In November we were saddened with the death of one of our long time members, Mrs. Genevieve Fleming. She will be sorely missed in our group.

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Amherst Island Recreation Committee

The members of the Recreation Committee extend our best wishes to all for a happy holiday season. We say goodbye to our chairman, Jim Whitton, and secretary, Jack Kerr this month. Our sincere thanks to both Jack and Jim for many, many years of dedicated community service.

We welcome two new members this month, Helen Trotter and Reg Hitchins.

Don't Forget To Get Your Holiday Draw Ticket, Time Is Running Out!

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To my fellow Islanders and neighbours.  
A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
Councillor Tena Tugwell

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Lisa's Cottage is closed until January. Lisa would like to wish all Islanders and especially her customers a happy holiday season.

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539  
Youth Education Competition - 1993  
- Jean Tugwell  
Junior - Black & White Poster: Kyle Murray  
Junior - Coloured Poster: Bonnie Marshall  
Junior - Essay 1. Kyle Murray  
2. Jessica McGinn  
3. Ryan McGinn  
Inter. - Black & White Poster: Scott Marshall  
Inter. - Coloured Poster: Jessica Garret  
Inter. - Essay 1. Jacob Murray  
2. Scott Marshall  
3. Wendy Fleming  
Inter. - Poem: Barbara Salter  
Participation - Shawna Phillips, Helen Bell-Smith,  
Andrew McDonald, Stephanie Fleming, Mark  
McCormick, Tyler Hutchings, Jill Caughey, Shannon  
Baker, Alison McDonald

As you are aware, the First Place Winners of the  
above categories are sent on to Zone G1 to compete  
with the winners from all the schools in the Zone. This  
is an area consisting of Lennox & Addington and most  
of Frontenac Counties. As a result, the following are the  
results of the entries from this school at Zone level.

Junior - Coloured Poster: 2nd Place Bonnie Marshall  
Junior - Essay: 3rd Place Kyle Murray  
Inter. - Essay: 2nd Place Jacob Murray

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A.I.P.S. Christmas Concert

- Chris Kennedy

This year's school concert seemed better attended  
than ever, and the audience was well rewarded for  
turning out.

Keitha Smith, the Head Teacher, introduced the  
concert, saying that it was the children's work that we  
would see, and that was the last we saw of the teachers.  
From then on we were entertained by plays, poems and  
songs written by the students, directed by the students  
and performed by the students. It would

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be unfair to single out any particular performers, as the  
evening was very much a group effort. I was impressed  
by how relaxed and friendly the atmosphere on stage,  
and off, seemed to be and I felt that most of the  
performers were enjoying the entertainment as much as  
the audience did. Many thanks to the students for giving  
us a great evening.

The participants both on stage and off were (as  
listed in the Programme and we live in terror of missing

any):

Shannon Baker  
Helen Bell-Smith  
Jill Caughey  
Mindy Fleming  
Stephanie Fleming  
Wendy Fleming  
Whitney Fleming  
Jessica Garrett  
Cory Hutchings  
Tyler Hutchings  
Nate Maleska  
Bonnie Marshall  
Scott Marshall  
Mark McCormick  
Alison McDonald  
Andrew McDonald  
Geoffrey McDonald  
Brent McGinn  
Jessica McGinn  
Ryan McGinn  
Jacob Murray  
Kyle Murray  
Jamie Nixon  
Jeffrey Nixon  
Shawna Phillips  
Christopher Reed  
Barbara Salter  
Tabbytha Trotter  
John Vrooman  
Peter Vrooman  
Morgan Willard

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Obituary

Genevieve Glenn Fleming

One of Amherst Island's most loved and respected  
residents, in the person of Genevieve Glenn Fleming,  
passed away in Kingston General Hospital on  
Thursday, November 18th where she had been confined  
for a short period after having suffered a major stroke.  
Mrs Fleming, wife of Ernest H. Fleming, who was  
commonly known as Gen, was a life long resident of the  
Island where she was born the youngest child of the late  
Robert Filson and Annie Jane Miller who resided on the  
fourth generation Filson farm on the second concession,  
settled by her great grandfather when the family  
emigrated from Ireland in the 1800's.

Genevieve received her education in Public School  
Section #3 and in Stella Continuation School on the  
Island. Following her marriage to Ernest, she settled  
into the duties of a devoted farm wife and mother,  
sharing with him in the operation of a progressive dairy  
farm on the third concession, first of all in the breeding

of Ayrshire cattle and later a purebred Holstein herd. The Flemings were always recognized as a family who kept pace with the development of modern farm practices.

Throughout her life, Genevieve was community-minded person, a lifetime member of the Amherst Island Women's Institute in which she diligently filled many offices in the local Branch, as well as the District, and for many years she was the Branch curator of "The Tweedsmuir Village History", the data preserving the rich legacy of our local villages for this and future generations.

Her devotion to her church, St. Paul's Presbyterian, of which she had been a communicant member for 68 years, as well as a member of the Ladies Aid and the Women's Missionary Society which later amalgamated into the P.C.W. (Presbyterian Church Women) occupied her long life.

Genevieve was predeceased by her son Harry; son-in-law, Ray Jamieson; three brothers, Marshall, Ross and Harry; and sister, Ida Filson. She is survived by her husband Ernest; two daughters, Shirley Martin (Orvin), Seeley's Bay and Winnifred Jamieson, Kingston; daughter-in-law, Syke Fleming, Amherst Island; Grandchildren Larry, David, Wayne and Debbie Fleming, Tim and Mark Jamieson, Lynda MacMillan and Pamela Barrett; sister-in-law Tena Filson; brother-in-law Gordon Filson; as well as 12 great grandchildren.

Her largely attended funeral was held in St Paul's Church on Saturday, November 20th at 2:30 p.m., with Rev. Lindsay McIntyre officiating. Pallbearers were Larry, David and Wayne Fleming, Tim and Mark Jamieson and Scott Barrett.

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[Staff: The following was taken from the November 24th Whig]

John Leslie McGinn

John Leslie McGinn died on August 20, 1993 at the age of 72.

Son of Edward McGinn and Ellen Gibson, he served overseas in the Second World War and served as a cadet instructor for 29 years. He was a past president of the Colonel Moore Branch No. 26, Banff Royal Canadian Legion, which established a bursary

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in his name. For 17 years he was a parade marshal. He is survived by his wife, Vera; children Sandra and husband Wayne Harper of Sackville, N.B., Robert and Nancy of Crossfield, Alta., Gregory and wife Janice of Kimberly, B.C., and Kevin of Victoria, B.C.; sisters

Hilda Mills of Napanee, Edna and husband Glenn Brown of Kingston, Laura and husband Les Wemp of Yarker, and Kaye and Dorothy McGinn of Amherst Island; brother Keith and Cora of Amherst Island; and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents.

At the funeral on Aug. 25, honorary pallbearers were Richard Dozois, Maurice Parent, Lt. Col. Reg Tweten and Brig. Gen. Lucien Maes.

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#### Thank You Notes

We wish to express our sincere and deep appreciation of the kindness and support by relatives, friends and neighbours who came to comfort us following the death of a loving and wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Our thanks to those who sent floral tributes, charitable donations and sympathy cards. Special thanks to Amherst Island Women's Institute for the beautiful Memorial Service and to Marion Glenn for her many kindnesses to our loved one. Many thanks to the Presbyterian Church Women for preparation of the lunch following the service, and to all those who prepared the food. Sincere thanks to Rev. Lindsay McIntyre for the comforting funeral service, and to Beth and the choir for tile music. Thanks to the P.C.W. and to all who called and sent cards and flowers during our loved one's illness. Thanks, also, to the Anglican Church Women for their visits to our home. These visits, phone calls and acts of kindness since the funeral have made this sad time easier to endure.

Ernest Fleming and Family

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We wish to thank our children for the fifty yellow roses, gifts, and also the delicious dinner they prepared and served for our fiftieth anniversary. We celebrated in the way we wished, privately with our children. We are indeed fortunate to have such a dear loving family.

We also wish to thank our friends and neighbours for the cards we received and the many good wishes expressed verbally.

We received a plaque from the Canadian Government and also one from the Ontario Government presented by Gary Wilson.

We feel fortunate to live in a community of caring people. We have spent most of the past fifty years here happily.

Bill and Helen Bulch

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Keith and Cora McGinn would like to thank their family friends and relatives for the lovely gifts and

cards given to us and for making our 40th Wedding Anniversary such a memorable occasion. Special thanks to our daughter and sons and their wives for all their hard work.

Thanks again.

Keith and Cora McGinn

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The Women's Institute would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the Senior's dinner. Special thanks go to the Legion and the Orange Lodge who always co-sponsor this event. Thanks to those who made financial contributions, to the young people of the Rangers and 4-H Club who helped with the set-up and the serving. Special thanks are due to the students who prepared the Christmas cards which graced the table. We were very appreciative of the musical piano playing of Mr. Peter Moes who entertained before the arrival of the Hawley Hayseeds. The success of the Seniors dinner requires much help from members of the community as those of us in the Women's Institute could never do it alone, being seniors ourselves! Thank you, one and all.

Leslie Gavlas, Sec'ty W.I.

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A great big Thank You to all my friends and neighbours for caring and their support while Susan my daughter was, and is recovering in hospital after her car accident. She doing real well thank you. Special thanks to my friend Hazel, and Helen Lamb for the goodies, and the lovely card from 539 Legion. Thanks a whole bunch.

Tena Tugwell

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A.I. Sweatshirts

Is your Amherst Island sweatshirt threadbare from use? Do you need the perfect gift for someone special for Christmas?

Help is on the way!

A new shipment of sweatshirts, both crew neck and hooded has arrived!!

This is an ongoing project of the Presbyterian Church Women.

Many thanks to the community for their enthusiastic support.

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Congratulations

[Staff: The following article appeared in a recent edition of the Whig-Standard]

Victoria Matthews, the first woman bishop in

Canadian history, is the sister of Amherst Island beef farmer Geoffrey Matthews. "I'm naturally very pleased about it," said her brother. "And it's certainly a challenging time for her to take on a job like that." He couldn't resist a quip, however, "Of course, if she runs into any problems, she can always call me up." Bishop Matthews, of Toronto, was ordained an Anglican priest in 1980.

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Beacon Awards

The Between A Rock And Hard Place Award goes with sympathy to the cable TV re-broadcasters. Apparently they can be held in contempt of court for broadcasting anything which violates the Karla Hamolka trial publication ban. But, if they alter the program (ie snip out the offending section), they can be taken before the CRTC which strictly prohibits this. Go figure, eh!

The Dumb Idea Of The Month goes to the Federal Government which has started selling advertising time on the weather broadcasts. Let's see where this might lead us...

"This time signal is brought to you by Timex."

"This hurricane warning is brought to you to by Quick Job Roofing."

"This portion of the Canadian participation in the Gulf War was brought to you by the Pete's Gun Shop - special this month on personal protection bazookas." Even the blank space on government cheques could carry ads...

"Cash your check at Rip-Off Cheque Cashers low rates."

Or how about sponsoring your income tax form...

"Quick loans how available from Loan Sharks Inc. - no credit references and low daily rates."

The Class Act Of The Year Award has to go to Sylvie Frechette for her lack of public outrage at the I.O.C. when it denied her the gold medal she had won because of a judging error. Perhaps this was a factor in getting the decision reversed in a little less than two years and not the twenty, thirty or forty years it sometimes takes.

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The Good Business Award Of The Month goes to Bell Canada for sending a mobile sales office to the Island for a day. I went down to get our party line upgraded to a private one. I was served immediately. The appropriate information was taken. I was given a new phone to install. And within 1 1/2 hours we had a new touch tone phone installed on a private line. Now that's the way to do business!!

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### Curbside Publishing

Tom Sylvester's book, Amherst Island: a detailed survey [Sir John Johnson] circa 1790 and land ownership, is available again. The first printing, 60 copies, sold out by June. The publisher had expected the first printing to be a lifetime supply. Well, 50 more copies have been printed. Thank you for waiting patiently and please remind Tom if he has forgotten you ordered a copy. Price \$25 plus \$5 postage & handling. Please make cheques payable to Thomas Sylvester, Cloudbanks, Stella, Ontario, K0H 2S0, (613) 389-1320.

The second printing has incorporated some minor corrections. Anyone wishing an errata to revise their first printing copy please send Tom a self-addressed 23 x 30 cm envelope bearing 86¢ postage.

Tom's second book, Early residents of Amherst Isle, is coming slowly and is tentatively to be published Winter 1994. He is still searching to identify more Island residents pre-1820. He would appreciate any input from family records or memories.

Dr Catherine Wilson's PhD thesis is being published by McGill-Queen's University Press and will be available Winter 1994.

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### For Sale / Wanted

#### Lost

1 bottom of the bikini variety sometime between Wed. & Fri. - green in colour, never been worn, brand new, owner very forlorn. If found, please leave at store, owner will retrieve. Thank you

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#### Lost A Cat?

We've been adopted by an affectionate, white, long-haired, female, adult cat. "Excellent Mouser" Please Claim!!

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Send in the Mouse Police!

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### Wanted

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### For Sale

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### Bible Study Group

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If we are home we are open.  
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Painting Classes  
Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588  
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Community Calendar  
De 24 St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 7:30 p.m. Xmas  
Eve Service (conducted by the Young People)  
De 24 St. Alban's Anglican Church 9:00 p.m. Holy  
Communion  
De 24 Glenn's Store/Post Office open 8:00 a.m. to  
4:00 p.m.  
De 25 Landfill Site closed  
De 25 St. Bartholemew's Church 1 p.m.  
De 25 Glenn's Store/Post Office closed  
De 26 St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 11 a.m.  
Worship Service  
De 26 St. Alban's Anglican Church 11 a.m. Morning  
Prayer  
De 26 St. Bartholemew's Church 1 p.m.  
De 26 Landfill Site closed  
De 26 Glenn's Store/Post Office closed  
De 27 Glenn's Store/Post Office closed  
De 28 Glenn's Store/Post Office closed  
De 29 Landfill Site open usual hours  
De 31 Glenn's Store/Post Office open 8:00 a.m. to  
4:00 p.m.  
De 31 A.I. Horesmen's Club New Year's Ball Doors  
Open 6 p.m. / Dinner 7 p.m. / Dancing 8:30 p.m.  
Ja 01 Landfill Site closed  
Ja 01 Glenn's Store/Post Office closed  
Ja 02 St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 11 a.m. Worship  
Service  
Ja 02 Landfill Site open usual hours  
Ja 02 Glenn's Store/Post Office closed  
Ja 19 Women Institute 8 p.m. at Mrs. Irene Glenn's -  
Tweedsmuir Book & Brown Bag Auction  
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#### A Letter Home

Here it is almost 1994 and I'm just getting the hang  
of dating my cheques 1993! This year has really rolled  
by.

So what's been happening around the area... for one  
thing, the new lights are now installed on the Millhaven  
dock but I haven't seen them lighting the area. It looks  
like they should do a much better job.



I always thought that the CBC Radio Noon program was a live broadcast but evidence to the contrary was offered a couple days ago. I was sitting on the boat listening to an interview with Steven Willard about his election to the post of Warden. Just as the interview was ending I pulled off the ferry and who was there on the ramp waiting to walk on but Steven himself! My faith in the integrity of the CBC is shattered.

Highway 38 is now officially moved over to be the extension of Gardiners Road above Hwy 2 and chaos reigning supreme at the Kingston Township Offices... no-one could find the new entrance. The good news is that there are now traffic lights where you turn to get to Canadian Tire.

The steel to frame the new Public Works Garage is here (December 17th) and the construction crew has wasted no time as much of it was laid out in position the same day.

Hey, it's started to rain (and snow a little). It's been so dry the last while that it was looking like we could have ended up with a complete reverse of last winter - no snow at all. Here's hoping for a white Christmas.

In closing we offer all our readers warm wishes for a happy holidays and we'll see you in 1993 {crossed out} 1994!

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#### Beacon Notes

The start of a new year and many differences. First and most noticeable is the quality: Chris is away so we decided to send out the Beacon to be printed (just a try mind you as we don't know how well this will work or what problems will develop like excessive cost). Second, we have a new word processing program (upgrade from WordPerfect 5.1 to WordPerfect 6.0). This is a major improvement in doing this kind of work and Meynard would give it a 9 out of 10. Finally, one Christmas present was about 140 fonts (print styles). Just to try everything out, we re-worked the whole Beacon (ie started with a blank page instead of our template) which was a lot of work but the only real way to learn any new program. Comments are welcome.

We think that we will have some late breaking news so we are late. There are on-going negotiations to resolve the Back Beach case. At this point it looks promising that an out-of-court settlement can be reached. This will likely be resolved (or not) in the next couple of days so we decided to wait. Islanders will not have to feed strictly on rumor for the next month.

Well, in the end, it was not resolved but has entered a different phase that looks promising and should be considerably cheaper than going to court (with the same ultimate end). Details to follow....

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Council Report  
January 4, 1994  
- Don Tubb

Well, the New Year started off with an interesting Council meeting - sort of a complaint session with everyone, even the Beacon, being singled out. This must have been an early attack of the February blues. So much for editorial comment (for now at least)...

All members of Council were present along with Diane Pearce to take the minutes. Stuart Miller (Public Works Superintendent) was there until his report was given. A reporter from the Beacon was, of course, present. (Chris was not available again and may not be next month either which means that he owes me big time). No members of the public were present.

As is the usual case, Council roared through the first 9 items in about 4 minutes always giving false hope that it will be a short meeting. Right off the top of the meeting Councillor Caughey moved a motion congratulating Reeve Willard on his election to County Warden which was passed with appropriate murmurs of approval from those present.

The next item was the Public Works report given by Stuart which touched on a number of areas:

- Stuart reported no major problems with his department in the last month,
- The Works garage is proceeding as well as the weather will permit and in his opinion, with good effort and

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workmanship on the part of the contractor. The steel frame is erected and the decorative masonry-work is proceeding slowly because everything must be heated right down to the sand. What is needed now is some calm weather to get the roof on.

- Some discussion ensued as to how to pay the crusher, who is now finished, with the end result being that part of the \$47,000 owed will be back-charged to December and the rest to January. The problem being that the work was done in 1993 while the gravel is for 1994-95.
- Councillor Caughey prompted a discussion by asking if Stuart felt there was any way to save money. Stuart said there was no way save any substantial amounts of money without cutting service which he would not do without Council's specific direction. He felt that the present service levels were as good as could be done within the existing budget. Stuart also talked about our unusual situation of having traffic on the roads until the ferry crew has gone home (2 a.m.) and traffic starting again at 5:00 in the morning. This leaves no substantial down time during the night when most townships do not plough.

The next item on the agenda was the report from the Ferry Committee which took a considerable amount of time to get through. First was a list of cost-saving measures suggested by the Committee. Council voted to have those within the Ferry Committee's jurisdiction implemented and the rest will be studied further.

There was then a very long discussion of the ferry accident policy. The talk ranged from not paying for any vehicle damage on the ferry (ie leave it to the police and insurance companies to deal with); to accepting the crew's accident reports exclusively as the basis for assessing fault and, therefore whether Council would pay for damage or not; to, finally, what was tentatively decided which was:

- that the police will be notified in accidents causing personal injury and/or more than \$700 damage to property;
- that the accident report will be filled out at the time of the accident, and that the report will be given to the other party for his/her/their version of the incident;
- that the accident report will be modified so other items like the weather conditions will be included;
- that MTO's policy on the other ferries be investigated;
- that the parking procedures be improved so as to provide more consistency in the signals being given to the drivers and that the crew insist that the driver is paying attention to them (Captain Bill Bulch's techniques were recalled with admiration and obvious pleasure by those present); and
- that payment for vehicle damage be based on the lowest estimate but no payment made until the proof is presented that repairs are done.

This tentative policy will be sent back to the Ferry Committee for its comments.

This did not end the Ferry Committee report discussion as Council decided to advertise for a new part time deck hand. While not part of the draft resolution, there was discussion and I think intent to give the second choice for this position first refusal on the next opening if it occurred in the next year.

Next was approval to pay for the damages to Diane Pearce's car which was damaged on the boat.

Council will ask MTO to adjust the lights on the Millhaven dock so they illuminate the dock face. This would help the Captains when approaching the dock.

Finally there was a letter from the ferry insurance people saying that we should expect a 5-10% increase for the liability coverage this year (so what else is new).

The Township will apply for a \$60,500 grant for three items: to purchase land around the landfill site (a buffer zone); to continue with the hydrogeological study; and, to determine the site capacity. All of these are necessary (in the Ministry of Environment's estimation) for the landfill's operation. In a sort of related item, the KFL&A Health Unit has requested that charges be waived in extraordinary circumstances (if it ever arises) for Island clients. Council was willing

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{Council report will continue after the following ad}

Don't Forget

"Sweethearts Night"

February 12, 1994

Legion Valentine Dance

Orchestra -Rock & Roll Cowboys

Buffet Lunch

Contact Legion members for tickets

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to look at this on a case by case basis.

The Committee of Adjustment had two vacancies which now have been filled. Jan Snee applied for one of the positions and as there were no other applications, his was accepted. Caroline Yull said that she would continue on the committee so no further action is required.

The next item was a bit of a surprise in how it played out. Usually strict compliance with the rules of order and who is responsible for doing what is loosely attended to but in this case we had two recorded votes - one of which was for a challenge to the Chair. (By the by, I am not conversant with the technical lingo and will stick with a layperson's approach to the following.) The issue was to first replace Reeve Willard on the Cemetery Committee as he was resigning, feeling the time crunch with his new duties as Warden, and second to vote on the Reeve's notice of motion (given at the last Regular Meeting of Council) to replace W. Bruce Caughey who apparently has not been at a meeting since this Council was elected. Mr W. Bruce Caughey's position was presented in a letter to Council and verbally by his brother Councillor Alan Caughey (just to clarify that there will be two Caugheys appearing in this section). Therein ensued a 'frank discussion' of the positions along with attempts to find a compromise position. The Reeve was adamant that Mr Caughey be replaced. The first recorded vote was on a motion from Councillor Caughey which was to leave W. Bruce Caughey on the Committee. Councillors Caughey and Woods voted in favour while Councillors Tugwell and Murray along with the Reeve voted against - meaning that the motion was lost. Councillor Caughey then made a motion that the Cemetery Committee appoint two new members. This was ruled out of order by the Reeve on the grounds that the Procedural By-law states it is the Reeve's duty to make recommendations to Council for appointments to committees. Councillor Caughey then challenged the Chair's over-ruling which was put to a recorded vote. (To over-rule the Chair, it is necessary that a 2/3's majority support the motion which in our situation of 5 members of Council would require 4

votes.) Councillors Caughey and Woods voted in favour while Councillors Tugwell, Murray and the Reeve voted against. Councillor Caughey then put forward a motion to support the Reeve's initial recommendation of replacing the Reeve and W. Bruce Caughey with Irene Glenn and Dorothy McGinn. This motion carried. Councillor Caughey then stated, for the record, that the above mentioned motions should not be construed as being against either Irene Glenn or Dorothy McGinn who he thought would both serve well on the Committee. [There was some confusion throughout the episode as to what the proper procedures were (which isn't unusual or unexpected considering how informally Council meetings are usually handled) and it was perfectly obvious that several Councillors were uncomfortable with having no room to manoeuvre towards a compromise.]

It was now getting on towards 10:30 and Council looked ready to finish for the night but there still was some work to do. Some of the items dealt with were:

- a fairly quick update on how we are doing with respect to last year's budget (okay),

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{Council Report will continue after the following notice}

Attention Whig Standard Customers

This is just to let you know what has happened with the newspapers.

Due to the absence of a carrier on the Island, I agreed to help out by making sure the papers were not left on the dock. For the last month or so, I have been picking the papers upon the dock and bringing them to the store. Since the weather has been bad, I have been putting them inside the front porch door to protect them.

The Whig representative promised to fix up the paper box outside, or replace it with a rack of tubes, so everyone would have their own compartment for their own paper. This has not yet happened.

The Whig representative also said they would look for a new carrier. This has also not happened, and I'm not sure now that it is going to.

Please note I am not delivering the papers, nor am I accepting account payments. That is between the customer and the Whig Standard.

I understand this is not an ideal arrangement. It is not my intent to continue with this forever, only until an interested carrier is found. If you know such a person, please contact me.

Annette

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- authorization for temporary borrowing for 1994,
- the next Zoning By-law meeting will not be occurring soon as the maps cannot be prepared until the rear of the Shoreline zones are legally defined. Our surveyor says that it would cost about \$14,000-15,000 to layout 4-5 miles of line which is a lot in Council's estimation. He was concerned that if this line was not 'engineered', the end result would be changes to it leading to more costs to correct the misalignment. He will try and find a way to reduce these costs.
- apparently the Napanee OPP are restructuring and want someone from the Island to sit on one of their boards. Reeve Willard will try to find someone suitable to represent us.

While not resulting in any action by Council, Reeve Willard said that there was a final meeting between the Township and the representatives of Nut Island Shooting Club to see if a deal is possible. We have apparently received word from our lawyer that this Friday (Jan 7/94) will be the latest he can delay starting the trial preparation (apparently worth at least \$10,000).

As Chris says... After a few other matters, Council adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

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Township of Amherst Island

Job Posting

The Township Of Amherst Island will receive applications for the position of Temporary Part Time Deckhand on the Amherst Islander.

Hourly Rate: \$14.06

Job description and qualifications are available at the Township Office during business hours. Written applications stating qualifications and experience will be received at the Township Office until 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 26, 1994

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to Lindsay McIntyre, recovering at his daughter's home in Kingston following a stay in hospital. Norman Allison is currently in hospital (KGH). Also best wishes to Alex Scott who spent a night in hospital recently.

Nearly everyone has been hit with a flu virus of some sort - I can't give you a complete list, but best wishes to some of the more severe cases - Doug Lamb, Elsie Densem, Jean Baker, Irene Glenn, and Helen Bulch.

It's no big news to say that the last couple of weeks have been a little extreme for us in the weather department. For our off-Island readers, on Monday the

18th we were actually snowed in completely, despite the best efforts of the Roads Crew.

To Stuart, Ron, Garry, Kerry, Garnet, Adam, Dan and miscellaneous snow plowers: Thank You. Thanks not only for working around the clock to keep the roads clear, but for pulling us out of drifts, snow banks and ditches. Those are extras that we on the Island tend to take for granted. (Try flagging down the Kingston Roads Department to pull you out of a snow bank.)

Some other people who deserve some credit this month - Mr. Webster, the driver of the Co-op oil truck, for making countless "emergency trips" to people who have run out of oil. And Glen and Brian Lasher, the furnace repair guys who also have been coming over pretty steady. Thanks!

Congratulations to Peter and Eleanor Trueman on the birth of their 10th grandchild (nine since they moved here). Devin William Peter Trueman was born December 30, weighing 8 lbs 15 ozs. Parents are Mark and Krithia.

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#### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Our appreciation to those who supported the fall dance program. About 80 people came out to watch the recital before Christmas. We now have a copy of the video taken at the recital to loan. You may borrow it from the store and make your own copy if you wish.

Due to the overwhelming demand, Christy has agreed to come back for a spring session. Classes will begin the week following March break. Details will be sent out in February.

We are pleased to announce the election of our

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new chairman, Duncan Ashley. We wish him the best of luck, as we are well aware he will need it. We also have a new secretary/treasurer, Lyn Fleming. Welcome also to our new members, Reg Hitchins and Helen Trotter.

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#### Skating Rink

Now useable, thanks to Jeff and Jack Forester

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Congratulations to Zelma Koenders

Winner of the Rec. Committee/Travel Broker

\$2,000 Travel Draw

Bon Voyage!

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The Rec Committee would like to extend thanks to the individuals and organizations who helped make

our Travel Draw a success:

Tony Rix and staff, The Travel Broker

Donnie Miller

Sherry Ward

Tom Miller

Peter Morgan

Darrell Miller

Wes Pringle

John Trotter

Irene Glenn

Guido and Jeannie Visintin

Douglas Gavlas

Reeve and Council, Twp Of Amherst Island

Diane Pearce

Our very special thanks to Al Caughey and the Amherst Island Driving Club for letting us use the New Year's Dance to sell tickets and make our draw.

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#### Island History

We are more than a little pleased to announce the publication of Catharine Wilson's book a New Lease on Life (Landlords, Tenants, and Immigrants in Ireland and Canada). It will soon be available (some time in January from what I was told by the distributor) from McGill-Queen's Publication 1-800-565-9523 at \$39.95 for 336 pages, cloth cover and illustrated.

We quote from a review: 'A brilliant piece of work which demonstrates clearly the importance of studying topics in economic and social history in their international contexts, and especially in comparing British and Canadian experiences... It makes an important and original contribution to both Irish and Canadian history.' (Bruce S. Elliott, Department of History, Carleton University). Would we expect anything less?

The book is written in two parts with the first looking at Ireland (the family circumstances and estate management of two landlords - Stephen Moore, the third earl of Mount Cashell, and Major Robert Perceval Maxwell). The second 'follows more than one hundred tenant families who, between 1820 and 1860 migrated from the Ards Peninsula in County Down to Amherst Island'. If I didn't know any better I would say there might be some local content here which will prove to be of interest to many. I've got my order in so I'll let you know when it is at the distributors.

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#### Thank You Notes

I wish to thank all who sent cards, gifts or made inquiries while I Was in hospital for my hip joint surgery. I am doing extremely well and will be home before too long. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

to all.

Nessie Welbanks

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#### Meynard Laltin Reviews

Today, boys and girls, we have a whole bunch of movies that we've seen over the last couple of months - some not so recent and others hot off the presses. Out of the 8 below there will be something to tickle your fancy and actually 7 out of the 8 are winners.

**The Firm** I'm not much of Tom Cruise fan but after seeing this movie, I won't avoid those in which he stars. He plays a graduate lawyer who is sought after and then hired by a modest law firm. Good acting throughout (does Gene Hackman ever do bad

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work?)... big time production... and a story that hangs together (nothing bothers me more about a movie than inconsistencies in the story). 8 out of 10

**Dave** A fine adult comedy about a man hired to impersonate the President of the United States. Kevin Kline (as both the President and his stand-in) and Sigourney Weaver as the President's wife are both excellent. Clever and who can resist political satire. Lots of cameo appearances by politicians. 8 out of 10

**Sleepless In Seattle** Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan star in this very pleasing romantic comedy (like *When Harry Met Sally*). As a bonus there is a wonderful soundtrack which doesn't disappear into the background like most do. 8 out of 10

**Cliffhanger** Sly Stallone's action film is my candidate for brain-dead movie of the season. Mountain climbing fans might like it but come-on folks these characters climb about 200 miles up and down in street shoes and t-shirts. One minute the actors are 3 million meters above the tree line and the next they are fighting it out in mountain groves. There are spectacular stunts though. 3 out of 10

**Dragon The Bruce Lee Story** I expected this film to be another rip-off martial arts movie but was pleasantly surprised not only with the quality a big budget brings but also with the acting and action. How true-to-life it is... well who can say... but it was taken from his wife's book so we can expect a slanted and likely sugar-coated story. Jason Scott Lee (no relation) certainly looks the part of Bruce and has his quickness. Lauren Holly (from TV's *Picket Fences*) gives a good back up performance. 7 out of 10

**The Sandlot** A movie that will appeal to kids mainly but adults can enjoy too. The story of a shy kid moving into town and getting involved with a pick-up baseball team. The story is told from a kid's point of view: the dog beyond the fence takes on mythic proportions. Pretty well done. 6 out of 10

**Malcolm X** Denzel Washington's power-house performance makes this picture a standout. While having more relevance to American audiences, we were not unaffected by the 1960's so it is worth a watch. Previous opinions may well be changed by this excellent Spike Lee film (no sugar coating expected and none given by Spike). 8 out of 10

#### The 1994 Canadian Global Almanac

John Robert Colombo has produced a great bathroom and reference book. It contains just about everything that one would want to be able to look up about Canada and other countries. The map of Eastern Europe is current: "so that's where Belarus is".

Did you know that there are over 12 thousand Fijians in Canada and more than 19 thousand from Finland? That's from Canadian Population by Country of Birth.

On the next page is Canadian Population Growth Components. During the 1986-1991 census period, there was a natural population growth of 1186 thousand (2328 thousand births minus 1142 thousand deaths). There was a net migration increase of 756 thousand (2396 thousand immigrants minus 1640 thousand emigrants - so many leaving!). The population thus grew by 1942 thousand to a 1991 total of 27,297 thousand. "Although the actual number of immigrants has increased, the proportion of the Canadian population born elsewhere has remained between 15% and 16% for the last 40 years." In 1911, 22% of the population had been born in another country.

"Canada is the second largest exporter of potatoes (Holland is far ahead) in the world and close to 70% of our exports are grown on Prince Edward Island." The value of the 1991 crop was over \$102 million. About 85,000 of PEI's 90,000 acres are used for potatoes. Canada's second most valuable fruit crop (behind apples) is blueberries, \$46.7 million. The strawberry crop is next at \$40.5 million.

Income tax collected from corporations in 1992 was 7.6% with the remaining 92.4% coming from individuals. (When one considers the amount of money that corporations spend on accountants and lawyers and lobbying and political contributions, it makes one think that maybe the country would be better off not taxing corporations at all. By all means, charge for public

services and force compliance with environmental regulations and continue to tax dividends.)

The first dinosaur skull found anywhere in the

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world was at Kneehill Creek, Alberta, in 1884.

Sterling Holloway, the voice of Winnie the Pooh, died in 1992.

This is a wonderful bathroom book, but expands mightily if dropped in the bath. 9 out of 10 (it loses a star because the pages aren't water proof)

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#### Beacon Awards

The Diligent Taxpayer's Award can only go to the taxpayers of Amherst Island who, once again, have left the Township with the lowest percentage of taxes-in-arrears for any municipality in the County. Our percent paid is considered excellent by the auditors and other officials at some 6 % outstanding for 1993 (\$24,828) and only \$31,584 for all years.

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#### A Letter Home

Quite a winter so far! A fine white Christmas and then a wicked cold snap with very few and very brief respites (that's like -30 degrees Centigrade cold before the wind chill). The channel froze a few days after Christmas but broke up a day or so later. Then the cold really hit about the new year and it froze (for good this time). We don't have a lot of snow -just enough to cover the fields but there are a few impressive snow banks beside the roads. One in particular 'belongs' to one of our neighbours down the road who built a new garage this past summer which seems to have channelled the wind just right to deposit an eight foot high drift right down the entire length of the driveway. You couldn't have done this any better if you had designed it in a wind tunnel. Hopefully, they won't want to use the driveway until spring because this bank is going nowhere fast.

As you might expect the ice is slowing the ferry down but it is still basically maintaining its schedule. The line-ups are extremely variable so if you want to insure passage you have to go down early - not as bad as the summer but still early enough. And something I have been forgetting to mention is that you will have to recognize the boat by shape and not by the name painted on the bow which has been wiped off by being rubbed against the tire bumpers on the docks. Oh well... another government idea bites the dust... ie painting all the ferries with the same colour scheme.

The sheep have been bedded down for the winter but

we have been visited by the coyotes a couple times so far. He/she/they have been boldly taking our sheep very close to the barn which hasn't happened before. This is the quietest time on the farm as we wait for all heck to break loose during the two lambings. The first starts in late February and signals the start of nearly continuous farm work pretty much until the snow hits again.

The Public Works garage is coming along. To date, the decorative masonry work has been completed and the steel wall siding has been installed. The contractor is still waiting for enough calm days to install the roof, after which the concrete floor will be poured.

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#### Back Beach

- Don Tubb

A Special Meeting of Council was held at 10 a.m. on January 14th to discuss the Back Beach court case. Present were Council members Steven Willard, Tena Tugwell, Allen Caughey, Ian Murray; Clerk, Diane Pearce; public, Tom Sylvester; and, reporter, Don Tubb.

With the court date drawing near, Nut Island Farms Ltd. (aka the 'Club') approached the Township to see if a negotiated settlement could be made. The Club and Reeve Willard (and associated lawyers) sat down and the result of their talks was an offer from the Club to settle out of court. This meeting of Council was to discuss the Club's offer. It contains the following main provisions:

- Joint ownership of 2/3's of the beach with a time-share component. That is the Township would 'own' it from Jan 1 through Labour Day and the Club from the next day to the end of the year. The Club would own the remaining 1/3.
- The Township would be able to use the entire beach if it does the following:
  - supervise the beach,
  - provide parking,
  - provide portable toilets,
  - keep the beach clean of garbage, and

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- no hunting by the public.
- The Township will have to open and then close the entire road allowance (beach plus extension of Third Concession) and sell to the Club the part not on the beach.

Our lawyer, Mr Levine, has recommended that Council accept this offer as the basis for a settlement saying that it gives the Township a 'substantial element of legal ownership of the beach, as well as an unrestricted right on the part of the residents of Amherst

Island and their guests to enter upon and use the beach,  
without permission from the Hunt Club, for twelve  
months of the year. In practical terms, this would  
appear to accomplish the result desired from the outset.

As you might expect there was considerable  
discussion of the various points and several important  
questions were raised. It was resolved by Council to  
seek an adjournment of the court case (as will the Club)  
and continue negotiations with the Club based on the  
offer before Council. In a recorded vote, all members of  
Council voted to accept the resolution.

Some of the points which were discussed are:

- What does the Club mean by 'supervision'?
- How will the Club and the Township share the legal  
and surveying costs to bring this tentative document  
into effect?

P.S. As we went to press, the adjournment has been  
accepted by the Court but no date has yet been set to  
continue the negotiations.

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#### Beacon Notes

Has anyone not had this cold/flu thing yet? I'm just getting over it and wish the best to anyone who has it - a nasty sickness which really was a mix of symptoms. That's one of the reasons why the Beacon is so late this month -sickness combined with an avalanche of work. Oh well, what can you do...

As an extra bonus, we're soon going to publish a new phone list. In preparation for that, we're going to list people's names and list all the phone numbers to try and make it as complete a list as possible. It's already been lots of work and many thanks to those who have helped. We were going to try to get the list into this issue but time does not permit, so next month it is.

By the way, we also have some news on that front... There is someone in Kingston willing to publish the newsletter at a cost we can afford. We will be giving him a try just to see what problems crop up, but if all goes well this may be the last issue done on the Gestetner machine.

I have no idea what's even in the Beacon file, but it looks thick enough to make for some interesting reading. So let's start in together and see what we've got...

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Council Report  
February 1, 1994  
- Don Tubb

Another meeting without Chris - oh, well... I'll just continue to stumble along, as has been the case for the last couple of months. (Chris and Dianne did make it back from Swaziland with all their digits and in good health.)

All members of Council were present for this Regular Meeting of Council. Besides the Council

members were Diane Pearce (Clerk-treasurer), Stuart Miller (Public Work's Superintendent), and this reporter.

The first significant item of business was a combined delegation from Duck's Unlimited and the Ministry of Natural Resources. The three Duck's Unlimited representatives thanked Council and the other Big Marsh landowners for their co-operation and the long term leases that had been signed, but it was for naught as the project has not been approved. Apparently Duck's Unlimited has sunk about \$30,000 into this project and only ended up with a pile of reports to show for it.

The MNR representative apologized for the length of time this proposal has taken to reach a decision, but when the Ministry of the Environment became involved the process slowed considerably and became very complicated. He said that one of the problems faced within the various ministries was a philosophical split as to what to allow on this kind of wetland,

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with some welcoming active management while others want a policy of zero interference. The latter seems to have won the day for the time being at least.

Council will write to those ministries involved expressing its extreme displeasure at how we have been treated over the years. Reeve Willard will also carry this message to a conference he will be attending soon.

After the flurry of meetings about the Back Beach a month ago, nothing seems to have transpired since. We will let you know when we do, just what is happening.

Stuart started off his Public Work's report by saying that it had been 'a long hard cold month' (he's a master of understatement for sure). He reported no major problems but the usual breakdowns which are to be expected when the equipment is run so hard in such difficult conditions. Ian Murray reiterated his long standing view that the crews out ploughing should not engage in 'heroics' on the shoreroads. He feels that these roads are unsafe enough at the best of times, let alone during a snow storm when vision is very limited. Stuart pointed out that it is very difficult to say no to someone trying to get home.

Stuart also reported that the Public Work's shed was still moving forward, but because of the cold, progress has been slow. Also, there had been a setback when the job supervisor discovered that the wall steel was flawed. It had to be removed and sent back. This will not cost the Island anything except lost time.

Stuart was asked about having the ferry crew work

with him when the ramp was adjusted. He expressed some concerns such as what would happen if the ramp work took longer than the ferry could wait and left taking his helpers with it. He made the suggestion of hiring a local mainland contractor to do this work for the Millhaven side. In the end, Stuart as Public Work's Super will be invited to the next Ferry Committee meeting and these various points can be discussed.

Finally, the Public Work's crew were also given the job of bringing the library room up to scratch, as there was an inspection of it by Lennox & Addington Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee in December of '93. Minor repairs were noted which will be corrected as requested.

Further discussions will be held to clarify what Council would like the ferry crews to do when parking cars. Also, the previous motion did not specify who was to make up the new accident form which has now been detailed. The MTO policy for accident reporting was sent to us, which basically says that any accident, no matter how small, resulting in personal injury or damage to property must be reported to the Police and the crewperson's supervisor. Crew members involved exchange only names, addresses, etc with the vehicle owners and then give details of the accident to the police and supervisor. The following quote sums up their position.

'Remember, liability will only be decided through court proceedings and management investigation.'

On other Ferry business, Steven has written to MTO complaining about our new paint job, which looks more like a very old paint job right now. The tires on the dock have left the name a smudge and streaked the rest of the upper white paint.

Also there was some discussion of the number of temporary part-time crew members to hire. Allen Caughey prompted this and, in the end, the number hired has been left to the discretion of the Hiring Committee which will be composed of Steven Willard,  
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{The Council report will continue after the following notice.}

#### Township Of Amherst Island Dog Licenses

Pursuant to By-law #21-90, every owner of a dog shall, on or before the 31st day of March in each and every year or upon becoming the owner of a dog after the 15th day of March, register such dog with the Township Clerk and procure a license and dog tag for each dog owned by him/her.

Dog licenses are currently available at the Municipal Office.

#### Fees

For each neutered dog (proof required) \$10.00

For each non-neutered dog \$25.00

Kennel license fee \$40.00

After March 31, 1994, an additional fee of \$5.00 will be charged for each dog and the Kennel license fee will become \$45.00.

By-law #21-90, including the requirement to purchase a dog license, will be enforced by the Township of Amherst Island By-law Enforcement Officer. If your dog is missing and you believe it may have been picked up, call John McGinn at 384-3047 or the Community Animal Control Shelter at 354-5907.

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Allen Caughey, and two captains.

The Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Works Program amounts have been announced and Amherst Island can receive \$81,107 if we kick in 1/3 or \$27,036. Several suggestions were made as to how this money could be spent ranging from a new fire hall to relocation of the shore roads. This was referred to the Budget Meetings, which will be starting soon.

Speaking of the Fire Department, Council passed the necessary resolution allowing the excess in the Fire Department's 1993 budget to be rolled over into this year to be used towards the purchase of another used tanker truck. Council complimented the Department on their excellent financial management this past year.

The Clerk included a newsletter from the Frank Cowan Company, which had an article on municipal liability in it. The basic gist of the article was that if the municipality was held to be responsible to any extent (even 1%) for an accident, it could be made to pay the entire judgement, even if there were several people held responsible. This is because claims have gone beyond the levels of insurance most people carry so the one with the deep pockets pays. Very interesting reading and you might take a look.

Also included in the Council agenda was a report from Jim Soya, who is the County Planner. His report was a quick look at the Province's first response to the Sewell Commission report. Two short quotes should give you a taste of what may come out of this eventually:

'The primary thrust of the policies remains the direction of the majority of new residential development toward more compact serviced urban areas.'

and

'The combined effect of the proposed policies will be to slow an already cumbersome planning process. The

Province has announced policies as being both more sound environmentally and the solution to the bogged down approval process. While the former may be reached, it will only be at the cost of a much slower and much more expensive process.'

The bottom line for Amherst Island seems to be that it will become increasingly difficult to develop properties for residential uses as the years go by. On that pessimistic note, we leave off the Council Meeting report.

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#### The Great Kerplunk

Your chance to win \$500 or \$200 and support Lennox & Addington Interval House.

Draw takes place on March 26, 1994.

Tickets are \$5 each and are available from:

Diane Pearce

Eleanor Trueman

Keith & Shirley Miller

Sally Bowen

Elsie Densem

Jean Baker

Please buy a ticket to support the service L&A Interval House provides to women and children who have experienced domestic violence.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

I could probably fill this entire column with news of sick people - the cold/flu bug has run rampant across the Island, tackling almost everyone. While I wish a speedy recovery to all, I will only mention the names of the sickest and/or non-flu related illnesses. Best wishes to Vaughan McMullen, Bruce Caghey Sr., Jack Forester, Billy Brown, and most recently Henry Hitchins and Susan (Hall) Banting.

Condolences to Vera Hogeboom and family on the death of Dorothy (Miller) Murphy last week. Our sympathy also to Peter and Joyce Morgan and Gary and Lesley McDonald and family on the loss of their mother/grandmother in England.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E. S. McIntyre

The March meeting of the W.I. will be held on Wednesday, March, 16th at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn. This will be the Annual meeting. Members please note change. The video of the Moutery Aquarium will also be shown.

In April there will be an Open meeting for all the

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community to attend. The topic will be Osteoporosis. The speaker, Mrs. Evelyn Greenwood, past president of the Osteoporosis Society will have a film and speak on the disease and its prevention. This is not just for elderly people may or may not suffer from the disease, but for parents of young children. It is essential for children to have a good diet and adequate exercise to form a strong bone mass and so help prevent them from suffering the disease in later years.

So come on Monday, April 18th at 8 p.m. to the school to hear about osteoporosis. Lunch will be served.

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#### Amherst Island Recreation Committee

Please note the correction to our January mailing: Kid's Sports Night (Volleyball, Basketball, Floor Hockey, Badminton) is Tuesday night from 6-8 p.m.

#### Winter Events Schedule

##### Mondays

###### Line Dancing

When: Starting April 4 from 7-9 p.m.

Instructor: Doris Salter

Cost: 6 classes for \$25

Contact: Annette Phillips

##### Tuesdays

###### Kids' Sports Night

When: 6-8 p.m.

Contact: Heather Young

###### Jazz Dancing

When: Starting March 22

Instructor: Christy Peeters

Cost: 10 classes for \$35

For adults interested in some light exercise, Christy is introducing an Adult Beginner Level Jazz Class. This will be instead of a Jazzercise class, but will encompass the same elements.

Contact: Annette Phillips (registration forms now available)

##### Wednesdays

###### Adult Volleyball

When: 8 p.m.

Contact: Duncan Ashley

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#### Don't Miss it

Fish Fry / Spring Dance

Saturday May 21

Tickets Available April 1st

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I. S. L. E.

A Few Good Men

ISLE is looking for one or two additional bodies and they do not have to be women. If you would like to become involved in this noble venture, please contact our secretary Lesley McDonald (384-1456) right away. What is ISLE? ISLE is a group of eight island citizens who meet monthly with the Island teachers and become involved with various fund-raising activities on behalf of Amherst Island Public School. In the past, several computers and printers, swim sessions at Henderson pool, a compact disc player, lectern, school trips and a steady supply of spring drinking water have been purchased. If you would like to contribute to your community in this way, please call. You do not have to have children in the school in order to join. ISLE is currently comprised of Anne Albertan, Susie Caughey, Karen Fleming, Karen J. Fleming, Dave Hieatt, Lesley McDonald, and Dave Willard.

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#### Letters To The Beacon

[Staff: The following letter was sent to us by Stan & Peggie Burke for reprinting after being sent to 'the Reeve and Council and to Stuart Miller'.]

Dear Stuart,

We would like to thank you and the roads crew for excellent service during this difficult winter. Looking to warmer months soon to come, we would also like to express our hope that the department will continue last year's practice of reducing the mowing of roadsides. This saved tax dollars and, in addition, allowed wild flowers to bloom making the Island far more attractive. We heard many comments last year that the roadsides had become a delight to look at - as roads used to be many years ago.

We recognize that some, of course, do not agree but we suggest they always have the right to mow their own roadfronts.

We recognize, too, that there are places where mowing may be needed for visibility, tree control, and to limit snow drifting - but not for weed control, because a cutter bar reaches only the margins of

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roadsides. Where mowing is necessary, we hope it can be done as late as possible when flowers are fading. Finally, we thank the department for not mowing our property, as requested, during the past two years. This has given us an exuberance of wildflowers which has added much to the pleasure of living on this beautiful Island. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all work together to make this Island bloom even more! Islanders already enjoy a unique profusion of lilacs, a sort of lilac forest, which does not exist anywhere in Canada beyond

this Kingston area. With a little further encouragement, we could make this truly an Island of Flowers.

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{Letters To The Beacon will continue after the following two ads.}

#### A.C.W. Beef Dinner

The A.C.W. will be hosting their annual Beef Dinner at the Amherst Island Community Centre on Saturday, March 26th, 1994 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tickets are available from A.C.W. members or may be purchased at the door.

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#### Women's World Day Of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Alban's Church, Stella on March 4, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. All women are invited to attend.

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[Staff: The following introductory letter and article were received from Bruce Caughey Sr. who has been missing from our pages for some time now.]

The enclosed article from a recent Toronto Star may be of interest to your readers, especially at this point of time, when we know that our Reeve is making determined efforts to have both our Millhaven and Island terminals made adaptable for an end-loading ferry.

It also brings to mind that representatives of the Federal Public Works visited and met with our Municipal Council to acquaint them with the fact that some \$300,000 had been allocated for repairs to the ageing Millhaven dock. When one of our councillors questioned the advisability of an expenditure of such a large amount, without making provision for an end-load ferry, which we would eventually enjoy - the answer was that this amount of money was earmarked for repairs and could not be used for new construction! We witnessed a winter long program which necessitated the use of an ice-breaking tug, at a horrendous cost, to replace our "bubble system" and I was told by one of the foremen on the job, in answer to my question concerning the adaption for end-loading, that it is already there and when I said "Where", he proceeded to tell me that you could put an end-loading boat up against the south gangway and hold the ship there. It was clear to me that he had no knowledge of ship handling. Imaging trying to moor a 200 foot boat in some of the southeasterly gales that we have seen lashing this dock?

I am Sincerely....

From Toronto Star, Feb. 07/94:

Oops, Sorry!

Car Ferry Won't Fit New Terminals

Halifax (OP) Federal official just plain forgot to check whether a ferry would fit into docking terminals built last year in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, an internal report says.

It will cost Canadian tax payers up to \$150,000, says the document, obtained under the Access to Information Act.

The problem cropped up Oct 10 when a new 200 car ferry, the Confederation, could not use its movable bow at specially built terminals in Caribou, N.S. and Woods Islands, P.E.I.

The Bow, designed to allow vehicles to drive on and off, was unexpectedly blocked in its raised position by two support towers that operate a dockside ramp.

Embarrassed federal public works officials were forced to spend up to \$150,000 to rebuild towers at both terminals, delaying the \$13.1 million project by two weeks.

The original and final designs of the (Docking) ramp did not include any general arrangement plans and cross sections showing the ramp together with the ferry, says the internal report.

The impact of the extended support towers did not seem to have occurred to anyone.

The report on the so called "Terminal Ship Interface Problem" notes that Northumberland Ferries Ltd., operator of the Confederation, did not warn of potential problems.

The company, paid \$10,000 in a contract to provide background and expertise, sent a

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representative to all 13 meetings at which public works reviewed the terminal design.

But the report also concedes that the Public works department "was ultimately responsible for the design and construction of the terminals".

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[Staff: Last but not least is a letter from Shirley Halferty.]

On the evening of January the 27th, I decided to make my usual trip to town, in spite of a weather warning of freezing rain. By ten to nine, when I got to my car, it had been freezing rain for over two hours. I scraped off my windows, and headed for the 9:30 Ferry.

After we docked, I drove off the boat and up the road to the second concession. I turned onto the second and realized at once that I couldn't make it, as the snow drifts on the road were topped with nearly four

hours of freezing rain. What I really needed was a Sherman Tank. I backed off the second to the main road, made it back to Stella, and headed for home up the front road. I was doing okay until I hit a drift, about 100 feet from Gary and Leslie McDonald's, and got myself stuck. I went to their door, and while Gary got my car out of the drift, Leslie made me a coffee. They were great.

I phoned Stuart Miller, who by this time was in bed and asleep, to ask if the ploughs were out, as I couldn't get home.

About an hour later, a plough made it down the road, got me out of another drift, and I followed them to Emerald. They asked me to wait there until they tried to plough out the second. In about half an hour they were back. The plough couldn't cut through the ice-coated drifts. It was at this point that Ron Miller took me home to his place, to let me stay until they got the second opened. It was now 1:20 a.m. and the grader had to be called out to get the road cleared. It was two hours later when Ron came back to the house to say I could now get home. I made it home by three-thirty in the morning and parked in my driveway.

I tried four times to walk to the house, but kept sliding back into my car. Not to be undone, I stomped my way over a 5 foot snow bank, slipped and fell, and was propelled, head-first, down off the top of the bank, and slid 25 feet across the garden. I could not get up because the ice was too slippery, so I ended up crawling the last 30 feet to my front door, on my hands and knees.

The moral of this story is very simple, and is as follows:

- 1- Pay more attention to the weather forecast.
- 2- When the weather is bad, stay in town.

And last, but not least, my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the people who helped me get home that night.

The people of Amherst Island are the greatest.

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Annie Banks

Coming To Town!

In case you missed your flyer, please be advised that Dave & Fern Willard are hosting a free dinner and dance on Saturday night, March 19, at the school at 7:00 p.m.

Nashville recording artist Annie Banks will be providing the entertainment. Those who follow the country charts will be familiar with her release "It's Not Cheating Yet". Annie has performed on the island in the past and is very pleased to be returning here in March.

It promises to be a great evening, so do plan to attend. Simply call one of the following people before

March 15 and reserve your place.

Karen Fleming 389-2012

Lesley McDonald 384-1456

Dave Willard 389-1656

During the dance, ISLE will be operating a cash bar and donating all the proceeds to the island school.

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#### Obituary

Dorothy Orletta Murphy

Dorothy Orletta Murphy of Providence Manor Kingston, died in the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Feb. 11th, 1994.

Dorothy was the daughter of Samuel Miller and Hannah Tugwell, and was born on Amherst Island on the Miller Farm, 3rd Concession, now the home of Don and Judy Miller.

She was educated at S.S. No.5, Stella Continuation School and Kingston Business College.

After her marriage to T.J. Murphy, Dorothy resided in Toronto for 20 years and was employed for some

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time at McLean Publishing Ltd. She then later moved to Calabogie, where she and her husband opened a restaurant, until they retired to Kingston.

Dorothy was a former member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Amherst Island, and since moving to Kingston, a member of Strathcona Park Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by a daughter Patricia (Mrs. Carlton Morrow) Kingston, a granddaughter Carlene (Mrs. Garnet Lott) Belleville, and a great-granddaughter Chantal Lott. Also survived by one sister Vera (Mrs. Maurice Hogeboom), sisters-in-law Helen Miller Amherst Island, Reta Miller Kingston, and many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by her husband Timothy J. Murphy, sister Arline (Mrs. R.K. Earls), and brothers Kenneth, Wilfred, John, Douglas and Donald.

The funeral was held Feb. 14th, 1994 from the James Reid Funeral Home Cataraqui. Rev. Steve Dunkin of Strathcona Park Presbyterian Church officiated.

Pallbearers were nephews Stuart Miller, Ronald Miller, Thomas Miller, Keith Miller, Donald Miller and Kerry Hogeboom. Internment was in Cataraqui Cemetery.

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#### Community Policing

South District

- Allan Glenn

I have been asked to represent the Island on a Community Policing Committee, comprised of representatives from the townships of Ernestown, Bath, Amherst Island, North and South Fredericksburg, Adolphustown, and the town of Napanee. The first meeting was January 26.

With diminishing resources, the O.P.P. are seeking greater liaison with, and assistance from, communities. This is in respect to programs such as Block Parents, Community Watch, combatting vandalism and the like. In areas such as those mentioned, I could not help being grateful that our problems are minuscule compared to those mentioned by other representatives at the meeting.

One of the main purposes of this committee is that of sharing solutions that may have proven successful in one township, for a particular problem. As the O.P.P. said, they can't come and prevent our problems. They come at the end of it.

I will volunteer in this role for a year and then determine if I am serving any worthwhile purpose. I will be happy to hear and relay any concerns or suggestions for community policing that you may have. I am not involved in the reporting of any crime that may be committed. That is still the responsibility of the injured or affected party.

There can be no regular patrols of the Island as there aren't enough O.P.P. constables. Police visits will be on an as-needed basis. As they also said, "We know that you know we're coming before the boat docks on the Island side!".

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#### The Royal Canadian Legion

[Staff: The following article was sent to us by a Legion member and as we do have room we will reprint it.]

#### A Closer Look At The Legion

The extent of the many good works of The Royal Canadian Legion is seldom fully appreciated by the public, and perhaps even by Legion members. That's because the bulk of the activity occurs when hundreds of Legion branches respond to the needs in their communities. To put things in perspective, Dominion Command has produced a summary of 1992 Legion disbursements:

- \$16.6 million for youth programs;
- \$16.3 million for veterans support;
- \$16 million to community charities;
- \$4.7 million for community medical services and equipment;
- \$4 million for seniors programs;
- \$3 million for medical and geriatric training;
- \$2.6 million for housing projects for seniors and veterans.

That adds up to \$63 million, which doesn't include

\$5 million in poppy funds to support ex-service people and their families. However you slice it, that's a lot of bread.

While we're at it, we'll offer some other information about the Legion that we find interesting. Total strength at the end of 1992 was 578,000, composed of: 201,000 veterans; 61,000 serving and former peacetime / peacekeeping members of the military and RCMP; 203,000 family members, either children, spouses, or grandchildren; 113,000 honorary members and fraternal affiliates.

Contrary to the belief of some, the Legion is not a

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registered charity. It does not receive any special tax benefits. In fact, branches pay a pile of municipal property taxes, almost \$10 million in 1992.

The Legion is a non-profit organization. It supports itself in a variety of ways. Individuals pay dues to belong. The national and provincial levels of the organization receive part of the dues. The branches get the majority of the dues. Branches also have other sources of revenue. Members spend money while socializing. Bingo and pull tickets generate funds for worthy causes. Fund-raising is conducted for specific projects. Support is often received from the Ladies Auxiliary, which is well-known for its catering for weddings and banquets.

Branch contributions are seldom for mind-boggling sums. A look at the branch news section of any issue of Legion Magazine will paint an accurate picture. A few random selections from our last issue show \$500 here for bursaries, a gas barbecue there for a nursing home; \$3,800 here for cadets, \$10,000 there for hospital equipment; \$1,000 here for books for a public library, \$2,000 there to a volunteer fire department for equipment. That's the Legion way. And, it all adds up to a significant contribution to the quality of life in many Canadian communities.

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#### Beacon Awards

Our first award is to Dick Hopkins who was among 12 recipients of the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence in Science. Having known Dick since university, I think he would say that he was simply doing his job -teaching with whatever resources he can dig up. Dick and his wife lived on Amherst Island for about a year after they graduated from Queen's in 1972.

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Hey, what the heck... Let's give the Beacon an

award for no other reason than its award to Bell Canada found its way into the Bell News. There's really no telling how far our tentacles reach.

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Finally an award for Technical Excellence... I like technology particularly when it becomes magic. A good example of this was found in a recent edition of Rolling Stone magazine. There was a blurb on a new type of noise reduction headphones from Koss (\$149 US). Now you have to follow along closely... Sound travels through the air as a wave. If you make a wave which is exactly opposite to it, the two cancel each other leaving silence. That is the principle behind this clever bit of techno-magic. The headphones hear the sound and produce the exact opposite sound at the required volume which it then broadcasts into your ear leaving silence. This has been designed to eliminate background noise leaving speech and music unaffected. If it works, it's wizardry of the highest order.

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#### St. Alban's Church

Services will be held the first Sunday of each month at 9 a.m. and thereafter at 11 a.m. All Islanders are welcome. (Sorry no bulletins have been out lately.)

March 13, 1994 (tentative) Don Matthews will speak with the topic being "How we might make our church more relevant/accessible to youth and young adults" at the service.

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[Staff: Next month we'll try and get Community Calendar back on line. And, we'll try and find the time to work on the formatting of the Beacon a bit. And, we'll try and find the time to finish up the first draft of the phone list. And, I don't know what else but I'm sure there's something hanging over our heads... Despite being late, we did better this month - the new program is a little more than my computer can handle so it freezes up on me meaning I lose what I've done since the last saving which can be a lot. However, we're learning to take things slowly and let the computer finish doing whatever it was doing before doing something else. Much as I would like to I am not buying a new computer.]

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For Sale / Wanted

Desk For Sale

Office Desk

Good condition - \$75



Call 389-0676

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#### Reward

During one of our many recent gales, did anyone see a black barbecue cover heading eastward at high speed? For information leading to its return, the grateful owners offer several beers and all the hamburgers you can eat.

Contact Peggie and Stan Burke

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#### Now Available

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[For a more detailed mast head, refer to past and future copies of the Beacon.]

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#### Beacon Notes

This vanilla version of the Beacon is what happens when Don is too busy to do the production work. His business is very demanding right now and he knows that he'd better take advantage of the work while it's there: the phone can become very quiet.

Caroline Ackerman did the typing, Ian did the pushing, Sally did the proofing, Chris will do the stencils, and Don gave advice. Whoever is around will do the collating and stapling. Leslie will, as usual, handle the subscriptions and the money. Glenn's Store will handle direct sales. Did anyone get left out? Oh! Thanks to everyone who sends in the written material. When the material dries up, the Beacon will be history.

Meynard has gone to the Oscar ceremonies. Ms KIA is still working in the publicity department of the World Wrestling Federation. She sends her greetings to her many fans on Amherst Island.

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#### Special Council Meeting on February 24, 1994

-Don Tubb

Yes it's back! The By-law that wouldn't die. After a break over Christmas, Council once again took up the challenge of trying to make (and make sense of) the Zoning By-law. All members of Council except Ralph Woods were present for this meeting. Robert MacKenzie (our consultant in case you didn't know by now), Diane Pearce (our Clerk/treasurer), Dieter Eberhart (Ontario Land Surveyor often used by the Township) and this reporter were also present.

The first item was trying to figure out how to define the rear of the Shoreline Zones along the South Shore Road and the North Shore Road. An actual definition is necessary because the Official Plan (remember that?) stated that this is where any new road would be placed. So, in order to not have to deal with a myriad of tiny land transactions if a road is ever run in, Council wants a line which will follow (more or less) the route it would take. Ideally a surveyed road alignment would be done but the cost of \$5,000-6,000 per mile to get it done was prohibitive, at least in the eyes of this Council. Mr. Eberhart suggested a simpler method - only roughly

defining the line by measuring up the lot lines from the existing road - which he thought would cost about \$1,500. Neither Council nor our consultant had any real objections to this, so it was made so in a resolution by Council. A minor addition will be added to the Zoning By-Law to protect this corridor from being built upon or encroached upon by new buildings, structures, etc., as many lots span right over the proposed line.

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With the necessity of having to do some surveying, the new completion date is estimated to be this summer. Also, there was no new set of maps (Schedule 'A') because the zone lines have not been fully defined. Another draft set will be available sometime.

One other point was decided which was to go with the shorter version of Table 6. Now that might not mean a lot to you folks and it doesn't to me either but I'll write about it when I find out.

After this part of the meeting, Council met in closed session to discuss a personal matter.

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#### Regular Council Report for March 1st 1994

- Christopher Kennedy

Councillor Woods was absent from this meeting. Tom and Lynn deHaan have applied to sever a building lot on Lot A, Con 3 and were granted approval in principle provided that it meets the zoning requirements. These are quite complicated at the moment, as the Township is still operating under the old Zoning By-law, but the new Official Plan has to be considered. It is hoped that the new Zoning By-law will be passed some time this summer.

Work on the new Roads Shed has continued despite the cold weather and it should be finished some time this month.

The Ministry of Transport has given the Township an interim subsidy for the ferry. This is under the same terms as the old agreement, but is only for nine months, so presumably a new agreement is planned for later this year. The Reeve has complained to M.T.O. about the poor paint job on the ferry. M.T.O. sent a two page reply, saying very little, so the Reeve will write back to a more senior level in M.T.O.

Four new part-time deck hands have been hired for the ferry, Laurel Nixon, Helen Trotter, Daniel Wolfreys and Fred Werthman. They are hired for a three month period and will be rehired after a one month lay-off, subject to a favourable performance review. Council has also adopted a policy that part-time deckhands will

not receive preferential consideration when applications are received for a full time position.

Council has received a bill from the Harbours and Ports division of the Canadian Coast Guard demanding a much higher berthage fee for the two ferry docks, which they own. The Clerk-Treasurer has already managed to get this reduced somewhat, but was asked to keep working on the matter.

Council has reintroduced the Lot Levy By-law. This is the same By-law that was voted out by this Council when it was first elected two and a half years ago. This By-law states that as a condition of developing land 5% of the land or money in place of the land will be paid to Council, this money to be used for recreational purposes. The full text of the By-law is available from the Township Office. Given the continually escalating cost of the Back Beach Battle it is not hard to see why Council passed

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this By-law without dissent. It seems that a resolution of the Back Beach dispute is in sight. The Beacon will publish the details, and the costs involved, as soon as they are available.

All the plans for work in the Big Marsh have been sunk by the Ministry of Natural Resources. It appears that about three years ago the Big Marsh was declared an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest, an ANSI, by MNR. It appears that nobody can do anything in an ANSI, unless they are a bird, so that is that.

Council then tidied up the loose ends and adjourned.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Welcome home to Nessie Welbanks, who spent the winter in Kingston after recovering from knee surgery. And welcome back to Art Ackerman after a winter in warmer climates.

Our sympathy to Caroline Ackerman on the loss of her father last month.

Congratulations to Kaye and Dorothy McGinn (and, of course, Vernon and Dorothy) on the birth of their new grandson/son last week.

Best wishes to Henry Hitchins, who spent some time in the hospital last month, and to Coralie Marshall who was also in the hospital.

We all felt badly for Doug Wilson when his poor Lee passed away a couple of weeks ago. He has now replaced him with a she-Doberman, Leah. Welcome to the village!

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I.S.L.E.

-Don Tubb

Actually this is from the staff who somehow blew the ISLE article last month. Not only were there several typo's missed but an entire line went missing which left ISLE not taking credit for the playground at the school. We are sorry for this and have no explanation for how and entire line vanished into the black hole of the hard disk never to reappear.

Well, this is as good a place as any to continue the saga of trying to make magic happen on demand. The computer I have is a good quality 386 with quick hard and floppy disk drives. However, I have been learning that I will have to upgrade (its not even a year old). As I talk to more people, the consensus seems to be that 4 mb of ram is not enough to run WordPerfect 6.0. Now this isn't a major problem nor a major expense but it is a hassle for being without my computer for a day or two is like a cook in a kitchen without any pots or pans. Not only am I lost without it at any time but the spring is my busy season for work and I do an average of about 4 hours of work or more on it each day - 7 days a week. So, I don't know if this will happen before the next issue or not - we'll see. If it does not, then do not be surprised if more of this occurs because when I am editing the

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Beacon, the computer freezes meaning that I have to re-start it losing what has just transpired and perhaps in this case losing it for ever.

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#### 4-H News

- Lori Caughey, Press Reporter

Measuring, cutting, quilting, and stitching is how you will find the "sewing with Susie" 4-H Club on Wednesday nights. Our Club consists of 7 senior 4-H members, lead by Susie Caughey. All members congregate at the Caughey's home off the bus on Wednesday evenings. Our supper is provided by our mothers. The members are:

Amy Caughey - Treasurer

Lori Caughey - Press Reporter

Angela Fleming - Vice-President

Jessica Gavlas - Telephone Convenor

Kristy Grange - Secretary

Heidi Hitchins - Recreation Committee

Each member is working on a club project. They include skirts, ruffled pillows, quilts, horse blanket, curtains and numerous small projects. We are all having a wonderful time following the 4-H motto - "Learn to do by doing!"

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New Lease on Life: Landlords, Tenants and Immigrants in Ireland and Canada. Written by Catherine Anne Wilson

- reviewed by Thomas Sylvester

All February I was running to my mail box, hoping Catherine's book had arrived. The Island should be proud of Catherine's book. This book has doubled the published historical material on Island history. Further, the quality of her research has established a new standard. The papers of Robert W. Cumberland and B.C. Burleigh record the intent to write the Island history. Catherine's book will be the reference book used by default.

It is important to remember the origins of Catherine's book. Back in 1982, when there was the opportunity of government money for youth-employment, a Beacon reporter at Council meeting thought "why not"? Within two days, Ian Murray and Sally Bowen initiated a youth-employment Oral History project for the summer of 1982. Island students Bev Wemp and Pauli Bulch were hired, supervised by a promising Cathy Wilson who was starting a Queen's University History masters program in the Fall (I regret to have forgotten the name of Cathy's partner). Cathy doubted, early in the project, if there was enough material for a master's thesis.

They drove around in a clunker Fury car and, perhaps in spite of that vehicle, recorded a significant bounty of information. Approximately three dozen interviews were compiled

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and indexed. The Oral History project served the Island well - one third of the Islanders interviewed have since passed away.

Catherine completed her MA in (Island) History in 1984. She had the good fortune to discover the Irish descendant of the Island Estate owners six months previously. As might be expected, the Landlord's records were more extensive and in better condition than the similar contents of Island tenants' basements. Her intuition sent her off to those forgotten records. Her doctoral research has repatriated a wealth of detail of Island history. Her extensive research in Canadian primary sources has identified references and techniques that had been figuratively forgotten in basements.

Dr. Catherine Wilson's PhD has been available for viewing at Queen's University since 1990. It was written to the strict requirements of a thesis, although fascinating to read. A New Lease on Life is an extensive revision of the manuscript presented as how

she wanted to tell the story. Excellent additions include maps, illustrations, an appendix of Amherst Island Immigrant Families from the Ards and a detailed index.

The first part of the book delves into the Island estate landlords. The second part of the study follows more than one hundred tenant families who, between 1820 and 1860, migrated from the Ards Peninsula in County Down to Amherst Island, where they rented land. Catherine's research both supports and contradicts the oral histories I have heard around kitchen tables. Anyone interested in Island history should read the book and then gather around the kitchen table once again.

This book is available at Glenn's Store: \$39.95.

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Fern & Dave Willard's Dinner & Dance

- Staff

As advertised in last month's Beacon, and as mentioned in the front page of the Whig-Standard (with an accompanying colour photo), the Willard family said thank you to their Island community and to their off-Island friends and relatives for the help received over the past 4 years by holding a free dinner and dance.

An estimated 170 people enjoyed a good meal and a pleasant evening. The ISLE bar cleared over \$600. Irene Glenn and Alex Scott, Jr., each won a copy of Cathy Wilson's new book.

Dave followed up the celebration the next morning by shooting a coyote threatening his sheep flock.

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Notices

Art Classes

Art Classes at Amherstview School Monday and Tuesday 7pm -10pm.

Registration: March 28, 29, 30 at Ernestown High School 6pm-8:30pm

12 weeks - \$79.20 plus supplies

Seniors - \$10.00 plus supplies

Classes will start April 4 and 5.

For further information please call:

Pat Gordon - 389-4029 or Shirley Miller - 389-2588

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A.C.W. Beef Dinner

The A.C.W. will be hosting their Annual Beef Dinner at the Amherst Island Community Centre on Saturday, March 26th, 1994 from 5-7 pm.

Tickets are available from A.C.W. members or may be purchased at the door.

Euchre tables will be set up after the meal. No

charge to those with dinner tickets. Others - Charge \$2.00.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute  
is holding an Open Meeting for the community on  
Monday, April 18th at 8 pm. at Amherst Island Public  
School.

Topic: Osteoporosis

Speaker: Mrs. Evelyn Greenwood

She will show a film and speak of the disease, it's  
causes and prevention.

Come and learn about Osteoporosis.

Lunch will be served.

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Kids Jazz Dance - with Christy Peeters -

Jazz classes begin next Tuesday, March 22. Christy  
will be in contact with all registered students this week  
to confirm class times. Registration is due to Annette  
before next Tuesday.

All children and teenagers are welcome. Fee for the  
12-week class is \$35 per person. This includes any  
costume material required for recital.

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Attention Line Dancers - Correction

Due to school booking arrangements line dance  
classes will follow the schedule below. This is different  
from the schedule you received in the mail last week.

Monday, April 11

Monday, April 25

Monday, May 2

Monday, May 9

Monday, May 16

Monday, May 23

There is lots of available space in the Line Dance  
Class, and it is great exercise. Classes will be  
approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes. Registration fee  
is \$25 for six weeks.

Please Be Reminded: The \$25 fee for this program is  
determined by the number of participants who initially  
signed up. Payment is due to Annette by March 31. If,  
on March 31, there is not sufficient registration to cover  
the instructor's costs, we will either cancel the program  
or increase the fee, whichever the participants prefer. A  
minimum of 18 is required to keep the fee at \$25. If  
there is excess registration money, it will be refunded to  
the participants.

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Thank You Notes

Special thanks from the Township Roads  
Department to all those people who contributed to the  
very interesting card and gift. We appreciate being  
appreciated.

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I would like to thank the A.C.W. and the Amherst  
Island Institute ladies for their cards and P.C.L. for the  
lovely pie and card by Beth and Margaret. Thanks so  
much.

Bill and Lucille Brown

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I would like to thank my family, friends and  
neighbours for their phone calls, cards, visits and gifts  
during and after my short stay in hospital.

Henry Hitchins

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I would like to thank those who were so kind and  
offered their condolences on the recent death of my  
father.

The cards and goodies were much appreciated.

Caroline Ackerman

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Beacon Awards

The coveted Pyramid Scheme Of The Month Award  
goes to Canadian Ostrich Hatching Ltd. for their offer  
that arrived in the mail last week. For the mere  
investment of \$70,000 for 20 two-month old chicks, the  
smart farmer could "probably" have birds valuing  
\$720,000 in 4 years time. "All you need to start, is a  
barn and after three years an incubator, hatchery and  
enough space for the breeders." It is not mentioned that  
gullibility is another essential ingredient, but one has  
suspicions.

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#### Beacon Notes

I'm back, having survived a March where everyone in the whole world bought a house in Kingston. It seems like the little bump in the interest rates at the end of February made people realize that the good times were over for now. That prompted all those out there causally looking to jump in and find a house to buy. And, you know, despite the subsequent sharp rise in interest rates, my business hasn't dropped off much. Oh well, to tie this into the Beacon, I would like to thank everyone for covering for me. If Ian hadn't told you something was up, would you have known? I think that last month's issue was sort of a 1980's 'leaner and meaner' version but we'll return again to the 'post kinder-gentler' or 'the neo-sensitive awareness' version.

A lot of changes in the weather since last month when we were still gripped by winter. Yesterday (the 15th), we had an all-time high temperature of 23 degrees Centigrade. Today, as I write this, there is a solid mass of broken ice moving by the house at a quick walking speed. And, there is some open water coming! It is amazing how powerful this ice is which at our end of the Island has tipped over the top concrete section of McMullen's shore well.

We have the usual cornucopia of literary delights for your discerning mind and so, without further ado, we begin with the Regular Council Report.

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#### Council Report

April 5, 1994

- Don Tubb

Chris had just finished two very long hard days of shearing our sheep and so he reluctantly decided not to attend this meeting of Council. I, on the other hand, had no excuse as good so I became the designated reporter

for the evening.

All members of Council were present for this Regular Council meeting plus the Clerk-treasurer, this reporter, one delegation of two people, and one interested member of the public.

A delegation (Gary Filson and Susan Sedore) discussed with Council a possible zone exception for a piece of property they might have an interest in. After some general discussion, Council was not asked to take, nor took, any action on the matter.

As usual there was a review of the business arising from the minutes or unfinished business. Two items of interest were mentioned:

- First, the Back Beach agreement is still with the lawyers. The Clerk-treasurer was asked to find out its status (ie try to prompt them back into action if possible).
- Second, the Public Works Superintendent was given the go-ahead to get more electrical outlets installed in the library. This will make possible the installation of a computer for the library.

There were quite a few items which concerned the ferry:

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The procedure to fill temporarily vacant mate and purser positions was made official. This is a left-over item from May of last year.

The Captains are hard at work modifying MTO's draft of the Standing Orders for the Amherst Island Ferry. This seems to be a kind of owner's manual for the boat - a set of standard operating procedures.

Council accepted the Ferry Committee's recommendation 'that ramp repair continue to be done by the Public Works Crew with assistance from the Ferry Crew, if required'.

Council continues to exchange letters with the Coast Guard (Harbours and Ports) as to what we should be paying in berthage fees. They want more than we think fair.

Council has directed that a letter be written to the Coast Guard reminding them that it has been a long-standing policy for them not to break the ice in the channel. On March 28, an ice breaker went up the channel which could have made the ice pack unstable potentially blocking the ferry track. Our ferry could not have broken its way through the reported 2 1/2' thick ice.

A meeting is being set up between us, the Coast Guard and MTO to figure out who has jurisdiction over what on the boat. Apparently there are over-lapping

authorities which Council would like to see straightened out.

Finally, there is one last item about the Ferry which serves more attention... Council has approved a vehicle accident report form. Once this has been made available to the crews, it will be the policy of the Township not to pay for any accident damage to vehicles. All accident claims will be dealt with by the Township's insurance company. Of course, this means that the OPP have to be called to investigate any vehicle damage over \$700.

On to the landfill site... Members of Council had a copy of the 'Synopsis Of The Supplementary Hydrogeological Investigation Of The Waste Disposal Site'. This document was not released to the public but was discussed in open session of Council so what follows is strictly hear-say having no documentation to refer. The Reeve took the lead in the discussion saying that there wasn't enough good information in the document to 'hang a cat', let alone for Council to make decisions. Other speakers were not as harsh but nothing positive was said about the document. A meeting with the consultants is being set up in the near future (April 18th in the daytime was Council's preference which will have to be confirmed with the consultant).

Council then wrestled with the Infrastructure Program. One proposal was to apply for a grant to construct a new firehall replacing the existing one which is falling down. A second option will be studied which is to construct a new firehall on the new site of the Township Public Works building and the possibility of selling the land now used in the village. In the end, the Township will apply for the full amount available

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{Council Report will continue after the following ads}

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Wendy's a teenager!  
Happy Birthday!!  
Lots of Hugs & Kisses  
Auntie Lyn  
(Gotcha)

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Township Of Amherst Island  
Rabies Clinic  
Date: Saturday, April 30, 1994  
Time: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Township Fire Hall  
The cost is \$10.00 per animal.

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Township Of Amherst Island  
Information Notice

The Kingston Area Recycling Corporation has advised that a fee of \$40.00 per vehicle plus \$2.80 GST will be charged to Amherst Island residents who use the KARC depot for disposal at hazardous materials. This fee applies to residents of all municipalities that are not part of the Kingston Area Recycling Corporation.

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(approximately \$81,000) of which we will have to come up with 1/3 or approximately \$27,000. Just how this money was to be raised was undecided but one option proposed was to commit the Fire Department to pay for this out of their budget over a period of at least 2 years. One problem with this that was mentioned was the fact that this Council will not be here to set the Fire Department's budget next year so they are committing the next Council to an expenditure. There are certainly other ways of doing this but none were discussed in detail.

The Emergency Health Services Branch of the Ontario Government has sent us \$10,000 to be used to construct a heliport. There is an approved site across from the new Public Works Garage but apparently the Public Works Superintendent thinks it better to have the site nearer the equipment building. This will be investigated.

Amherst Island will, within 12 months, have the Enhanced 911 system in place. Council authorized the Reeve and Clerk to sign the agreement to get this done. This system will be able to automatically locate the source of a call thus making it far more effective during an emergency. The 1994 budget was approved with Amherst Island's share being \$1546.64 or 0.35% of the total. The enhanced system will be charged on your telephone bill (\$0.32 per line per month).

Two requests were made to Council for severance approval in principle. One was granted to Tom and Patricia deHaan for a severance on Part Lot 65, Concession 2. Ken Albertan's for Part Lot 23, Concession 1 was also granted. Both of these will be subject to the new lot levy as a condition of the approval in principle meaning 5% of the land value must be paid to the Township before the approval is official. This money will be used to reduce the expenses of the Back Beach. Councillor Tugwell tried unsuccessfully to have the lot levy condition taken off the first severance application. She proposed an amendment to that end and, in a recorded vote, only she voted in favour with Councillors Caughey, Woods and Murray along with Reeve Willard voting against. Having made her point - not approving of a lot levy- she did not propose an amendment on the second severance

application.

A few other items briefly occupied Council's attention. Council finally adjourned at 10:50 p.m. some 1 1/2 hours longer than the Reeve predicted just before the meeting began.

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#### 25th Wedding Celebration

You are invited to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Bob and Bernadette Filson on May 7th, 1994 at the Landsdowne Community Building, Landsdowne.

Social time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Dance: 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Everyone Welcome

Best Wishes Only

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#### Mothers Day Ham Dinner

Sponsored by: The Women's Institute  
Saturday, May 7, 1994 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

A. I. Community Centre

Adults \$7.00

Children 6-12 \$4.00

PreSchoolers Free

Tickets Available From: WI Members Or At The Door

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#### Special Council Meeting

March 22, 1994

- Don Tubb

All members of Council except Councillor Murray were present for this Special Meeting of Council. Also present were the Clerk-treasurer and this reporter.

A long resolution was passed which directed that a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation with a copy to MPP Gary Wilson. This letter was to

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point out the inequity of Amherst Islander ferry users paying more than the ferry users on Wolfe Island. Also the resolution pointed out that Council would be ready to start negotiations on our new ferry agreement once the fares were being charged on the Wolfe and Glenora runs.

A draft policy detailing 'progressive discipline' for Township employees was approved in principle. This will be sent to the Ferry Committee and the Public Works Superintendent for their consideration.

There was some discussion about the on-going bills from our Back Beach legal advisors. In the end, these bills will not be approved for payment without a separate resolution from Council. A recorded vote was called for which showed all members of Council to be in

agreement with this position.

Due to the extreme weather conditions this winter, work on the Municipal Garage will not be completed on time. Haegele Enterprises and the Greer Galloway Group requested an extension to March 31 which was approved by Council.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to Ralph Wemp, recovering at home after a stay in the hospital, and to Coralie Marshall who had surgery last month. Best wishes also to Beth Forrester who is just over pneumonia; to June McGinn who broke her wrist; and to Bill Brown who was in hospital last month.

Also, missed last month was congratulations to Lindsay and Jean McIntyre on their 40th wedding anniversary. Earl and Helen Smith are also celebrating a 40th this month.

Congratulations to Roger and Susan (Hall) Banting on the birth of their second daughter, Meghan Emily in Toronto last month. Meghan is a fifth grandchild for Mary Hall.

Lots of snowbirds returning to the Island this month, welcome home to Ralph and Bea Wemp, and Don and Chris Gregg. I hear the rest are getting ready to come home.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

-Jean E. S. McIntyre

The March meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn. The meeting was open with the Ode and collect and the singing of O Canada. After a short business meeting the Election of Officers took place.

President Mrs Jean Baker

1st Vice Pres Mrs Jackie Sylvestre

Secretary Mrs Leslie Gavlas

Treasurer Mrs Irene Glenn

The Installation of Officers was conducted by Mrs Anna Hitchins.

April is Cancer Month and once again the Women's Institute are collecting donations to this worthy cause. We hope you will all be generous in your giving as you have been in previous years.

May Meeting:- May 18th at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs Helen Lamb. Speaker:- The Dairy Educator (previously known as the Dairy Princess, and now either male or female.)

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Recreation Committee Fish Fry/ Spring Dance  
Saturday, May 21, 1994

Door's Open at 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner At 6:30 p.m.  
\$25/ couple  
Tickets Available at Glenn's Store  
(Sorry No Reserved Tickets)  
Proceeds to Canada Day  
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[Staff: We received this following note from Lynann Whitton which she titled, 'For your information...']

I recently visited Vancouver and in my free time decided to take a trip to Bowen Island. This island, located north of the city, is about the same size as Amherst Island, and like here the ferry ride takes about 20 minutes. The ferry service is owned and operated by the BC government. I thought the comparisons were interesting...

	Amherst	Bowen
Population	350	5000
Ferry capacity	18 cars	85 cars
Crossing time	~18 min	~18 min
Car/driver fee	\$3.50	\$20.00
Passenger fee	free	\$3.75
Bulk tickets	\$50/28 trips	\$53/5 trips
First trip from island	6:00 a.m.	5:45 p.m.
Last trip from mainland	1:30 a.m.	9:25 a.m.

(so much for the Vancouver nightlife)

In case you were wondering, the high fares have nothing to do with the close proximity to Vancouver, since all BC ferries (including those hundreds of miles to the north) operate on similar fee schedules. I'll leave you to draw your own conclusions....

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Township Of Amherst Island  
Notice For Sealed Tenders

The Amherst Island Fire Department is selling the following equipment:

- 1- 1952 International 1000 gallon Tanker
- 1- 12 H.P. 2.5" Pump

Sealed bids, clearly marking content, are to be received no later than 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 29, 1994  
To see the equipment, call (613) 384-3188 for appointment.

Philip C. Silver - Chief, Amherst Island Fire  
Department

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Island History  
The McMullen Family Of Amherst Island  
- Tom Sylvester

The John McMullen family was one of the founding households of the early community of Amherst Isle. Their family history includes a prince, a murderer, a spy, Island constables, land speculation, mortgage lenders, elopements and other details long forgotten. The McMullen legacy and contribution to the community is the subject of a book I have nearly completed. It is fortunate the McMullen genealogy has been extensively researched by Catherine McMullen, Elizabeth V Schiller and H C Burleigh.

By 1794, John's family had settled on Lots 2, 3, 5, 6 and very likely 4, Concession I. His six generations of descendents have demonstrated a remarkable legacy of kinship. Many of the successive generations of Islanders, particularly within the "west end" of the Island, can be traced to John McMullen.

The John McMullen family were Roman Catholic Highland Scots. The early Kingston area records of Roman Catholics were meagre since the Anglican Church had an exclusive monopoly on marriages until 1798, and the Roman Catholic Church Registers only start circa 1813. The recorded marital relations of the McMullen family constitutes the only documentation of the Roman Catholic early Island residents, including a significant portion of French Canadians.

Most historical generalizations of the early Amherst Isle residents and indeed, Loyalists, were plagued with inaccuracies. The John McMullen family were distinctive and yet their record confirmed some common experiences. Apparently, the McMullens were the first Island residents, of what later became a stream of emigrants, from County Down, Ireland. John McMullen was a tenant of Sir John Johnson, in the Mohawk Valley, New York

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province on the eve of the American Revolution. The McMullens actively chose to settle as tenants on Amherst Island, yet received 1,600 acres from the Crown. John's sons treated these, and parcels bought, as a financial commodity. They demonstrated the brief success of the dynasty by building two magnificent stone houses and lending 12 mortgages totaling 1126 pounds. Still some In-laws found it was easier to acquire wealth through marriage, perhaps even murder.

The McMullen Islanders who chose to move on

participated in the western migration to the American mid-west. Their destination was strongly influenced by McMullen kinship. Further, the "leavers" remembered they were Islanders and some McMullens returned to their community even generations later.

John McMullen's known 389 descendants & their spouses are identified and indexed. Beacon readers are encouraged to assist with additions or corrections to the genealogy.

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#### Chicken Bar-B-Q

The A.C.W. will be holding their Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q on Saturday, July 9th, 1994 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Adults \$8.00

Children under 12 \$4.00

Advance Tickets Only

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#### Thank You Notes

To the ladies of the PCW and ACW, our thanks for your kind expressions of sympathy to Betty, Jean and Leslie for their most enjoyable visits and everyone else who offered their kind condolences on the recent death of Peter's brother.

Joyce & Peter Morgan and Family

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I wish to thank my family and friends for all the kindness extended to me while in hospital for hip joint replacement (not knee surgery as reported last month) and also all that has been done for me since coming home. A special Thank You to the family for getting my house in good shape for me. Thanks for all the flowers, cards, gifts and visits from so many people. I really appreciate the visits from the Ladies of the A.C.W. and the P.C.W. and the lovely treats they brought. I've done extremely well and it's all because of all the wonderful help I have received from Doctors, Nurses, Therapists, V.O.N.'s, Homemakers, Family and Friends.

Nessie Welbanks

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We would like to thank all the people who bought tickets on the vacation package. We were very fortunate to win it. We went to Las Vegas for a week. We stayed at the Imperial Palace on the Strip.

It was like stepping into another world. There was so much to see and do; beautiful hotels, casinos, and activities.

We did lots of walking and we went on two bus trips. One trip was to the California state line. There were two large hotels and casinos there connected by a monorail. The other trip was to Laughlin at the Arizona

state line. It was a new resort lake and eight large hotels and casinos.

We even got up early. Ray was ready for the casinos at 6 a.m. (Usually he gets up at 9 a.m.). We won and lost all week, mostly lost.

We had a wonderful time and highly recommend the place. It was fascinating. We would love to go there again.

Ray & Zelma Koenders

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#### 1994 Amherst Island

##### Mixed Slow Pitch League

It is time again to start organizing for our new season of slow pitch softball.

Our league is a mixed league with ages starting from fourteen and is open to all people over that age. Last year we had three teams and played twice a week on Wednesday and Sunday nights at 8:00 p.m.

We started with three teams last year and then switched to four and ran into trouble getting a team late in the season so we probably will start with three teams this year.

Again this year we will use last year's team lists to form this year's teams and add or delete as people indicate whether they want to play this year or not.

New players: either sign your name to the list in Glenn's Store or phone Brian Ward at 389-5767.

If you played last year but cannot play this year, please let me know as well.

Please Note:

Last year (1993) because of government cutbacks to our recreation committee we had to charge each player \$5.00 but many thanks to that committee for the support we have always been given. This \$5 each covered our expenses last year as all we bought were softballs and score books. This year we should be able to get by with the same charge but some people did not pay last year so we will require the \$5.00 be paid by the second game. Coaches will be asked to collect the money. Anyone not paid by the third game will not be allowed to play. Coaches will call before that game to remind anyone who has not paid.

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#### Meynard Laitin Reviews

Spring is such a good time for movies - not only for watching them but the best releases seem to show up this time of year. In honour of this, we have a bountiful crop to review. So without further delay....

Dazed And Confused (1993) is supposed to show us the events during the last day of school in 1969 with

parties and hazings. I think it was supposed to be funny but ended up being mean and sadistic. {4 out of 10 rating shown in a graphic style}

Hero (1992) Dustin Hoffman, Andy Garcia & Geena Davis give excellent performances in this funny look at hero-worship American style. {8 out of 10 rating}

Strictly Ballroom (1992) An Australian look at ballroom dancing - kind of a Rocky-like picture. Lots of fun if you can get by the rather weird visual style. {8 out of 10 rating}

In The Line Of Fire (1993) Clint Eastwood as a secret service agent on the trail of an assassin. Not too violent... not too suspenseful... just right for a night's entertainment. {7 out of 10 rating}

Hard Target (1993) Jean-Claude Van Damme in a pretty average kung-fuie flic. Nothing to recommend it. {4 out of 10 rating}

Miss Firecracker (1989) I like Holly Hunter and that's the only reason I picked up this film. Great performances by her and Mary Steenburgen give life to this story of Hunter's try at becoming

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burgen give life to

before snaring them with the crook.

On a more general note... The roads are in fairly good condition this spring - at least a lot better than last when they had walls down the middle from the cars and trucks squishing up the soft dirt. Right now the paved part of the Front Road is really taking the worst beating with lots of pot holes.

The Public Works Garage is finished and apparently Stuart will be holding an Open Garage some time. It looks pretty good from the outside but it's awful wind swept without many trees around.

I don't remember if it was mentioned elsewhere but the Fire Department got a great deal on a used pumper a couple months ago. They seem pleased which is good. It's really nice to see the Department continue to haul itself up by its own boot straps. Since I've been here it's become a Department which can do more than save the building next door. That's not to put down the people on it before but when the equipment is one pickup truck with 3 - 45 gallon cans as a tanker and 14 buckets, it's hard to have a lot of confidence in their capacity.

Also on the good news front, there have been several ships into the cement plant - two in one day. This, was before the ice was was . Thi owls t  
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Regular Council Report for May 1994

-Christopher Kennedy

All members of Council were present at the regular meeting. The Reeve was wearing his chain of office as Warden of the County. Most impressive.

At the beginning of the meeting Tom deHaan spoke to Council about having the Lot Levy waived on his severance, as he had first applied for a severance before the Lot Levy By-Law was passed.

Ken Alberton then addressed Council on the Lot Levy, pointing out, with figures he had researched, that the 5% figure was much higher than most local municipalities, and that this Levy would put the cost of lots out of reach of many young families. He felt that everyone on the Island, not just severing lots, should contribute to the cost of the Back Beach (one of the main reasons for the new Lot Levy). He felt that some fee was valid, but that 5% of the value of the land was too high.

Council then decided that the fee would not be charged when, as in deHaan's and Alberton's case approval in principal had been granted before the Lot Levy By-Law was passed.

The Ambulance Service has been very slow to page out the First Response Team, and attempts to speed this up have failed. Alex Scott, the Deputy Fire Chief, asked for Council's help in speeding up the paging. Also the Ambulance does not seem to be using the grid system for the Island, and last month an ambulance became lost, fortunately not on an emergency call. The Reeve said that he would response meetings with the required people to try to improve matters.

Stuart Miller reported that the Road Crew have been putting gravel on the roads so that they are ready for the calcium.

Council is still working on trying to improve the paint job on the ferry.

M.T.O. has authorised a \$1,034,400. ferry subsidy this year. This is meant to be 90% of the operating costs, the same as in previous years. The Frontenac II is due before the long weekend in May.

The Township has received the rest of the grant for the new Township Roads Shed, and there may be enough left over to pave the yard in front. Council will apply to M.T.O. for supplementary subsidy to cover the cost of repairing the Front Road between the school and

the Dump Road and to finish paving the Stella Forty Foot.

The Ministry of the Environment seems to be quite pleased with the dump. There does not appear to be a problem with leachate. If the Township can acquire a buffer more around the dump it may even be possible to enlarge it so that it will take all our garbage for some years to come.

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Council is considering applying for funding under the Liberal Government's infrastructure programme to build a new Fire Hall.

The County Budget for this year had been passed with a 0% increase in property taxes.

Five permits were issued by the Building Inspector in April, to Tom deHaan for a demolition and a building (a house), to Ted Wemp for demolition, to Ken Alberton for a renovation and to Topsy Farms for our new workshop.

The County has a new Weed Inspector, so cut your noxious weeds.

Council has received sever letters for people on the south shore about road relocation. Council reiterated its position that the new road location would be decided by mutual agreement between the landowners and the Roads Superintendent.

Vaughan McMullen will be hired on a contract basis as cemetery caretaker. Plans are going ahead for Bill Hedges to rebuild the stone wall at Pentland Cemetery.

Council the adjourned at about 11 p.m.

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

A very Happy 90th Birthday to Piet Witteveen. Piet will be celebrating with a trip to Holland to visit his family later this month.

Welcome to new residents Samantha Galloway and Jeff Millard (Ken Alberton's cottage) and Colin and Kevin Powick (Millicent Harrison's).

Congratulations to Jacob Murray for winning 5th place in the county public speaking contest.

Best wishes to Lucille Brown and George Mygind, both still in hospital. And although you wouldn't know it to see him, Keith Miller had surgery last week, and is recovering at an amazing pace. A speedy recovery to Donny Miller.

It is with tremendous sadness that we note the passing of seven-year-old Brandon McCormick, following a courageous battle with cancer. Our most

sincere sympathy to his parents, Michael and Jill, and sister Deanna. Brandon was the grandson of Helen and a nephew to Paul and Holly McCormick; Pam and Peter McCormick; Penny and Tony deHaan; and Burgess Stevenson; Noel McCormick and Tamara Grant.

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#### 4-H News

- Lori Caughey, Press Reporter

A huge thank you to all members of the Amherst Island Women's Institute for their support of our 4-H sewing club. Through their help all seven girls in our club were able to add important supplies to their sewing kits.

Our Achievement Night was in late April in Napanee. Our club

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gave a mini fashion show as part of our programme. Around 200 4-Hers and their parents attended from all over L & A County. Our very own, Ida Gavlas won the door prize and came home with a great cake.

Our President's name, Kelly Baker was accidentally omitted from a prior Beacon. We thank her for her leadership.

The 4-H Beef and Dairy Calf Club is organizing this month. If you are interested in joining or have any questions about it, please phone our leader Bruce Caughey at 389-2012 right away. Thank you.

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#### Sharpening their Guard

Written by Capt. Kelly Marie Radcliffe

For the first time ever NATO is operating a peacekeeping mission for the UN. For the first time ever, Canadian maritime patrol aircraft are participating in a NATO contingency operation. There are a number of firsts when it comes to Operation Sharp Guard, a NATO operation being run in support of the UN Embargo against the former Yugoslav Republics. Operation Sharp Guard is presently being supported by 2 Canadian Ships, HMCS Halifax and HMCS Preserver, 2 Sea King helicopters and a 55 person detachment with two long range patrol Aurora aircraft. The Aurora detachment is based of Sigonella, Italy, and for the first time ever, CFB Comox's crew 6 is flying patrols over the Adriatic to enforce the embargo against the former Yugoslavia.

"The first few flights are more challenging," explains Capt. Rocky Walsh, a pilot aboard the Aurora. For Walsh, this mission is his first as a crew commander in a European theatre. Despite this fact, he

and his crew are not overwhelmed by the novelty of this particular mission because they have done the same kind of work at home. "Basically, we patrol a certain area and report to someone when we get a contact," explains Walsh. In Comox, maritime patrol aircraft fly drug-interdiction patrol missions in support of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans; here they patrol the Adriatic Sea looking for merchant vessels carrying oil or weapons that might want to make a dash to the coast of Serbia or Montenegro. They report this information to a NATO ship, known as the Aircraft Control Unit.

Although each person on board the 12-crew aircraft explains that there is little difference between their work here and their work at home, they will also admit that this unique environment brings with it certain challenges.

For Aurora Pilot, Capt Rocky Walsh, "Getting familiar with Italian air traffic control terminology was one of the most challenging things at first; that, and simply sorting out the locations of the navigational aids." Capt. Darcy Sullivan, also a pilot, explains that you make simple adjustments to procedures in the first couple of patrols. "You are always working to make things run more efficiently," said Sullivan. As for working in a confined area, Sullivan adds, "there are just more turns." More turns, however, does mean that pilots have to really watch that

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they do not bank more than 20 degrees. If you exceed that it reduces the radar's effective field of vision. Given that the radar is the most important day-sensor that the Aurora has to complete its mission, these kinds of things do make a difference. For example, pilot Capt. Stephen McDonnell explains the sensitivity of the radar, saying, "sometimes the radar will pick up garbage floating in the water if it is big enough." Until it's classified as such, the crew will still have to investigate.

Although the pilots have some novel things to deal with their first few missions out of Sigonella, Flight Engineer, Sgt. Peter McLean, finds the challenge minimal. In my job I am concerned with the serviceability of the aircraft and that never changes despite the environment." However, McLean does admit, "you peek out the window a little more." This is significant; often what they see is the coast of Montenegro.

The navigators on board are challenged by the rate of activity. "The busiest part for me, is when I have to do my job," says Navigator/Communicator (NavCom) Cat. Glen Engebretson. Just as the aircraft enters the area to be patrolled, there are a number of people he

must contact. "Although I've never dealt with so many different agencies at once, I'd have to say that things run more smoothly here than ever." First, he joins with the NATO AWAC, which tells him which vessels and aircraft are in the area and where. Then he must contact Red Crown, another NATO vessel which will provide the pilot with aircraft separation while the crew is on station. At this point, Engebretson will let the on-station aircraft know that crew 6 is ready to relieve him and take over. Once this has been done, it is time to contact the Aircraft Control Unit, always a different ship working within the NATO task group, to receive the tasking for his own crew 6. Lieut. Mike Saville, also working as a NavCom, explains how all are particularly cautious flying over the Adriatic. You have to constantly monitor those systems which mark the territorial limit of the former Yugoslavia. "It is not a line you want to cross," adds Saville.

It's a line that Master Cpl. Steve Jackson, an airborne electronic sensor operator (AESOP), understands all too well. Although he has not served in the former Yugoslavia, he remembers vividly the reality of war he faced after having been sent to Kuwait to do mine clearance immediately after the Gulf War. "You see the carnage, the wreckage, how people treated one another, the kids begging for food... and only when you're right there do you confront it... the horror of war."

"We have to do something," responds Sgt. Jack Hardy, also an AESOP who has worked in other strained areas including Cyprus and Egypt. "At least we know that the blockade is having an impact. When you patrol your area and there are very few merchant vessels on the radar, you can assume that "would-be" violators understand that they would have to answer to somebody."

For Capt. John Gavlas, the acoustician working with crew 6 while in Sigonella, it is not just the lack of merchant vessels that keeps him hopeful, it's also the lack of submarine contacts which encourages him. "Considering that using my Anti-Submarine Warfare skills could mean dropping a torpedo on a sub full of people I don't know, I am not at all disappointed that my skills

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have not been required."

"It's a little more intense," says Capt. Cameron Straub, the tactical navigator for crew 6. His words reflect the challenge that is faced by everyone. Although it is his responsibility to assimilate information from the pilots, the other navigators, and the airborne electronic sensor operators, his ability to do this depends on

everybody's cooperation and caution.

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#### Notices

##### Amherst Island Sunday School

Amherst Island Sunday School plans to present a musical play "The Friendship Company" Sunday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m. Coffee and tea will be served. This replaces the Sunday School picnic, and promises to be fun so please plan to attend. No admission charged, but a food bank donation box will be at the door. See you there.

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##### Chicken Bar-B-Q

The A.C.W. will be holding the Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q on Saturday, July 9th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Adults \$8.00

Children under 12 reduced \$3.00

Advance Tickets Only

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##### Open House

The Back Kitchen

Owned and operated by: Susan Sedore, Garry Filson and Kristy Grange

When: Tuesday May 24, 1994

Where: In the Village of Stella

What: New Take out Food Restaurant

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Complimentary hot dogs, tarts and coffee will be served.

Grand Opening on Wednesday, May 25, 1994 with full menu from burgers and fries to homemade pies.

Phone: 389-7200

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##### St. Alban's Church Amherst Island - Service Times

May 1 - Holy Communion 9:00 am

May 8 - Morning Prayer 11:00 am

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May 15- Morning Prayer 11:00 am

May 22- Holy Communion 11:00 am

May 29- Morning Prayer 11:00 am

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##### Empire Loyalists

Anyone interested in becoming an associate member of the Empire Loyalists, please contact Leigh Wemp at 386-3501 for more information.

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### Speeding in the Village

With the warmer weather and school holidays drivers are requested to drive with caution through the village. Children don't always watch for traffic. By reducing their speed drivers will help to prevent an accident.

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### Bridge Grafting For Girdled Fruit Trees

Now is the time to try bridge grafting on mature fruit trees that have been girdled completely by the voles.

Information is available at the Amherst Island Township Office or OMAF Napanee.

Amherst Island Women's Institute

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### Township of Amherst Island

#### Job Posting

The Township of Amherst Island will receive applications for the position of Landfill Site Attendant. Hourly rate \$9.08

The job description is available at the Township Office.

Written applications stating qualifications and experience will be received at the Township office until 4 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 1994.

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### Thank You Notes

The family of the late Allan Veech extend our sincere thanks to everyone who attended the funeral home, sent cards, or flowers, made phone calls, donated to charity in Allan's memory or expressed their sympathy in so many ways.

Special thanks for the wonderful caring visits on the Island and to Mom in Napanee. Ladies of the ACW and PCW your visits are truly appreciated.

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Our sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness.

The Veech family.

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I would like to thank all my family, friends and neighbours for all the cards, goodies and visits while I was in hospital and since returning home. I would also like to thank the Legion, Women's Institute for cards and the ladies of the A.C.W. and P.C.W. for their visits and goodies.

Ralph Wemp

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I would like to thank all those who sent cards, gifts, phoned and visited following my recent surgery.

Keith Miller

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I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and goodies and visited during my stay in hospital.

Special thanks to my Mom, Ruth Andrews and to Caroline Yull. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Marjorie Baker

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### For Sale

The Back Kitchen - 389-7200

Take Out Food Restaurant in the Village of Stella.

Everything from Burgers and Fries to Homemade Pies.

Hours: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm except Fridays, open to 8:30 pm 7 days a week.

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### Don please note

Delete wanted to buy Double bed - Irene Glenn

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#### Beacon Notes

We start off this month with apologies for those items not printed last month - they got lost in a pile of bills. Sorry about that...

Secondly, we thank those who have offered help to do the Beacon. We have taken up Caroline Ackerman's offer to type the rough copy. Shhh... Don't tell her but we'll get her to do a little more each month so that in about a year she'll be doing it all - that's how I got caught about 11 years ago. Seriously for a minute now... I don't know yet what we're going to do long term but we'll just see what happens in the coming few months.

So, on with the show... This is summer and we've got more going on than you can shake a stick at. There are celebrations, dinners, concerts, auctions, tours not to mention the nightly private parties. All of the above are detailed this month (except for the last item for which a small fee payable to Ms KIA is required).

Let's not waste any more time and get on with it...

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#### Canada Day Celebration

July 1st At Amherst Island P.S.

Parade begins from St. Alban's at 7:30 p.m.

Fireworks at dusk

Prizes

Races

Free Hot Dog & Drink for everyone

Seeing as grants are Few And Far Between, donations for the purchase of fireworks would be greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at Glenn's Store.

Thanks you.

Your Amherst Island Rec. Committee

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#### Council Report

June 7, 1994

- Chris Kennedy

In addition to the regular meeting last month there was a Public Works Committee meeting to discuss the Dump, a special budget meeting on the 16th of May and another budget meeting the next day. Then later in the month there was a meeting to discuss jurisdictional concerns regarding the operation of the Amherst Island ferry service with Council, Ferry Captains, the Coast Guard, the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Transportation. They discussed who is responsible for the safe operation of the ferry. Lastly there was a Cemetery Committee meeting.

All members of Council were present.

The Roads Superintendent reported that most of the calcium is on the roads and the price has actually gone down a little this year. The free dump day was a success. Council only lost about \$100 in revenue, and a lot of recyclable garbage was brought in.

The Township will cut the roadside again this summer as there are too many problems with snow build up in the winter if they do not. The Roads crew will also be doing some ditching

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this summer and building the helicopter pad.

Council will not negotiate a new Ferry Subsidy agreement with M.T.O. until the dispute with the Wolfe Island and Glenora ferries is resolved.

Harbours and Ports Canada has doubled fees for the ferry and Council has little option but to pay the increase.

The old fire truck has been sold for \$1,285. to an explosives company in Kingston.

At 8 pm the big issue of the night came up. This was the change in school times caused by the introduction of double busing and the problems this causes with the ferry. The Council chamber was as full as I have seen it since The Drain.

The school board was represented by Bruce Caughey, our Trustee, John Ibey, the Chairperson, and two administrators, and Irene Backholm representing the Separate School Board. The School Board wants High School to start at 8:15 am. Ibey suggested that if the 7:50 ferry ran at 7:40 all would be well. Bruce and Ian Murray pointed out that this would cut timing too close, particularly in bad weather, and the ferry would have to be at 7:30 for safe travelling. Ms. Backholm pointed out some of the problems with the Separate School timing, as they are not going to be double

busing. Then before anyone else had a chance to say how they would be affected the School Board delegation left the meeting. Several commuters said how disrupting the changes would be to their schedules. Other people said that because they had only just heard the proposals they needed time to consider them so Council decided to hold a public meeting on June 20th at 7:00 pm at the school/community centre where all aspects of the problems could be discussed and, let us hope, a satisfactory compromise worked out.

The Council meeting was very quiet after that. Union ferry negotiations are coming up.

Vroomans were given a building permit. Rumour has it this was for the Great Wall of Amherst Island (a.k.a. Dave and Rosemary's wood pile), but this is not true.

The lawyers are still working on the Back Beach agreement. The Reeve will bring up the problems with Areas of National and Scientific Interest (A.N.S.I.) at the meeting of the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario. Then Council adjourned shortly after 9:00 pm.

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#### Budget And Property Taxes For 1994

- Chris Kennedy

At the regular council meeting in June. Council passed the Township budget for 1994. The major change from last year is the bill for the Back Beach, mainly lawyer's bills. This amounts to \$25,000 for this year, and there will be more to pay by the time the whole business is wrapped up. This covers the total rise over last year's Township budget, and amounts to a 14.73% increase.

Your township property taxes cover a lot more than the Township budget, however. Approximately 30% of your property taxes goes to the Township, about 20% to the County, and 50% to the school board, either Public or Separate, which are again divided between Elementary and Secondary. The County asked for a 0.45% increase, the Elementary Public for 7.41%, Secondary Public for 6.28%, Separate Elementary for 7.6%, and Secondary Separate for 33.9%. When all this is added up, your property tax bill this year will increase an average of 8.96%.

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#### Chicken Bar-B-Q

The A.C.W. will be holding their Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q on Saturday, July 9th, 1994 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Adults \$8.00

Children under 12 \$4.00

Advance Tickets Only

Now Available From A.C.W. Members

Entertainment by Diane Sayeau

See You There!

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to those who have been ill or in hospital this month: Vera Hogeboom, Doug Lamb, Keith Miller, Zelma Koenders and Ruth Drumgoole.

Vaughan McMullen is back home again following a brief stay at St. Mary's. Kevin McCormick is recovering following a run-over with a lawnmower. Congratulations to all the elementary, high school, college and university grads from the Island. I don't know who all of them are, but I can say that Trudy Strain is now employed as a physiotherapist in Bowmanville, and that Julie Forester has a teaching position in Italy. Best of luck to everyone.

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I read a note in last month's Beacon from someone who was concerned about the speed of traffic around the village. I would like to add to that comment by imploring drivers to, if not stop fully, at least Slow Down at the Stop sign. You would not believe the number of people who fly through the village intersection at 30 or more kph - and I don't mean visitors or tourists. In a few short days, there will be children all over the village roads on foot and on bicycles - pay attention drivers, and get with the program!

Some late breaking news - Congratulations to Jessica McGinn who took first place in the intermediate shot put at the country track meet. Well done!

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#### Street Dance

The Street Dance this year will be held on July 23rd. Music, Food, A Bar And A Good Time should all be provided. This is a Fund Raiser put on by the The Volunteer Fire Department to pay for New Equipment, so please be generous with your donations and patronize the bar.

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E. S. McIntyre

On April 18th the Women's Institute hosted an open meeting with Mrs. Evelyn Greenwood as guest speaker. Mrs. Greenwood's topic was "Osteoporosis" and the following is an expert from literature from the Osteoporosis Society of Canada as provided by Mrs. Greenwood.



have undoubtedly been shocked by the number of fallen over, broken and scattered grave markers. As well, some of the stone fence on the cemetery's west side is in dire need of repair.

Student volunteers from a stone masonry class at Kingston's Q.E.V.C.I. high school will assist local masons Bill Hedges and David Nourry in carrying out these repairs. No money has been solicited from council for this project, although council and its

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cemetery committee have sanctioned this event.

To join the tour or simply make a donation to the Pentland Cemetery Repair Fund, contact Janet Grace (389-8166) on the Island or Bill Hedges (542-0002) in Kingston.

The tour begins at 12 noon.

Tickets: \$25.00 per person and include:

Tour five of Amherst Island's most historic and beautiful homes!

View historic churches, cemeteries and stone fences.

Strawberry Social at Farnham, summer home of Syl Apps and family.

Free Ferry Ticket, tour map and information pamphlet.

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#### Thank You Notes

Many thanks to the A.I. Women's Institute for their help in establishing sewing kits for all members of our island 4-H club.

Lori Caughey for the 4-H Club

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I would like to thank everyone for their sympathy, prayers, beautiful cards and many acts of kindness shown me at the passing of my dear little grandson, Brandon. The help with my mail route and visits from the P.C.W. and A.C.W. ladies were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Helen McCormick

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We would like to thank the P.C.W. and the A.C.W. for their visits and baked goods. We would also like to thank Laureen Kilpatrick and Loraine Burton for cutting the grass and other deeds. Thanks also to Val & Dan and the others for their kindness to us while I was recuperating after gall bladder surgery.

Sincerely

Ray & Zelma Koenders

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Waterside Summer Festival

You are invited to join the Friends of St. Alban's for the Waterside Summer Festival. Our first annual series of musical concerts includes the following:

Saturday June 18: Wassermusik Chamber music ensemble led by Inka Brockhausen. Playing from Bach, Mozart and Handel.

Saturday June 25: Valerie Lloyd Watts  
Internationally renowned concert pianist.

Saturday July 16: Shane David and the Textures  
An eclectic mix of original music, soft rock/blues/calypso/Australian folk and sing along.

Sunday July 31: Aaron Skitri Baroque Lute and Theorboe music. Intimate music from the 17th and 18th centuries.

Saturday August 13: Kingston Ceili Band  
Music of the Celtic Countries, Canadian Celtic Music both contemporary and traditional, played on fiddles, hammered dulcimer, tin whistles, guitar, banjo and the human voice.

These concerts will all take place at St. Alban's church in the Village of Stella, beginning at 7 o'clock in the evening. Light refreshments will be provided during the intermission. The Friends of St. Alban's welcome you to this series and invite you to participate in the festival.

Tickets available from Caroline Yull 384-4071 or Dave Hieatt 389-7003 or at the door.

Remember seating is limited.

Tickets \$8.00 each

Season Ticket \$35.00 for the 5 concerts.

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#### Beacon Awards

We've heard of siege mentality but were amazed to find a real example in our midst. So to Dave and Rosemary we give the Creative Wood Pile Award.

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#### Congratulations

The Track and Field team from Amherst Island P.S. competed well at the county meet, June 14th. Jessica McGinn came first for the entire county in the Intermediate Girls shotput, setting a new record of 8.24m. The previous best was 8.06m. Congratulations to all.

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#### For Your Information...

Detecting Tornados

- Brent Wolfreys

The nation's safety council has provided this tip on how you can use your television or radio to detect the



presence of tornados.

Using your television: first, warm up your TV and tune in Channel 13. Darken the screen to almost black using the brightness control, then turn to Channel 2 and leave the volume down.

Your tornado detection device is now in operation. Lightning will produce momentary white bands of varying widths across your screen. Colour TV's will produce colour bands.

A tornado within 15 to 20 miles will produce a totally white screen and remain white (colour on colour TV's). Should this occur, turn off your TV, take a portable radio and seek a place of shelter immediately.

This system works because every TV set has Channel 2 at 55 MHz. Lightning and tornados generate a signal near this frequency which overrides the brightness control.

Channel 13 is at the high end of the frequency band and is not affected. This is why the darkness must be set on that channel.

Using your radio: Use a portable radio for emergency instructions and in case of power failure. If the radio is tuned to 550 KHZ on AM, lightning will cause intermittent static. A tornado will cause steady continuous static.

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#### Auction Sale

Household effects of Myrtle and the late Lorne Veech Stella, Amherst Island Saturday, June 18- 10:30 am.

Kenmore heavy duty washer and matching dryer, 14 cu. ft. Kenmore deep freeze, Kenmore portable dishwasher, Kenmore microwave, electric sewing machine and cabinet, small appliances, etc. Padded corner sectional chesterfield with bed chesterfield (ex. cond).

2 older 2 piece chesterfields (good), set of twin steel beds with box spring and mattress, double bookcase bed, large antique chest of drawers, vanity and bench, Lazy boy chair, several antique chairs, tilt top art easel, tri light lamp and other lamps, assorted occasional furniture, Christmas decorations, pictures and frames, 2 antique trunks, cast iron bath tub, anniversary clock, glassware, house ware, etc.

Roper 8 hp lawn tractor (ex. cond) Gas barbecue, chaise lounge, patio table with umbrella and matching chairs, 16' aluminum ladder, step ladder, 2 sets of boat oars, rubber tired wheel barrow, 6' wood lathe, quantity of 4x8 panelling, quantity of scrap iron, table saw, antique farm scales, antique cream separator, walking plough, 2 crosscut saws and other old tools. 18'x36' post and beam building with barn board siding to be removed. Many more items not listed.

Tom Harrison Auctions, Newburgh (378-2680).

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#### Yard Sales

Saturday, June 25th 11:00 am. - 3:00 p.m  
Long Point Road. Second house on the right.

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Laureen's Yard Sale, July 2nd 9 am. -2 p.m.

At several locations along the Front Road (Koenders', Kilpatricks', Leslie McDonalds', Janet Graces' and anyone else who wants to participate). Put up your own signs.

[Staff: The Beacon proofreaders apologize - we understand the number of 'Front Toad' jokes became a bit much but at least we know the ads are well read!]\*\*\*\*\*\*

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#### Community Calendar

June 18 Auction Sale 10:30 am at the Veechs'

June 18 Waterside Summer Festival Wassermusik 7 pm at St. Alban's

June 20 Public Meeting 7 pm A.I. Community Centre re: Ferry Schedule changes

June 25 Yard Sale 11 am - 3 pm Long Point Road 2nd house on right.

June 25 Waterside Summer Festival Valerie Lloyd Watts 7 pm at St. Alban's

July 1 Canada Day Celebrations A.I. Community Centre

July 2 Laureen's Yard Sale 9 am - 2 pm at Koenders', Kilpatricks', McDonalds' (Leslie), Graces'

July 2 Forester's 25th Wedding Celebration A.I.P.S. from 8 pm - 1 am

July 5 Regular Council Meeting usually 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

July 9 Historic Home Tour 12 noon

July 9 A.C.W. Chicken Bar-B-Q 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm A.I. Community Centre

July 16 Waterside Summer Festival Shine David & the Textures 7 pm at St. Alban's

July 23 Street Dance

July 31 Waterside Summer Festival Aaron Skitri 7 pm at St. Alban's

August 13 Waterside Summer Festival Kingston Ceili Band 7 pm at St. Alban's

May 17, 2017 New Phone List Available

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#### A Letter Home

I guess its been a while now since I last wrote. It got very hectic here and shows only the faintest sign of slowing up - that is slowing from total and complete

chaos to just plain chaos. There are some up sides about which I won't complain so we'll leave it at a fair balance.

Has it been dry where you are? We're starting to wonder about the hay crop and pasture availability even with our soon-to-be-fenced new pastures. We be also heard that the cold winter and cool spring has taken its toll on new seedlings.

Lambing ended well with a fine crop of healthy lambs this year. There must be near 1600 of the critters running around. The Feds still haven't fenced all their Crown land yet so we are back fighting coyotes again - it's no fun feeding the wildlife.

By the way, it's really hot and humid today - true summer weather that we be all been waiting for. And, you know, I've heard no complaints so far which is pretty amazing - last winter really made a lasting impression on people.

So, what else has happened since last time...

We have the big boat and it came none too soon as we filled it many times during the May 24th holiday. It sure is nice to drive up to the boat at 3 minutes to and be able to get on with some assurance - sort of like the 'good old days' (that never were in my humble opinion). Passage isn't guaranteed however as I've seen the boat full on a 9 a.m. run during the week.

Well, I think its time to sign off so bye for now and we'll see what happens in the next month.

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For Sale / Wanted

For Sale

7 1/2 cubic foot freezer in good condition.

30 day guarantee.

Bargain at \$150.00.

Phone 389-2674. B. Gregg.

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For Sale

Nintendo and 10 games for sale.

Best offer.

Scott and Sheri 530-2422.

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Now Available

A.I. T-shirts, Sweat shirts & Night shirts at Glenn's Store. Great gift ideas from the P.C.W.

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The Back Kitchen 389-7200

Take Out Food Restaurant in Stella

Everything from Burgers & Fries to Homemade Pies.

Hours: Sat-Thurs 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday 11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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Whig Home Delivery

If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

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Now Available

We now have Co-op Propane for sale at John McGinn's.

Barbecue tanks 20 lbs, also 100 lbs and larger quantities can be arranged.

Call 384-3047

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Albertan Homes

Homes built or renovated.

Ken Albertan at 389-2662

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B & B Small Engine Repair

Call Bill Halferty at 389-1413

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Babysitting Kelly at 389-2404

Jessica at 389-3199

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Bible Study Group Wednesday Mornings

9:30-11:00 am at the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

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Brown & White Eggs For Sale

Contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828

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Cisterns Filled

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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Clothing Repairs and Alterations

Drapes Made and Altered

Contact Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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Computer Assistance

Can help to build computer skills on many programs.

Call Jan at 634-1995

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General Contracting

New construction & renovations

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434  
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Glenn's Store 389-0417  
Take Out Meal Counter  
Groceries  
Movies  
Post Office Hour's  
Mon - Fri 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Mon - Fri 2:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 - 12:00 noon  
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GLM Construction  
General Contracting & Renovations & Designs  
Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456  
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'Hair I Come'  
No need to travel - I'll come to you.  
Specializing in permanent waves and cuts.  
Call to arrange a time.  
Shelly Glenn at 373-2128  
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House Cleaning  
Professionally trained house cleaner.  
Call Laurel at 384-6617  
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Painting Classes  
Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588  
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Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes On Sale  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588  
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Printing  
A complete printing and design service.  
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102  
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Portable Welding  
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172  
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Property Maintenance  
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned,  
painting.  
Call Bob Horth at 389-2916  
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Pumps Of All Kinds

Rural Water System Maintenance  
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105  
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Shorewell Maintenance  
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078  
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Visitors Welcome at  
Watercolours Et Cetera  
3rd Concession (389-2588)  
If we are home, we are open.  
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Winter Storage For Boats, RV's, etc  
Call Vince Aitken at 389-5546  
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#### Beacon Notes

As you can see from the masthead above Caroline Ackerman passed whatever test it was to get her name in print. I think it had more to do with her tolerance of us than anything else. However with new blood comes new ways and so we are going to try to get the Beacon out more regularly. This will mean that the newsletter will be typed on or about the 13th of the month; edited on or about the 15th; and printed thereafter as soon as possible. Your part, dear readers, is to get your submissions in to us on or before the 13th. Now, we not going to do something foolish like commit ourselves to that timetable but we're going to try.

Chris and Dianne have taken this to heart cutting a short a trip to England to come back just to print up the paper. Actually, the trip was to a family anniversary to which we add our congratulations and best wishes to Chris' parents.

Speaking of C&D.... they said that they spent more than a week over there and never heard the name O.J. Simpson once. This in itself was worth the cost of the trip.

Well, better not waste any more time with this, so on with the show.

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#### Street Dance

The Street Dance Scheduled for July 23 has been Cancelled.

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#### Council Report July 5, 1994

- Chris Kennedy

In June, apart from the regular meeting of Council on the 7th of June, there was a Cemetery Committee

meeting on June 13th, and the special meeting of Council on the 20th at the school, to discuss the rescheduling required by the school board. At this meeting various proposals were put forward, and it was decided that a possible schedule would be circulated by householder mail to all Island residents. Comments were requested for the regular July Council meeting.

Allan Caughey was absent from the July regular meeting.

Caroline Yull talked to Council about problems with the Rec. Committee, because Township employees may not sit on Council or a Council committee (by law). It was decided that Township employees could sit on the committee and help in all matters, provided that they did not vote.

Caroline also spoke about speeding in the village, particularly with children all around in the summer. The Reeve said that if licence numbers are given to him, the Township Clerk, or Alan Glenn, they will be passed on to the police who have said that they will pursue the matter.

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Construction of the Helipad will start soon on the east side of the Stella 40' near the Township shed.

Then the subject of ferry rescheduling came up. There have been letters and phone calls to Council for and against the proposed schedule. Earl Willard, the Senior Captain, said that he did not consider the fifty minute schedule possible on a regular basis. After considerable debate, mostly good natured, it was decided to hold another public meeting, Monday July 25 at 8 pm at the Community Center. I strongly advise anybody who has an opinion on the timing of the early ferries to attend this meeting.

It appears that the Stella Ferry Dock needs much more serious repair work than originally thought, and a meeting with the people involved will be called.

The hydrogeological study of leachate from the dump has been received, and it appears that the Township has a reasonably clean bill of health, which is most satisfactory.

Noel McCormick has been awarded the contract to demolish the Annie Clyde house. He was the lowest of two bidders.

There will be a meeting of all the people involved in the 911 service to discuss some details on July 19th. Building permits were issued in June to Russell McGinn, Art McGinn, and to Peter Morgan.

There was considerable further discussion on people speeding through the village and failing to stop at the

stop sign. The Reeve reiterated the fact that if he is given the names or licence plate numbers and descriptions, the offenders will be reported to the police. The names of people who report the speeders will not be released. Until the police have names or licence plate numbers they cannot act.

There will be another, and it is hoped, final meeting to approve the revised Zoning By-law on August 29th at the Community Centre at 8:00 p.m. This is your last chance to have a say on the new Zoning By-law.

Council then went into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

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Township Of Amherst Island  
Notice of Public Meeting  
Monday, July 25 1994 8:00 pm

A.I.P.S. / Community Centre  
For consideration of proposed change in ferry schedule to accommodate the Lennox and Addington Board of Education's decision to begin Secondary School classes at 8:15 a.m.

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Township Of Amherst Island  
Notice of Public Meeting

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island intends to consider a proposed By-law to replace Zoning By-law Number 3-80. Pursuant to Section 34(12) of The Planning Act (R.S.O., 1990), Council will hold a public meeting on August 29, 1994 to outline the content and effect of the By-law and to afford an opportunity to persons to make a representation respecting the zoning proposal.

Public Meeting Place:

Community Centre, A. I. Public School  
Monday, August 29, 1994 8:00 p.m.

Written comments may also be submitted at the Public Meeting or submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer. For further information or to review a copy of the By-law being considered, please contact Diane Pearce, Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Amherst Island or phone (613) 389-3393 during regular business hours.

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Special Council Meeting July 11, 1994  
- Don Tubb

What is likely to be one of the last Council Meetings to discuss the Zoning By-law was held on July 11, 1994. Present were Reeve Willard, Councillors Murray and Woods, Clerk-treasurer Pearce, Consultant MacKenzie, Reporter Tubb, Members of Public Sylvia and Sylvester.

The main purpose of the meeting was to go over the

maps from the surveyor which show the boundaries of the Shoreline Zones on the north and south shores. After some considerable

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discussion of these areas, it was decided to have some minor adjustments made so the furthest extent of the zone better matched the rear boundaries of existing lots. No field surveying is likely needed to accomplish this so the changes should not take too long to do. Beyond this the text of the draft Zoning By-law was gone over with Robert MacKenzie showing where changes had been made. Generally these were put in to make interpretation of the document easier. All of this information is available at the Township Office during regular office hours. A few other items were dealt with before adjourning.

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A Letter from The Reeve

At the June Regular Session, Council passed the 1994 Budget for the Township of Amherst Island. The total raised for Township purposes will be \$614,140. which equals a 14.73% increase over 1993. This increase was finalized after much discussion and represents approximately the amount budgeted this year for the Back Beach expenditure.

Other points of interest include the payment of the balance owing for the Municipal Garage and the proposed expenditure of grant money for the building of a helipad for medical emergencies. The Roads budget has been increased to \$196,464. to cover additional expenditures resulting from the severe winter weather.

In an effort to have users pay for certain services, Council has increased fees for Building permits and animal control. Now the people who use these services will pay for them rather than the cost being a burden to the general taxpayer.

The Fire Department budget is currently \$27,800. for operating and capital expenditures. The Landfill Site will operate on \$8,500. for this fiscal year with another \$8,800. budgeted for capital purposes.

Council has worked very hard to hold the line. Our only major increase is due to the Back Beach. In January, on behalf of Council, I was able to negotiate a compromise agreement with Nut Island Farms Limited. As a result, an agreement is being drafted and will hopefully be signed soon.

In other levy matters, as Warden of Lennox and Addington County, it is my pleasure to pass on a 0% increase budget for 1994. This includes the swallowing of a 22% increase in General Welfare expenditure. Due to the vagaries of assessment, Amherst Island will pay

0.45% more or \$40,450 in total.

The school Boards, which levy most of your tax dollars, have asked for more. The Secondary Separate School levy has increased but 33.99% by the Elementary Separate School levy has decreased by 7.6%. The Public School Board has once again levied an increase and is asking for 7.4 1% more for elementary schools and 6.28% for secondary schools. In total, the Separate School Board will collect \$15,487. and the Public School Board will collect \$237,485.

If you would like to see or have a copy of the budget, please contact the municipal office during business hours.

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Support The Efforts OF Your Local Fire Department!!!

Raffle Tickets: \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00

Prize: Framed Print of "Morning Run"

Artist: Fred Werthman

Tickets: from firefighters or Glenn's Store

[Ed: With the cancellation of the Street Dance we do not know when or where the draw will be held.]

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to Tabytha Trotter who finished off the school year by breaking her arm in 2 places. Best wishes also to those who have been sick or in hospital this month - Anna Hitchins, Doug Lamb, Vera Hogeboom, AnneMarie Hitchins.

Welcome to our new and returning Island residents. Freda Youell will be moving into Ross and Beth Evans house this month. In Myrtle Veech's house we will soon have John, Diane (Henderson), Sarah and Samantha Pollock.

Welcome home also to Alan Kidd and Judy Roberts who have returned as full time residents after spending the last couple of years working in Europe.

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The Fire Department

The Volunteer Fire Department answered a call to a structural fire on June 15th, when Vince Aitken's workshop was burning. This was apparently caused by a bird's nest near an outside light getting too hot and starting the fire. According to Kingston dispatch, 911 was called at 11:40 p.m., the Fire Department was paged out at 11:41 p.m. and arrived at the fire seven minutes later. The fire was out after about half an hour. The roof of the building was badly damaged, but most of the walls and the contents were intact, but very wet

at the end.

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Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

Duncan and Coralie Marshall have again kindly offered to transport donations of fresh food produce to The Partners in Mission Food Bank. Please take any extra food you might grow to the 10 am ferry on Thursday mornings.

I know it is easier to dump extra lettuce etc on the compost pile, but please try to make the extra effort to get it to people who cannot afford enough food for their families.

If you expect to be away on holidays and your garden needs to be picked, call me for help at 389-3802. Remember that the soup kitchens are happy to receive the year-old contents of your freezer.

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Lob Ball Tournament

The Royal Canadian Legion Zone G-1 Tournament is being hosted this year by Amherst Island, on July 23.

Amherst Island will have a team taking part, so come out and give them your support. Donnie Miller has organized the team so if you would like to play, give him a call to see if there is still room for more players.

Barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs will be available as well as cold drinks and coffee. The bar opens at 11:30.

Hope to see you there.

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Island History Amherst Island House Tour July 9, 1994

- Janet Grace

As a fund raiser for the restoration of the Pentland Cemetery, the "Stone House Tour" held on July 9 was, by all accounts, a resounding success. The last stop on the tour was at Farnham where we held a Strawberry Social for tour guests.

We had expected about 40 guests but as the day approached the number increased to almost double that, leading to furious last minute efforts to cope with the larger numbers!

Fortunately we were blessed with perfect weather, glorious sunshine and a refreshing breeze from the lake. I think everyone enjoyed the opportunity to sit, have a cup of tea and some delicious strawberry shortcake, and enjoy the view from the lawns of Farnham (after walking up and down stairs for most of the afternoon)!

A special project was the creation of a catalogue of houses on the tour complete with pen and ink sketches drawn by Martin Smith of Ottawa. Last minute printing of the illustrated catalogue seemed an insurmountable

problem, however Peter Morgan undertook the project, delivered the catalogues within 24 hours and donated the whole cost of production to the Pentland Cemetery Fund! Many thanks Peter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank, also, the many people who helped make the Strawberry Social such a success: Dorothy McGinn, Irene Glenn, Helen Caughey, Beth Forester, Helen Miller, Coralie Marshall, Lisa McCarthy, Caroline and Helen Yull, Ted Wemp, Lisa Spano and Bill Hedges, my

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sister Joanne Flint and friend Anita Cooper, Kim Hedges and Martin Smith, sons Andrew and Richard and all the others who let us know that their help was available if needed. Thanks also to Cameron for helping pick all those strawberries and to husband Brian for the speedy painting and papering of Farnham.

We are, once more, gratefully aware that the community spirit of Amherst Island is alive and well. Please accept my personal thanks - it couldn't have been done without you.

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#### Glenn's Store

After more than 40 year's of service to the community Irene Glenn and her granddaughter Annette Phillips have reluctantly decided to shut down their grocery business and switch exclusively to movie rentals, cigarettes, junk food and confectionaries.

This will be on a six month trial basis and if not successful then the store part will close down completely.

The post office service will not be affected, nor will the hunting/fishing licences. Display space will be available for Island artists, craftspeople and woodworkers.

In a householder mailing they thanked their staff who have helped them over the years and their customers.

It was a difficult decision to make but with so many people commuting and buying their groceries on the mainland they were unable to compete with the high volume grocery chains on the mainland.

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#### Lenadco Walkathon In Memory Of Alva Morgan

Proceeds to Lennox and Addington Interval House. To make a pledge or donation please contact Marilyn Eves at 389-3056.

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#### Thank You Notes

I would like to say thanks to the Fire Department and Emergency Response Team for their quick response when our clothes line and house were hit by lightning. Thanks also to all the neighbours and friends who turned out to help us.

James, Marjorie, Kelly and Shannon Baker  
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May we take this opportunity to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all our wonder Island neighbours and friends who through their visits, phone calls, cards, goodies and many acts of kindness, expressed their concern for our well-being, during and after my recent surgery. A special note of thanks to all who assisted Helen during my stay in hospital.

God Bless  
Doug & Helen Lamb  
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We thank everyone for their support and enthusiasm for our Back Kitchen Restaurant.

The flowers, cards and well wishes are truly appreciated.

A special thanks to our families for donating their precious time to get the kitchen open on time and operational, and to Barbara Filson for her wonderful pies and tarts.

From the Back Kitchen  
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Following the resounding success of the fundraising 'Amherst Island House Tour' I feel that thanks should go out to a number of people actively involved in the organization of this event. From the dawn of an idea to the actualizing of the event, Bill Hedges and Bruce Caughey Sr. have been the driving force. Thank you Bill for your foresight and thanks to Bruce for the tremendous wealth of information and knowledge about the island and it's history - your efforts have been rewarded!

I would also like to thank John and Jean Baker, Bob and Catherine McMullen, Allison McNaught and Patrick Gray, Stan and Adrian Walters and Bruce and Susie Caughey for allowing so many guests to visit their homes and for being on hand to answer questions about the buildings and their origins - your cooperation and generosity is greatly appreciated. Our gratitude, as well, is offered to Bruce Caughey Sr. for overseeing St. Paul's Church and Pentland Cemetery locations during the tour and providing the tour guests with the history of these landmarks.

We were happy to have so many of the four hosts join us at Farnham in the late afternoon where they were able to join the tour guest in an informal and relaxed atmosphere, and enjoy a cup of tea and a few strawberries (while answering the many questions that their interested guests still had!)

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The Beacon thanks the Back Kitchen for their generous donation towards its printing costs. We really appreciate the extra help as all time is donated and prices do keep rising for paper and supplies. Thanks also to those who put a little extra in the can when buying the Beacon at the store and not to forget the others who sent in a donation for ads and announcements.

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#### Waterside Summer Festival

- Stanley Burke

It's a first for the island and already it's a sell-out success.

The Waterside Summer Festival, which is bringing outstanding Canadian musicians to Amherst Island sold out its first two concerts and, of the remaining three, tickets for two are gone.

"I'm more than ecstatic," said Jan Sneep, the tail-of-the-island resident who conceived the idea of a concert series at St. Alban's Church. "We had our doubts but we are extremely pleased at the way it's turning out."

Both audience members and musicians have expressed delight at the warm informal atmosphere of the concerts which are now expected to become part of island life. Many in attendance were off islanders who came specially for the occasions.

Pianist Valerie Lloyd-Watts of Kingston, soloist in the June 25th concert spoke for all performers when she said "I loved the atmosphere in that church; I felt the warmth of the community... I look forward to doing it again."

Ms. Lloyd Watts is an internationally-known, award-winning pianist, recording artist and author. Like other musicians, she agreed to perform without charge. All proceeds go to the church.

Rev. Ken Blaber, rector of St. Alban's, said he is delighted that greater use is being made of the church for community benefit.

"This is the kind of thing we should be doing," he said. "Wonderful...Bringing God's gift of music to the community."

David Hieatt, a member of the organizing committee, said "the quality of the concerts has been very high... the acoustics are magnificent... the whole thing has been fun."

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The series began June 18 with the "Wassermusik" group from Toronto organized by Inka Brockhausen. Ms Brockhausen a south shore weekend resident, says she dreams of becoming a 'fulltimer' and of establishing "Wassermusik" on this island. Members of the group have performed with, orchestras and music groups across Canada and in the United States.

The third concert, on Saturday July 16, will be a change of pace featuring Shane David and 'The Textures' presenting a combination of original music soft rock, blues, calypso, Australian folk, and 'sing-along'. Shane is from 'down under'.

The following concert on Sunday 31st, will be presented on two instruments which have probably never been seen on Amherst Island - a baroque lute and a theorboe, an early prototype of the modern oboe. The music, from the 17th and 18th centuries is described by committee member Caroline Yull as "simple, lyrical and pretty", the intimate kind of music which would have been played by amateurs in private homes. The artist will be Aaron Skitri, a noted musician who also plays the guitar. Skitri is an international citizen who was born in Egypt, studied in France and, coming to Canada, taught music at Queens and now lives in Toronto.

The final concert will be a feast of Celtic music, played on fiddles, tin whistles, dulcimer, guitar, banjo and the human voice, played by the Kingston Ceili Band. Music will be both traditional and modern and will come from the Celtic countries abroad and Celtic communities in Canada. 'Ceili' - pronounced cay-lee' - is the Gaelic word for a musical occasion.

Members of the organizing committee, in addition to Jan Sneep, were Lynn Fleming, Diane and David Hieatt, and Caroline Yull. Diane was primarily responsible for contacting performers. Caroline, Lynn, David and Jan organized publicity, new wiring and lighting in the church, accommodation, entertainment and food.

Hosts on the island providing hospitality and after concert receptions, were Jackie and Tom Sylvester, Janet and Brian Grace, and Diane Pearce. Hosts for forthcoming concerts will be the Hieatts, Harley and Caroline Smyth and Ardis and Dick Shurtleff.

Ticket sales, at a bargain \$8 price, are expected to raise \$1500 for the church.

Committee members are still occupied with the present series but are considering a young people's 'gig' at the school featuring a group with the unlikely name Born Again Pagans. Rev. Blaber is delighted. "Christians should have a sense of humour," he says.



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### Congratulations

Hearty congratulations to Diet Coke for producing a non-gender neutral commercial in their "11:30 Diet Coke Break". This is where a group of women working in an office building spend their morning break watching (with lust in their eyes) a well-muscled construction worker have his Diet Coke. I liked it but the question is really... Could they have done it with a group of men watching a woman? Hardly, I think..., but it was fun and well done so once again, congratulations.

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### For Your Information...

[Staff: We thought you might be interested in the following Township Notices which have passed through our hands lately.]

Township of Amherst Island

Notice of Pay Increase for Union Employees - June 1994

Wages for members of the bargaining unit have been increased to equal the rates awarded to MTO employees effective January 1, 1993.

The following indicates the revised rates effective June 29, 1994.

	Annual	Hourly
Senior Engineer	35,343.94	19.18
Engineer (2)	34,846.40	18.91
Engineer (1)	33,961.88	18.43
Mate (2)	30,497.51	16.55
Mate (1)	30,036.82	16.30
Purser (2)	27,899.23	15.14
Purser (1)	27,438.54	14.89
Deckhand (2)	27,567.54	14.96
Deckhand (1)	27,106.85	14.71
Deckhand (Prob.)	26,480.31	14.37
Roads (2)		13.77
Roads (1)		12.07
Probationary		11.55

more on next page

### Report to Council re Non Union Wage Increases

In accordance with Council's policy in this regard, time Negotiating Committee has recommended that the ferry captains receive a wage increase equal to the hourly rate paid to MTO ferry captains effective April 1, 1994.

Senior Captain	24.48
Captains	23.28

The Committee recommended that other full time non-union wages be adjusted accordingly, effective April 1, 1994.

Public Works Superintendent	17.47
Clerk-Treasurer	21.27

It was also agreed that, effective April 1, 1994, the Assistant to the Clerk Treasurer's hourly rate be increased as follows to reflect the responsibility an skill required for the position: a 10% increase on the hourly rate in lieu of employee benefits not paid to part time employees and the same percentage increase paid to full time non-union employees.

The new rate: \$15.55

Other part-time employees - 2% effective July 1, 1994, including as follows:

Building Inspector	10.74
Landfill site attendant	9.26

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### Community Calendar

July 23 Street Dance Cancelled

July 23 Lob Ball Tournament

July 25 Public Meeting Proposed Ferry Schedule  
Changes 8:00 p.m. at A.I.P.S.

July 31 Waterside Summer Festival Aaron Skitri 7pm  
at St. Alban's

August 2 Regular Council Meeting 8:00 p.m. in the  
Council Chambers

August 13 Waterside Summer Festival Kingston Ceili  
Band 7pm at St. Alban's

August 29 Public Meeting Zoning By-law meeting  
8:00 p.m. at A.I.P.S.

Oct 1 Anglican Church Bazaar

May 17, 2017 New Phone List Available (tentative)

date only)

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#### A Letter Home

Not much room today so let's yet going...

This is the middle of July and we have only 2% of out hay done. At this time in past years, we have been all done and sitting on the beach for the rest of the summer (ha... ha... that's a little joke about the beach part). We are still looking for the infamous Amherst Island drought which as far as I can remember lasted for about 3 days last month sometime. Hasn't the weather been weird for the last couple of years. Here it is past the middle of July and the Island is still green! Of well, we've just going to keep going and if we need the snow blower to clear the fields of snow to hay them then that's what we'll do.

Them nasty coyotes are still eating up our lambs. It's over 35 to date and mama coyote hasn't even brought her pups out of try hunting yet. Maybe she'll gorge herself to death.

We'll I had better sign off and maybe then will be more room next month.

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#### For Sale / Wanted

##### For Sale

7 1/2 cubic foot freezer in good condition.

30 day guarantee.

Bargain at \$150.00.

Phone 389-2674. B. Gregg.

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##### For Sale

Nintendo and 10 games for sale.

Best offer.

Scott and Sheri 530-2422.

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#### Now Available

A.I. T-shirts, Sweat shirts & Night shirts at Glenn's Store. Great gift ideas from the P.C.W.

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The Back Kitchen 389-7200

Take Out Food Restaurant in Stella

Everything from Burgers & Fries to Homemade Pies.

Hours: Sat - Thurs 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday 11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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#### Whig Home Delivery

If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4464.

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#### Now Available

We now have Co-op Propane for sale at John McGinn's.

Barbecue tanks 20 lbs, also 100 lbs and larger quantities can be arranged.

Call 384-3047

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#### Albertan Homes

Homes built or renovated.

Ken Albertan at 389-2662

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#### B & B Small Engine Repair

Call Bill Halferty at 389-1413

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#### Babysitting Kelly at 389-2404

Jessica at 389-3199

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#### Bible Study Group

Wednesday Mornings 9:30-11:00 am at the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

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#### Brown & White Eggs For Sale

Contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828

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#### Cisterns Filled

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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#### Clothing Repairs and Alterations

Drapes Made and Altered

Contact Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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#### Computer Assistance

Can help to build computer skills on many programs.

Call Jan at 634-1995

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#### General Contracting

New construction & renovations

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

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Glenn's Store 389-0417

Take Out Meal Counter  
Groceries  
Movies  
Post Office Hours  
Mon - Fri 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Mon - Fri 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 - 12:00 noon  
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GLM Construction  
General Contracting & Renovations & Designs  
Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456  
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'Hair I Come'  
No need to travel - I'll come to you.  
Specializing in permanent waves and outs.  
Call to arrange a, time.  
Shelly Glenn at 373-2128  
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House Cleaning  
Professionally trained house cleaner.  
Call Laurel at 384-6617  
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Painting Classes  
Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588  
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Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes On Sale  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588  
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Printing  
A complete printing and design service.  
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102  
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Portable Welding  
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172  
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Property Maintenance  
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned,  
painting.  
Call Bith at 389-9156

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#### Editor's Corner

Well, here we are again... It seems like only a month ago I was sitting here writing this intro. As you can see we have finally found a suitable graphic for this column. I think it captures the essence of an editor's feelings.

We have all our usual contributions this month including a rather exhaustive rundown of the big summer video movies - actually, Meynard only did the good ones leaving out ones like The Pelican Brief. There doesn't seem to have been a lot happening this last month but we do have a rather inordinately large amount of government items for your information. And we have a note written to us from our insurance company which might well prove to be of interest for many people.

A couple of our typo's have been pointed out to us. These involve money and so were not ignored like usual. Our proofers, always under pressure from the clock, don't often refer back to the original to check numbers so errors can occur.

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We Erred....

And Stand Corrected....

In the July Issue we reported the Senior Captain's new rate as \$24.48 when it should have been \$24.28. Also, in Reeve Willard's letter, we reported the total money to be raised for Amherst Island Township purposes as \$614,140 when it should have been \$164,140. We regret any inconvenience caused.

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Council Report August 2, 1994

- Chris Kennedy

Allan Caughey was away for the regular Council meeting. In addition to the regular Council meeting there was a Cemetery Committee meeting on July 11th, a Zoning By-law meeting on the same date and the public meeting about changes to the ferry schedule on July 25th.

The first item of business was a delegation of the Ferry Captains about their pay. Stephen Willard left the room for this item since his father is senior captain. In the past the ferry captain's pay has kept up with that of the M.T.O. captains at Wolfe Island. In January 1993 M.T.O. gave their captains a 16% pay increase, retroactive for two years. Neither our captains, nor Council were aware of the increase. When Council learned in July of the MTO increase, it gave the Captains parity with Wolfe Island, but only retroactive to April 1, 1994. Our captains asked that it be made retroactive to January 1993, in all a total of about \$30,000 that Council would have to find. Council does not have this money in the budget, and said that the only way it could be raised would be by increasing

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the price of ferry tickets. Council decided that, however justified the captains' claim, in these economic times an increase in the price of ferry tickets to cover a 16% retroactive pay increase would be extremely unpopular with all ferry users and turned down the captain's request.

The lawyers are still working on the Back Beach agreement.

The Road crew has been working on the helicopter pad and it is about finished. There will be a dumpster installed at the dump to take steel and cans. The Road crew will periodically put all the steel into the dumpster, which will be removed free of charge, rather than our Road crew having to haul it away.

The Ferry crew shop steward, Bob Marshall, requested a meeting with the Social Contract Negotiating Committee about the recent wage negotiations. The Township's labour lawyer has said that in his opinion Council has been acting within the terms of the Social Contract. Council requested that any further concerns be brought to Council's attention by the legal department of the ferry union, O.P.S.E.U.

Council refused a request from Legion Branch 631 (Collins Bay) for donations and help with fund raising. Council does not consider its duty to distribute public funds to any charity.

Three building permits were issued in July; to Keith

and Shirley Miller, for an addition to their home; to Vince Aitken, to repair fire damage to his workshop and to Shirley Halferty for a deck.

Council then adjourned shortly after 9:00 pm.

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Notice of Public Meeting

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island intends to consider a proposed Bylaw to replace Zoning By-law Number 3-80. Pursuant to Section 34(12) of the Planning Act (R.S.O. 1990), Council Will hold a public meeting on August 29, 1994 to outline the content and effect of the By-law and to afford an opportunity to persons to make a representation respecting the zoning proposal.

##### Public Meeting Place:

Community Centre, A. I. Public School

Monday, August 29, 1994 8:00 p.m.

Written comments may also be submitted at the Public Meeting or submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer.

For further information or to review a copy of the Bylaw being considered, please contact Diane Pearce, Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Amherst Island or phone (613) 389-3393 during regular business hours.

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#### Special Council Meeting July 25, 1994

- Don Tubb

A Special Meeting of Council was held this evening to discuss changing the ferry schedule. All members of Council were there as were: the Assistant to the Clerk-Treasurer (Ida Gavlas), Mr Roger Richards (an administrator with the L&A School Board), our representative on the L&A School Board (Bruce Caughey), about 30 interested members of the public, and, last but not least (in my eyes for sure) reporters for the Napanee Beaver and the Beacon.

This discussion of changes was prompted by a request from the L&A School Board for the 7:50 a.m. boat to leave 10 or 15 minutes earlier so it would better accommodate the new school starting time of 8:15 a.m. This was the 4th meeting on this subject and Reeve Willard opened the meeting with a proposed schedule which follows:

#### Leaving Times

A.I. Millhaven

6:00 a.m. 6:20

6:50 7:15

7:40 8:10

9:00 9:30

As you might expect, this prompted a lot of discussion for the next hour or so with at least 60% of the people present speaking on the subject. Protests of this schedule, of the School Board's attitude (or, more correctly, perceived attitude), of whether anything other than a one hour schedule can be maintained and of just about everything you can imagine were discussed.

About a half dozen other schedules were

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proposed with none meeting everyone's criteria but in the end Council decided on the following:

#### Leaving Times

A.I. Millhaven

5:55 a.m. 6:20

6:45 7:15

7:35 8:15

9:00 9:30

etc

The above schedule will be in force starting on the first day of school this year (Tuesday September 6, 1994) and the same schedule will run seven days a week all year long. The meeting was called to order shortly after 8:00 p.m. and adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to those who have been in hospital this month - Kaye McGinn, Irene Glenn and Anne Marie Hitchins. All are recovering at home, Best wishes also to Lillian Miller who broke her wrist in a fall.

Our sympathy to Jean McIntyre on the recent death of her brother-in-law in England.

A 90th birthday party was held at Peter and Eleanor Trueman's last month for Louise Seaman.

Congratulations!

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Harvest Chicken Pie Supper

Saturday, September 10, 1994 from 5-7 p.m. at  
Amherst Island Community Hall, sponsored by St.  
Paul's P.C.W.

Tickets available from Annette at Glenn's Store 389-  
0417, or from Beth 389-5582.

Adults- \$7.50 Children (10 and under)- \$3.30

Advance Tickets

Only a limited number available at the door.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E.S. McIntyre

The July meeting of the Women's Institute was held  
on Wednesday, July 20th. at the home of Mrs. Marion  
Glenn. The meeting opened with the ode and collect and  
0 Canada. After the business meeting, the President  
Mrs. Jean Baker gave an account of her visit to the  
Queen Charlotte Islands and some history of the Haida  
Indians who inhabit that area. She also showed slides  
which showed some of the lovely countryside of the  
Queen Charlottes. A very interesting and informative  
evening.

The August meeting is on August 17th and is a trip  
to the museum at Ameliasburg and then a pot luck  
supper by the lake with members of other W.I. groups.

September meeting - September 21st. at the home of  
Jean McIntyre.

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Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

Duncan and Coralie Marshall regularly transport  
donations of fresh food produce to The Partners in  
Mission Food Bank. Please take any extra food you  
might grow to the 10 am ferry on Thursday mornings.

Earl Tugwell will drive Thursday August 25. We  
aren't sure of a driver for September 1st so call me if  
you have food.

If you expect to be away on holidays and your  
garden needs to be picked, call me for help at 389-3802.

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Please Note

The Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Department  
Requests Anyone Burning Trash Or Whatever Outside  
To Contact In Advance Fire Chief Phil Silver at 384-  
3188 Or The Township Office 383-3393.

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I.S.L.E.

Volunteer Update

The teachers at Amherst Island Public School are  
looking for volunteers to help students during the fall  
term in the following ways:

- Editing and publishing student books (1 person for 1  
morning per week)
- Making audio tapes of children's stories and taping  
musical selections (1 person for 1 hour per week)
- Woodworking (1 person for 1 hour per week)
- Cooking for the primary class (1 person for 1 hour  
every 2 weeks)
- Cooking for the senior class (1 person twice a week  
for 1 hour at a time in November)
- Listening to children read (schedule open)
- Writing & spelling tutorial (1 hour twice a week)
- Story telling (schedule open)
- Scheduling "careers" speakers for senior class  
(schedule open)
- Holiday Craft Night volunteers to demonstrate  
students and parents making crafts (1 evening in  
December)

In the past volunteers on Amherst Island have  
contributed their time most generously to enrich the  
lives of the students. We look for your continued  
support.

Mrs. Keitha Smith & Mrs. Mary Farrar  
p.s. Contact Susie Caughey (389-2012) if you are  
willing to help.

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Township of Amherst Island

Ameriks Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Reeve Frank Fleming

Purpose: subject to the conditions, to provide financial  
assistance to any student attending any recognized  
institute of higher learning

Conditions: that the student has had a residency of at  
least live years on Amherst Island.

Applications, available from the Township Office, will  
be received at the Township Office until September 21,  
1994.

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Napanee Interval House

Keith Miller was the proud recipient of an award for  
100 Volunteer Hours for Lennox and Addington  
Interval House last month. Keith helps women move out  
of the shelter to set up their first apartments with their  
kids. He also does general repairs in the House.

Keith says some of the women start with only three  
or four boxes of clothes and basic supplies. They often  
have no beds, minimal bedding and few or no  
appliances.

Keith is appealing on their behalf to Islanders. Basic household items such as appliances, furniture, kitchen supplies and bedding are desperately needed. No clothes please.

Keith will pick up. Call him at 389-2588.

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#### Thank You Notes

To The First Response Team

A sincere thank you on your fast arrival at our cottage after the 911 call when Peter Duff was injured while sail-boarding. It is very comforting to know the team is available in time of emergency.

A special thanks to Jeff Millard for his rescue of Peter from the water.

Peter & Jill Duff / Flora & Jim Scott

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Beth & Jack Forester wish to say thank you to relatives, friends and neighbours, who helped them celebrate their 25th Anniversary. We sincerely appreciate your attendance at the party, the gifts, cards, and good wishes from so many people.

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Lorna and I wish to thank your Island friends for their presence and the lovely cards and gifts brought to my ninetieth birthday celebration at the Trueman home on July 31st.

The Women's Institute catered with delicious food, sending three of their members, including the president to assist in serving.

The day was perfect and the party wonderful. The Island spirit of friendship is a splendid thing to experience and made it a memorable day.

Louise Seaman and Lorna.

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#### Congratulations

##### Graduation Congratulations

(from the August 10th Napanee Beaver)

Chad Miller - 89%

Son of Donald and Judy Miller, organized and participated in numerous athletic and musical activities at Ernestown Secondary School. He represented the school in provincial and national competitions and headed the Intramural Committee. In 1994-95 he will attend Trent University in the Education programme on a scholarship.

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#### Congratulations

Bonnie Marshall will be 12 years old as of August 22nd and is ready and willing to babysit. Bonnie's business number is 389-0554.

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#### Beacon Awards

To the Ontario NDP we give the its A Good Idea but Lets Not Over Do it Award. While it may be debatable how effective controlling ammunition will be in reducing crime, it hardly seems worth the effort to lump BB's in with all other types. Apparently you will have to be 18 years old and with photo I.D. (and presumably with a legal BB gun) before you can buy a pack. I mean.. How many violent crimes are committed with BB guns where the gun is loaded and used?!

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This is not an award but simply a comment from a non-fan with respect to the fight between the NHL 'old timers' and the owners over the pension fund... "Why do the NHL owners and hacks always come off looking so sleazy?"

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#### A Good Idea

It's not a big idea but still a good one... Moulinex has come out with a coffee maker that does not have the standard carafe and heating element below. Instead the coffee drips into a thermos carafe with no heating element. This eliminates bitter coffee while keeping the coffee warm for 4 hours or more. Not too shabby an idea from my point of view....

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#### Job Posting

The Township Of Amherst Island is calling for applications for the position of Deckhand on the Amherst Islander.

Probationary Hourly rate: \$14.37

After successful probationary, period: \$14.71

An outline of the job description and qualifications is available at the Township Office. Written applications stating qualifications and experience will be received at the Township Office until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 31, 1994.

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#### Meynard Laltin Reviews

Its time to get back to work and see some movies. Its been a very good year for videos as you may note even from the few below. I've got some real gems this month and some good ones too, so without further intro

### Searching For Bobby Fischer

A very fine movie about a 7 year old who, along with his family and others, discovers he has a gift for chess. Fine performances all the way around and a 'must see'. {8 out of 10 rating shown in a graphic form}

### Philadelphia

A good movie which got more attention because of its topicality than because of its entertainment or technical merit. Still worth a watch and really when push comes to shove it is what a good movie is supposed to be - entertaining, well acted and with something to say. Tom Hanks won an Oscar and Denzel Washington got a nomination. {7 out of 10 rating shown in a graphic form}

### Grumpy Old Men

Walter Mathau, Jack Lemmon and Anne Margaret provide the talent to take what one would expect to be a fairly mediocre movie and elevate it to pretty decent comedy. And for once the humor is not directed at kids. So if you like your comedy on the farcical side, this movie will suit you well. {7 out of 10 rating shown in a graphic form}

### The Piano

Holly Hunter and Harvey Keitel give spectacular performances in this unusual story. Its beautifully shot but so intense you feel you're a peeping tom on these peoples lives. Another 'must see'. {8 out of 10 rating shown in a graphic form}

### The Boat (Das Boot)

An older movie (1981 German) about the crew of a German U-boat. Its obviously taken a few years for me to get around to seeing this masterpiece but the wait was worth it. I'm not going to say more except: first, its a war movie and second, its as good a movie as I have ever seen. {9 out of 10 rating shown in a graphic form}

### Shadowlands

A couple of years in the life of C.S. Lewis starring Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger. A slow moving but very worthwhile movie. {8 out of 10 rating shown in a graphic form}

### The Remains Of The Day

Another Anthony Hopkins film which might be his best performance to date. He plays a butler in a large English country house with the story starting in the 1930's. Emma Thompson is also very good as the Head Housekeeper. No one could do his role better than Hopkins - just stunning if you like slower paced films. Another 'must see'... {8 out of 10 rating shown in a graphic form}

### What's Eating Gilbert Grape

Johnny Depp and Juliette Lewis star in this human drama about Depp's (Gilbert's) family and what

happens when Lewis blows into town. Excellent performances by everyone, particularly by Gilbert's brother whose name I've forgotten. Well worth watching. {7 out of 10 rating shown in a graphic form}

Fearless  
And they keep right on coming.... Another really good film starring Jeff Bridges (the skinny one of Jeff and Beau) and Rosie Perez. The story of two plane crash survivors who are put together so they might just be able to help each other - one is fearless and one is paralyzed with fear. While there are problems with this movie, there are some very powerful scenes which blew me away. Another in a very good line of 'must sees'... {7 out of 10 rating shown in a graphic format}

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### Job Posting

The Township Of Amherst Island will receive applications for the position of Temporary Part Time Deckhand 1 on the Amherst Islander.

Hourly Rate: \$14.37

An outline of the job description and qualification is available from the Township Office. Written applications stating qualifications and experience will be received at the Township Office until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 31, 1994.

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### For Your Information...

#### Fuel Leakage from Oil Tanks

(Thomson and Jemmett Insurance Limited)

Over the past year, our company has sustained a number of substantial property losses resulting from the rupture of residential oil tanks. In all cases, the rupture was caused by corrosion of the tank from the inside.

Our experience has caused us to do some research on oil tank deterioration. Over time, condensation within the tank will run to the bottom of the tank, usually near the outlet pipe. As oil and water will naturally separate, water settling below the oil, this moisture will, over time, corrode the bottom of the tank. Eventually, the weight of oil causes the tank to burst. The actual time required for full deterioration will vary according to individual conditions; however, evidence suggests that in general the effective life of these tanks is twenty years.

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### Coincidentally, the Day Prior

- Don Tubb

My off Island job is to inspect houses for people buying them which has become a relatively standard



condition of an 'offer to purchase'. In that capacity, I see lots of interesting situations but had never considered the costs involved in an oil spill until recently.

The day prior to receiving the above letter I was contacted about a case just like this in the Kingston area. Apparently a furnace oil tank had ruptured draining its contents into the soil. Some got into the basement and through the sump pump was discharged into the front ditch which drained some of it into Lake Ontario. The Ministry of Environment then swung into action and required the owner to discharge the sump pump into a large holding tank, the contents of which is hauled away to a disposal site. The soil around that end of the house was removed. The garage floor was dug up and it, plus the soil under it, was removed. This contaminated waste was hauled to the Hamilton area which was the nearest site that could handle such material. Apparently further testing is still in progress on the soil around the house with it likely that more will need removing.

The bottom line was reported to be \$75,000 to date (one person said over a \$100,000). The home owner's insurance covered the cost but you can see that this is no trivial matter and that it is very important that you make sure your insurance covers this sort of environmental damage. This \$100,000+ was spent to clean up less than 200 gallons of furnace oil.

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[Staff: We also received a copy of the Township of Amherst Island Assessment Information 1993 and thought it might be of interest so...]

Township Of Amherst Island Assessment Information 1993

Assessment Base:	1993	1992
Residential/Farm	740,629	730,286
Commercial / Industrial	1,219	1,219
Business Assessment	515	515
Grantable Assessment	1,078	772
Exempt Assessment	34,553	32,911
# of Properties	440	434
# of Households	254	255
# of Assessment Units	517	518
- Residential	316	313
- Commercial / Industrial	6	6
- Farm	164	163
- Other	10	15
# of Business Tenancies	4	4
# of Valid Sales	7	12
Population	398	398

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Another Good Idea

Talking books are in... no doubt about it and with all the time spent travelling to the mainland and back, they should be a big hit on the Island. We have been renting or buying them from Blackstone Audio Books (P.O. Box 969, Ashland, OR 97520 1-800-729-2665) which puts out a decent catalog. It must have hundreds of titles. We've 'read' novels like Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy on 9 one and one half hour tapes; Atlas Shrugged on 38 one and one half hour tapes; along with history, philosophy, and just general interest. A tremendous idea for those endless hours in the car.

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Community Calendar

August 29... Public Meeting Zoning By-law meeting

8:00 p.m. at A.I.P.S.

August 31... Deckhand and Temporary Part Time

Deckhand applications due.

September 6... New Ferry Schedule takes effect.

September 10... Harvest Chicken Pie Supper 5-7 p.m.  
at the A.I. Community Hall

September 21... Women's Institute Regular Meeting at  
the home of Jean McIntyre

September 21... Ameriks Scholarship Fund applications  
due.

October 1... Anglican Church Bazaar

December 25... Christmas

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[Ed. The following is a late addition to the notices and  
because of the lateness of the hour will be done up here  
rather than disturbing the sleeping Beacon above this  
page.]

#### Controlled Deer Hunt

Non-property owners need to apply before August  
31, 1994 at the, Ministry of Natural Resources office in  
Napane (only).

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#### A Letter Home

When we left you last, we were about 2% done with  
making hay. We are both pleased and displeased to say  
that we are now around 90%. At this rate, we expect to  
finish November 24th. It's been quite a summer with no  
long hot sunny period so we can get really cranked up.  
Instead we've piddled along and, in fact, I don't think  
that we've baled a hundred large round bales in a single  
day yet.

On the coyote front, we think that mamma coyote  
has brought here pups out and is teaching them to hunt.  
We had 4 killed and 4 wounded in one night a week or  
so ago.

I went looking for paper to print the Beacon which is  
69 gram/square metre weight as Gestetner no longer  
carries it. I was amazed at not being able to find it  
anywhere but I haven't given up yet. This weight of  
paper gives us (3 pages and an envelop for the standard  
letter rate. Twenty pound paper leaves us with only 5  
pages for the basic mailing rate. Now it isn't too often  
we need those 6 sheets but sometimes we are swamped  
with items so it's nice to have some around.

Renovations proceed apace with two bedrooms now  
in progress but the biggest change around here has been  
the new machinery work shop. This allows us to work  
all night as well as in the daytime. Aren't we lucky?  
Actually, it has been nice not to be fixing machinery, in  
the driveway as our equipment had long ago out grown  
the garage.

Got to get some sleep so until next month... bye bye.

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#### For Sale / Wanted

Lost Christopher Bronson, Art Ackerman's 12 year old  
grandson while visiting the Island, lost \$20 between his  
grandfather's house and Glenn's Store. He will pay a  
reward of \$5 the person who found and returns it.

Thank you. 389-6425

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#### Lost your blue umbrella?

Elizabeth Judd, 544-5502 took your light blue umbrella  
by mistake from the Kingston Celli Band concert.

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#### For Sale

1 Wooden (Poster Style) Queen Size bed frame.

1 Mattress and box spring double size.

Good condition. 389-4874

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#### Now Available

Fresh Vegetables for sale at Glenn's Store or by calling  
Baker's at 389-2404.

Coming soon, watermelon, cantaloupe, many types of  
squash and tomatoes.

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#### For Sale

Purebred Shih-Tzu Puppies

For sale - available September 8th.

Call 389-0643

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#### Free For The Taking

Free Fridge - working order

Tom or Audrey 389-0105

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#### Watercolour Classes

12 weeks - Amherstview School

7 - 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Classes start the week of September 19th.

Registration is at Ernestown High School

September 12,13,14 from 6 - 8:30 p.m.

For information please call 389-2588.

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#### The Back Kitchen 389-7200

Take Out Food Restaurant in Stella.

Everything from Burgers and Fries to

Hot Dinners and Homemade Pies.

Hours:

Through September 3, 1994

Sat-Thurs 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday 11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Hours: Sept 6. Sept 30

Monday-Wednesday closed

Thursday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m.- 7 p.m.

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Wanted To Buy

Log roller, for rolling newspaper into firelogs.

Call 389-0417

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LIN - SAR - Mechanical - Peter Wemp

Heating and Cooling - Sheet metal fabrication and installation.

Office: 475-5467 Home: 478-5417

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Now Available

A.I. T-shirts, Sweat shirts & Night shirts at Glenn's Store. Great gift ideas from the P.C.W.

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Whig Home Delivery

If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.

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Albertan Homes

Homes built or renovated. Ken Albertan at 389-2662

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B & B Small Engine Repair

Call Bill Halferty at 389-1413

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Babysitting Kelly at 389-2404

Jessica at 389-3199

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Bible Study Group

Wednesday Mornings 9:30-11:00 am at the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

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Brown & White Eggs for Sale

Contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828

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Cisterns Filled

Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071

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Clothing Repairs and Alterations

Drapes Made and Altered

Contact Tena Tugwell at 389-5569

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Computer Assistance

Can help to build computer skills on many programs.

Call Jan at 634-1995

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General Contracting

New construction & renovations

Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434

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Glenn's Store 389-0417

Take Out Meal Counter

Groceries Movies

Post Office Hours

Mon - Fri 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Mon - Fri 2:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 - 12:00 noon

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GLM Construction

General Contracting & Renovations & Designs

Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456

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House Cleaning

Professionally trained house cleaner.

Call Laurel at 384-6617

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Painting Classes

Call Shirley Miller at 388-2588

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Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes on Sale

Call Keith Miller at 389-2588

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Printing

A complete printing and design service.

Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102

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Portable Welding

Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172

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### Propane

We now have Co-op Propane for sale at John McGinn's.

Barbecue tanks 20 lbs. also 100 lbs and larger quantities can be arranged.

Call 384-3047

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### Property Maintenance

Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, painting. Call Bob Horth at 389-2916

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### Pumps Of All Kinds

Rural Water System Maintenance

Call Tom Miller at 389-0105

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### Shorewell Maintenance

Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078

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### Visitors Welcome at

Watercolours Et Cetera

3rd. Concession (389-2688)

If we are home, we are open.

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### Winter Storage for Boats, RV's, etc

Call Vince Aitken at 389-5546

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Editor's Corner

Hey... take a look at the masthead,... yes, that's number 200 up there!!! We never gave any thought to ever reaching a specific number when we took over the production of the Beacon at Issue #82 in November '84 but that is really something to think about - for the last 10 years we have been here to get an issue out. We are - just in case anyone didn't know - Sally Bowen, Chris Kennedy, Dianne Marshall, Ian Murray and Don Tubb. Leslie Gavlas has taken care of the accounts and subscriptions for many years now and we have recently been blessed with Caroline Ackerman's word processing abilities. Many others have helped over the years collating.

Also there been many contributors for whom we are eternally grateful. With apologies to anyone we have forgotten, the following have contributed articles other than 'Thank You' notes, ads, etc (the list would be too long):

Caroline Ackerman, Ken Albertan, Georgie Allison, Norman Allison, Jean Baker, Kelly Baker, Head Banger, Nikki Banks, Crystal Bedford, Rick Bedford, Stanley Burke, A. Bruce Caughey, Amy Caughey, Bruce Caughey, Jill Caughey, Lori Caughey, Susie Caughey, Donna Chadband, Peggie Coulter, Gordon Crouse, David Cunningham, Michael Dawber, Elsie Densem, Shannon Eves, Connie Fabian, Tessa Fabian, Mary Ferar, Hugh Filson, Angela Fleming, David Fleming, Genevieve Fleming, Karen Fleming, Lyn Fleming, Stephanie Fleming, Wendy Fleming, Beth Forester, Jeff Forester, Julie Forester, Douglas Gavlas, George Gavlas, Ida Gavlas, Jessica Gavlas, Leslie Gavlas, Mary Glen, Allan Glenn, Bert Glenn, Chris Glenn, Madeleine Glenn, Marian Glenn, Irene Glenn, Carly Grace, Janet Grace, Shirley Halferty, John Hall,

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September 1994 Yea For Us!!:

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Crash Landing on Island!

Alan Kidd plus passengers Sally Bowen and her son Jacob Murray experienced a mechanical failure causing Alan's plane to flip onto its back while landing on his island air strip. The Fire Department and the First Response Team were called to the site plus an ambulance and eventually the air ambulance. No one suffered major injuries with Alan walking away with general soreness; Sally still has sore back and neck: and Jacob took 13 stitches to close a rather nasty cut to the forehead. All three had what is called 'seat belt trauma' after being suspended upside down. Sally and Jacob were air lifted to KGH directly from the site in the air ambulance helicopter. They both returned to the Island around supper time. For an event which held such danger, it is rather amazing that nothing more serious occurred.

Sally and Jacob were being given a sight seeing

flight around the area by Alan that morning. After touching down, the front wheel rim came apart causing the tire to suddenly deflate causing the wheel to dig in a bit causing it to break off leaving a rather solid steer shaft sticking down from the plane. This ploughed into the ground slowing the plane very quickly and causing it to stand on its nose. It then fell onto its back.

Thankfully, the plane was going slowly or it would have skidded on us back more than the few feet it did perhaps causing some more structural damage to the cabin which remained intact or damaging the fuel tank. Now all of the above is more or less pieced together from what evidence was available from the crash scene. The plane was similar to the graphic and is likely a write-off as far as repairing is concerned.

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#### Council Report September 6, 1994

- Don Tubb

Chris was out spreading fertilizer so I am taking over his duties tonight as Beacon reporter. All Council members were present for this Regular Meeting of Council which started a little late because the Special Meeting (Zoning By-law) ran late. There were some 10 or so interested members of the public in attendance.

#### Delegation To Council

After the usual preliminaries, Council asked for public input and they got a report from several interested members of the audience on how well the first day of the new ferry schedule worked with regard to school beginning - it didn't, to be blunt. Council heard that the students were late for home room. Council and Island residents had been told that school was to begin at 8:15 but were surprised to find out today that home room begins at 8:00 a.m. They were also surprised to find out that the children had been dropped off at the mainland dock when coming back in the afternoon despite assurances from school board administrators that they would not be left unsupervised or without shelter. To that end Council quickly decided to hold a Public Meeting on Thursday September 15th to discuss the situation. Council's starting position will be to alter the morning leaving times to on the hour so the children can get to school on time. And, to hold the 2:30 p.m. boat for their return (like they used to do with the 3:30 p.m.). Along with this, Council decided to fax a letter to the L&A Board of Education noting with displeasure the changed starting time and the fact that the students were dropped off on the mainland dock. It was the general feeling of those present that there are no winners in this situation with the School Board being a power unto itself. It makes promises which are not kept and puts Council into the position that after following the

Board's recommendations it finds out that the Board has changed the rules without notice. There was a lot of frustration moving around the room. Even the point about there being express buses to the high schools was thrown into doubt as they made stops other than at the Millhaven dock.

#### Public Works Report

Public Works Superintendent, Stuart Miller, gave his monthly summary of the crew's doings plus planned work. Highlights are:

- the helicopter pad is virtually done with only the cones needed (Thursday September 13th is their scheduled installation date),

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- Charlie Howard's hill (between the Second and Third on the Emerald 40 foot) will be lowered to make it not so much of a blind hill,
- signs will be posted on the dock as soon as they are available to reserve enough space for Township vehicles to both park and turn around plus keeping clear the space around the Fire Department's fire hydrant.

#### Fire Notice

Apparently the Fire Chief is still not happy about the lack of notice the department gets when people have fires. Council will consider at its next meeting writing a by-law to require a permit.

#### Recreation Committee

Council expressed some reservations about a skeet shoot that the Rec. Committee is considering for Sunday, September 18th. One other item that came out of the Rec. Committee report is that Duncan Ashley will be declaring his candidacy for Reeve.

#### Budget Update

Council had a budget progress report from the Clerk-Treasurer. The figures supplied were to the end of July and it appears that it will be 'very tight'. The Clerk thought that by next month it will be clearer as to where we stand - presumably whether adjustments need to be made.

#### Quarry Site Plan

A site plan for the quarry is required and the Township has received an unsolicited and unofficial estimate of \$4-\$5000 from a consultant. This figure was thought to be reasonable judging from the experience of other Townships. However, Council has already given the job to the Public Works Superintendent who will get help if needed. This, it is

expected, will reduce the costs significantly.

#### Landfill Site

A letter from M.O.E. says that we have been given a \$5000 grant to determine the present site capacity of the waste management site which Malroz Consultants will now do. We did not receive approval for a grant for site expansion.

#### Union Grievance

A fairly lengthy discussion ensued concerning a union grievance. Apparently the grievance is a 'policy' one and concerns some money paid to the crew which violates the Social Contract somehow. Council did not view dealing with this with any relish but left any decisions to the closed session after the Regular Meeting. There was not enough information in the discussion to say more than this so you will have to ask your members of council for the details.

#### Back Beach

A copy of the current draft of the Back Beach agreement was available and was discussed for some time. The general feeling was that with changes, it would be an adequate agreement. Reeve Willard made some recommendations which were agreed to by Council and which now will be passed onto our lawyer. Council will try to expedite the matter to have, at least, a signed 'agreement in principal' before this Council leaves office.

#### Zoning By-law

The Zoning By-law will be passed at the October meeting with the most recent changes included.

#### The End

Council dealt with a number of other items before adjourning at 10:30 p.m. to go into closed session to deal with hiring a full time and a part time deckhand and plus the grievance plus a request for a crew change.

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Ameriks Scholarship Fund

##### In Memory Of Reeve Frank Fleming

Purpose: subject to the conditions, to provide financial assistance to any student attending any recognized institute of higher learning.

Conditions: that the student has had a residency of at least five years on Amherst island.

Applications, available from the Township Office, will be received at the Township Office until September 21, 1994.

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#### Special Council Meeting August 29 & September 6 - Don Tubb

Two Special Meetings of Council were held to continue the discussions on the Zoning By-law. The first was held in the Community Centre with 12 members of the public in attendance plus all member of Council and, of course, Robert MacKenzie (can I stop saying 'our consultant' now that this process is almost over?). The second meeting was, more or less, a continuation of the first - a sort of long adjournment to give council members and Robert time to think about the requests from the first

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meeting. I will try to deal with this as one meeting. There was no general opposition to the Zoning Bylaw from those present at either meeting. Many of those who came out did so to ask for zone exceptions for one reason or another. I will not go into the details of these but will simply list those lots where zone exceptions were asked for that I have record of so you can see whether any are near enough that they might affect your property:

- Ken Albertan (PtLt B, Con 3)
- Jackie Sylvester (PtLt 11, Con. SS)
- Ida Gavlas (PtLt 24, Con 1)
- Topsy Farms (PtLt 1, Con 1)
- John & Jean Baker (PtLt 1, Con 1)
- Kingston (PtLt 11, Con. SS)
- Clinton Kilpatrick (Lt 50, Con 2)
- Dave Willard (PtLt 18, Con. SS)
- Judd (PtLt 3, Con. SS)

All of these zone exceptions got difficult to keep track of so I am more than a little hazy as to their individual outcome. There was a general note to be added to all exceptions in the Village and Shore zones for those who requested zone exceptions so they can have farm animals on their properties - a maximum of 2 animal units will be permitted. There was discussion of making this a General Provision providing all other zoning conditions were met but I do not know how this will end up being incorporated into the by-law.

One other change of note was that the maximum area of an accessory building or structure will be set at 100 square meters which is a little under 1000 square feet (this is located in section 3.1.c).

The definition of Home Industry (Sec. 2.54) has been modified to make it clearer. The word associated will be used in place of accessory. This will result in: Home Industry means a use associated with a single-unit dwelling house...

The V-2 zone exception will be modified so it has the same limitations on livestock facilities as does the

corresponding Shoreline Zone exception both of which are found in Section 3.3.b.i.

A 20 meter setback will be the minimum allowed in Section 3.1.iii.

As far as I can determine, Council will pass the Zoning By-law at the next Council meeting (October 3, 1994). If I may be so bold as to say.... Thank Goodness for small miracles!! It has been a very long time since we started this process with the Official Plan. The last year has been particularly difficult with few meetings spread far apart - continuity was impossible to maintain so we all will have to see what the end product is like.

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#### Turkey Supper & Sale

Sponsored by the Anglican Church Women at the Amherst Island Community Centre: on Saturday, October 1, 1994 starting at 5:00 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$10.00

Children (5-12 yrs) \$5.00

Tickets Available At The Door

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Best wishes to Sally Bowen and Jacob Murray, making great recoveries from minor injuries after a plane crash last weekend. Pilot Alan Kidd was unharmed. A wheel apparently malfunctioned during the landing. The plane crash also marked the first time the air ambulance was put to use here. (I'm sure that was a great comfort to the plane crash victims.)

Best wishes to Emily Tugwell and Faye Wemp, both of whom have been ill this month.

In famous people news (for those who don't follow current music trends) Amherst Island's own Jeff Pearce has become an international famous rock star. Jeff is with the Vancouver Band "Moist". Their first album has sold more than 50,000 copies; they have a music video getting regular air play on MTV and Much Music and have recently been nominated for the Much Music "Music Video Award". Congratulations Jeff, and the best of luck!

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#### Food Bank

- Sally Bowen

The Partners in Mission Food Bank continues to be grateful for fresh food donations received, and to be hopeful for more. Times are still tough, and many families still need help to feed themselves decently.

It doesn't matter whether you have large quantities to contribute. If you have just a little extra, please bring

it to the 10 o'clock ferry for the Marshall's to pick up

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and deliver.

Thanks to Earl Tugwell who kindly filled in the transportation gap left by Duncan and Coralie's brief absence from the island this month.

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#### Island History

Was Stella Really An Emerald Esther?

- Michael Dawber

For years people have been looking for the origin of the name "Stella". When the village post office opened in 1860, no-one seems to have recorded the reason why Stella was chosen at the time.

An obvious potential source is the Perceval family, who took control of Amherst Island in the 1850s. A female relative of Robert Perceval-Maxwell could have inspired the name. However, historian Tom Sylvester has informed me that a search of the Perceval family tree failed to turn up any Stellas. There is a town called Stella in Northumberland, England, but there's no obvious reason why that Stella would have been the inspiration.

The best clue to Stella's origin may come from the Island's other village, Emerald. Emerald Post Office opened on the same date as Stella's, which makes me think the Percevals had similar motivations for choosing both names. The Island's large Irish population can explain Emerald, Ireland being, of course "the Emerald Isle". Could Stella also come from Ireland?

As I discovered, there was a famous Irish Stella, though that wasn't really her name. Lady Esther "Stella" Johnson was the lover of Jonathan Swift, the noted Irish satirist and author. One of Swift's books, Journal to Stella, was written in her honour, Stella being the nickname by which Swift referred to her. He had been her tutor as a child, and the two remained intimate friends until Johnson's premature death in the 1700s.

Could a fan of Swift's have suggested the name of Stella Post Office from this work?

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

Notice Re:

Preliminary List of Electors

Municipal Elections Act (Section 28(4))

The preliminary list of all electors prepared as required by the Municipal Act was publically posted in the office of the clerk on the 6th day of September, 1994.



Electors should examine the list to ensure that their names and relevant information are correctly shown. Applications for additions or corrections to, or deletions made by an elector by completing the filing a form obtainable at the office of the clerk. The last day for filing additions, corrections or deletions is:  
5:00 p.m., October 14, 1994

Revisions will commence on September 6, 1994 during regular office hours at the Municipal Building, Stella, Ontario  
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#### A Public Notice From The Township Re: Fire Permits

Fire Chief Silver is concerned about people burning significant amounts of material without alerting the Fire Department in advance. Do we need to regulate burning by requiring fire permits?

At the present time, Chief Silver requests that he be notified when a person intends to have a large fire. He can offer suggestions for a safe burn or, if he considers it necessary, have a fire truck on stand-by. This system has several advantages:

1. It assists people to burn material safely;
  2. It allows for quick response if a fire gets out of control;
  3. There is no fee for fire permits and no administration costs for the Township.
- However, it does require the co-operation of the property owner. The Township would prefer to continue with this system but realizes that without the assistance of the residents, it will not work.

Once again, we are requesting your cooperation. If you intend to dispose of a large amount of brush, hay or old lumber by burning please call Fire Chief Silver at 384-3188 in advance.

Thank you.  
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P.J. Coleman  
Genealogical Services  
Researching your family tree?  
Tired of pages and pages of notes?  
Let me help you turn your clutter into:  
1) Family group records  
2) Pedigree charts  
3) Descendant charts  
4) Family histories  
5) Birth and Death calendars

I am also available to research Your family.  
P.J. Coleman  
RR 1, Stella, Ontario K0H 2S0

(613) 634-3828  
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Thank You Notes  
To The Presbyterian Church Women.

The Schrams deeply appreciate the friendship and fine send off provided by the Presbyterian Church Women.

During our years in Ghana we will miss our friends on Amherst Island and look forward to our visit back next summer.

Sincerely  
John and Alena Schram  
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Many thanks to the First Response Team for their prompt and reassuring presence after the plane accident. Thanks also to those who came the next day and turned the plane over. And thanks to God, or fate, or whoever it was up there who decided to let us all come of it basically OK. We're really very grateful.

Alan Kidd and Judy Roberts  
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What a warm and caring place we live in! Jacob and I had no time to feel sorry for ourselves with all the cards and calls and visits we received. So many people helped us through those first shakey times as the realization of "what might have been" hit. The entire household sends thanks for the wonderful food.

The First Response Team puts in a lot of thankless training hours to prepare to help any of us who needed them - their calm competence and speed of response were great.

Our thanks.  
Sally and Jacob  
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I would like to thank my family and friends for the lovely flowers, cards, visits and phone calls while I was in hospital and since returning home. I would also like to thank the island Fire Insurance Company, the A.C.W. and P.C.W. and Garry's boat crew for the lovely goodies and visits.

A Special Thank-You to Garry and Reg, Tracy and Heidi for the T.L.C. and all the extra steps they have gone for me since I have been sick.

Thank-you again to everyone.  
Anne-Marie Hitchins  
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A sincere thanks to my family, friends, relatives and neighbours for their many acts of kindness shown to me during my recent illness. The flowers, fruit baskets,

delicious treats, cards and visits were greatly appreciated. Many thanks to the A.C.W. members, Anna Hitchins

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and Maureen McGinn for their visit and pie.

Sincerely

Kaye McGinn

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Thank you to the many friends, neighbours and relatives for their cards, gifts and best wishes after my illness.

Lillian Miller

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I wish to thank all our friends who helped in so many ways during my recent very unexpected illness. We had exceptional help in the care of Sarah and Ben while Lynann stayed with me in Toronto, with transportation of Lynann from Bracebridge to Toronto and other acts of kindness too numerous to mention. Our good neighbour even cut the grass! Your cards, phone calls and visits were much appreciated, however, in a real ecumenical sense, it was the arrival of Maureen McGinn (A.C.W.) on the doorstep with an "warm from the oven" peach pie that set me on the way to a truly rapid recovery.

Thanks,

Jim Whitton

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Dinner Club Entertained

- submitted by Catherine (Filson) Wemp -

On August 30th the Diner's Club from Helen Henderson Care Centre in Amherstview was entertained at the home of Yvonne McGinn's parents, Keith and Cora McGinn, on Amherst Island. Yvonne is the lodge manager at Helen Henderson Care Centre.

The courtesy bus from the centre drove the residents on a tour of the Island before enjoying a delicious dinner prepared by Yvonne and her mother.

Two former residents from the Island were among the dinners, Gordon Reid and Tina Filson.

The McGinn residence was the birth place of Tina Filson who will celebrate her 94th birthday in January 1995.

A delightful day was enjoyed by residents and staff.

Thanks to Yvonne and her family.

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Congratulations and Farewell

To our very dear friends and neighbours, John and

Alena Schram we wish to express first our congratulations to John on his recent appointment as the High Commissioner to the Republic of Ghana. We are very proud of you John. Upon receiving this appointment it brought about the task of saying farewell to them for at least two years.

It has only been two short years since they purchased the former Rick Martin house in Stella, but in those two years they have made many friends through their Church and always being present at all social events held on the Island. They definitely became "Islanders" as we welcomed them into our midst and into our hearts.

We will look forward to your return (next July for your holidays) but most of all as permanent residents "Islanders" in the not-too-distant future.

God Bless you both.

Eldon and Elsie and "All your Friends on Amherst Island".

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Beacon Awards

Yea Expos!... officially declared 1994 Baseball Champs (best record by far) by us. And a Thank You to the baseball owners and players union for finally pulling the plug on the season. Starting after a 5 or so weeks off would have not been right so let's bury it and wait for basketball.

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A Good Idea

Okay how about stackable laundry baskets... not bad, eh!

Leave it to Rubber Maid to come up with this well organized idea. These are standard sized laundry baskets which when stacked still leave a space to get the clothes into the basket. It's great for me because I only do the laundry when everything (and I mean everything which is why I sometimes am reduced to one sock and a long sweater) is dirty which means instead of one very large pile on the floor I now have 5 baskets full (plus a small pile on the floor).

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Meynard Laltin Reviews

I'm not much on foreign language films but over the last month two have flickered across my screen. We start with them...

All The Mornings Of The World

Don't rent it - buy the soundtrack and enjoy yourself. This film has a fatal flaw in that it is about music but the actors only give lip service to 'playing'

the instruments - very poor form indeed. {4 out of 10 rating in graphic form}

Jean de Florette

Yves Montand and Gerard Depardieu (Green Card) star in this french language film. The story concerns a couple of local's who try to get a farm away from an urban back-to-the-lander (19th century style) who has inherited it. A little wordy so you have to be quick but very worth while. {7 out of 10 rating shown in graphic form}

Four Weddings & A Funeral

Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell plus a stellar cast of British regulars make this a real pleasure. If you are prepared to be charmed, this lovely film will do the trick very nicely. I think it sufficient to say that this is a romantic comedy that delivers. {8 out of 10 rating shown in graphic form}

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Township Of Amherst Island

Nominations

Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the Township Of Amherst Island that, in compliance with Section 38(3) of the Municipal Elections Act, R.S.O. 1990, the period for receiving nominations will be during normal office hours commencing October 11th, 1994 and ending at 5:00 p.m., October 14th, 1994.

Nominations will be taken for the offices of Reeve  
Councillor (4)

Any person seeking office for municipal council must file a notice of registration by October 14th, 1994.

If a greater number of candidates than required to fill the offices are nominated and meet the qualifications, elections will be held on the dates shown below from 10:00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Advance Polls: Saturday, November 5th, 1994

Wednesday, November 9th, 1994

Polling Day: Monday, November 14th, 1994

Nominations and registration forms are available at the Township Office during normal office hours.

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For Your Information...

For those aspiring candidates to Council, our crack analytical staff has done some cyphering with the Preliminary Voters List (July 29th).

Eligible voters... 537

Residents... 305 (57% of total)

Non-residents... 232 (43% of total)

Public School Electors... 510

Separate School Electors... 27

Property Owners... 436 (79% of total)

Spouses... 44 (8% of total)

Tenants... 24 (5% of total)

Other... 43 (8% of total)

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Community Calendar

September 21... Women's Institute Regular Meeting at the home of Jean McIntyre

September 21... Ameriks Scholarship Fund applications due.

October 1... Anglican Church Turkey Supper & Sale  
5:00 p.m. at the Community Centre

October 14... Deadline for Filing Candidacy Papers at the Township Office

November 5... Municipal Election - Advance Poll 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building

November 9... Municipal Election - Advance Poll 10 a.m. - 8 pm. at the Municipal Building

November 14... Municipal Election 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Municipal Office

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Special Council Meeting September 15, 1994

- Don Tubb

A Special Meeting of Council was held at the Community Centre to discuss the ferry schedule. All Councillors were present but Reeve Willard was not so the Chair was occupied by Councillor Caughey. Over 50 interested members of the public attended.

This was one of those rare meetings when everyone was interested in finding a solution. In previous meetings, people had vented their anger and frustration but at this one, people were looking for the best possible timetable.

Council presented a sample schedule which after considerable discussion was found to be adequate to meet the needs of most people present (or at least better than what we have now). The afternoon schedule was modified a bit but in the end, the schedule looks more like the old one than what we have now. This schedule will come into effect as soon as everything can be arranged with the school boards and after a householder mailing can be sent out. The best estimate was September 26th, 1994 but watch your mail for the official date. So, what we will have is:

Stella Millhaven

6:00 a.m. 6:20 a.m.

7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.

9:00 am. ....

In the afternoon, the ferry will wait for the high school kids coming on the 2:30 boat (expected leaving time seems to be 2:45 p.m. or a little later). Plus, the ferry will wait for the public school kids at 3:30 p.m. (not expected to be as long a delay).

Also at the meeting it was noted that we will have the big boat for a few more weeks.

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#### Miscellaneous

We know we have lots of proof readers out there who delight in finding our errors. To test your abilities, we would like you to figure out which of the following words are spelled incorrectly (no dictionaries):

supercede

conceed

procede

idiosyncracy

concensus

accomodate

dexterous

imprssario

irresistable

rhythym

opthalmologist

diptheria

anamoly

afficianado

caesarian

grafitti

This list comes from one of our bathroom books, The Mother Tongue by Bill Bryson. The answers are at the end of the For Sale/Wanted page.

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#### For Sale / Wanted

Chesapeake Bay Retriever male puppy 7 weeks old  
First shots, do-wormed. Health Guaranteed  
Montauk Kennels (813) 637-2897

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#### Wanted

A metal row boat or email motor boat in safe condition.  
Call Sally 389-3802

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#### Rabbits For Sale

\$2.00 each

Penny Coleman 634-3828

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20 Coloured TV. Hitachi - Good Condition

Phone 389-4874

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Three good office style metal desks, wood drawer fronts.

Two drawer columns (2 drawers each side).

\$40.00 each

Llew MacArthur- 384-4071

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#### Odd Jobs Done?

Call Scott Marshall at 389-0554 or 389-4070

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#### Need a Babysitter?

Call Bonnie Marshall at 389-0554 or 389-4070

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#### Now Available

Fresh Vegetables for sale at Glenn's Store or by calling Baker's at 389-2404.

Coming soon, watermelon, cantaloupe, many types of squash and tomatoes.

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#### The Back Kitchen 389-7200

Take Out Food Restaurant in Stella.

Everything from Burgers and Fries to Hot Dinners and Homemade Pies.

Hours: Sept 6 - Sept 30

Monday - Wednesday closed

Thursday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sat & Sun: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Hours: Oct 3 - Oct 30

Mon - Thurs

Closed

Friday 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Sat & Sun 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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#### LIN - SAR Mechanical - Peter Wemp

Heating and Cooling - Sheet metal fabrication and installation.

Office: 475-5467 Home: 478-5417

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#### Now Available

A.I. T-shirts, Sweat shirts & Night shirts at Glenn's Store. Great gift ideas from the P.C.W.

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#### Whig Home Delivery

If you would like the Whig Standard delivered to your home, please phone Jim or Sandra Reid at 389-4484.  
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Albertan Homes  
Homes built or renovated.  
Ken Albertan at 389-2662  
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B & B Small Engine Repair  
Call Bill Halferty at 389-1413  
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Babysitting Kelly at 389-2404  
Jessica at 389-3199  
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Bible Study Group Wednesday Mornings  
9:30-11:00 am at the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall  
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Brown & White Eggs For Sale  
Contact Penny Coleman at 634-3828  
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Cisterns Filled  
Call Llew MacArthur at 384-4071  
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Clothing Repairs and Alterations  
Drapes Made and Altered  
Contact Tena Tugwell at 389-5569  
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Computer Assistance  
Can help to build computer skills on many programs.  
Call Jan at 634-1995  
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General Contracting  
New construction & renovations  
Contact Rick Bedford at 389-8434  
\*\*\*

Glenn's Store 389-0417  
Take Out Meal Counter  
Groceries Movies  
\*\*\*

Post Office Hours  
Mon - Fri 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Mon - Fri 2:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 - 12:00 noon  
\*\*\*

GLM Construction  
General Contracting & Renovations & Designs  
Contact Gary McDonald at 384-1456

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House Cleaning  
Professionally trained house cleaner.  
Call Laurel at 384-6617  
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Painting Classes  
Call Shirley Miller at 389-2588  
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Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes On Sale  
Call Keith Miller at 389-2588  
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Printing  
A complete printing and design service.  
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102  
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Portable Welding  
Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172  
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Propane  
We now have Co-op Propane for sale at John McGinn's.  
Barbecue tanks 20 lbs, also 100 lbs and larger quantities can be arranged.  
Call 384-3047  
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Property Maintenance  
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned, painting.  
Call Bob Horth at 389-2916  
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Pumps Of All Kinds  
Rural Water System Maintenance  
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105  
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Shorewell Maintenance  
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078  
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Visitors Welcome at  
Watercolours Et Cetera  
3rd Concession (389-2588)

If we are home, we are open.

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Winter Storage for Boats, RV's, etc

Call Vince Aitken at 389-5546

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The answer to the little quiz on the previous page is that they all are spelled incorrectly. How many did you know without having to resort to a dictionary?

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#### Editor's Corner

Fall's here! The trees have turned! The weather has turned! Thank goodness it has been a spectacularly fine September and October - just a nice way to slide into fall. Have you ever noticed how much people appreciate good weather in the fall?

Of course, with the coming of this fall, we have an election to keep us entertained. Well... maybe not entertained but at least interested. We'll be doing our part with some information for you and some sage advice for the candidates. We start with a quote from Dan Needles book Letters From Wingfield Farm: 'People run for Council when they run out of stupid things to do at their own places.' That was said to the city slicker turned farmer who had just announced his intention to run for Council. This book, by the way, is a riot.

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#### Your Candidates....

Standing for Election Are:

Reeve:

Duncan Ashley  
Allen Caughey

Councillor:

Ken Albertan  
Lyn Fleming  
Alex Scott Jr.  
Jim Whitton  
Ralph Woods

Public School Board:

Bruce Caughey (acclaimed)

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Council Report October 4, 1994

- Chris Kennedy

Ralph Woods was away in China for this Council meeting.

Robert Mackenzie, the planner for the Township, has lived to complete the Official Plan and the new Zoning By-law. He presented the final version of the Zoning By-law which has been three years and more meetings than anyone cares to remember in preparation. After a couple of minor alterations this was finally passed, signed and delivered amid sighs of relief and mutual congratulations. Even more remarkably, all parties seem to be still talking to each other. Some townships have had to call in the police to maintain order or to rescue council when Zoning By-laws have been passed.

The Road Crew has been busy ditching on various parts of the Island. They have also been working on the southern-most of the blind hills on the Emerald Forty

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Foot. Vision is much better there now, and the road has been widened to two full lanes. They have also finished the helipad and it is ready for use.

M.T.O. was contacted to find out when they wanted the Frontenac II back. They did not seem to be concerned as long as it was returned before the ice came in. Council therefore decided to keep it at least until the end of October, and possibly longer if we can afford it. The Frontenac II is more expensive to run than the Amherst Islander, as it uses more fuel, but Council felt that most people would be prepared to pay a little more if we could keep the bigger ferry for longer.

Plans are still going ahead for the work on the Stella dock, but the Reeve is having great difficulty finding out what is planned. He is lobbying for it to be made suitable for an end loading ferry. It appears that the work may go on during the winter. Council, in particular Alan Caughey, were eloquent that this was very bad timing, particularly because the Amherst Islander may not survive another winter being pushed through the ice by a tug. However, if the Ministry of Natural Resources says we cannot disturb the (----) fishes, the M.N.R. carries the whip hand.

Jessica Gavlas wrote to Council requesting that shelters, be erected on each dock for foot passengers. Council discussed this for some time, and decided to ask the Public Works department what the cost would be for something like a bus shelter.

There was a budget update to August 31. The Clerk reported that the budget was tight, but all right.

Ken Fennell received a building permit in September.

The lawyer for the Back Beach has submitted another bill. After some debate Council decided that it would not be paid until the agreement was signed and the final bill was received, as the business seems to be dragging on and on.

The Ameriks Scholarship fund has been divided up equally between: Leah Murray, Steven Ward and Michael Strain, attending Queens; Amy Caughey, Guelph University; Chad Miller, Trent University; and, Michael Horth attending St. Lawrence College.

Jim Whitton had written to Council complaining that the public had been kept poorly informed about the progress and direction the Back Beach agreement, particularly considering the enormous cost to the Township. The Reeve will therefore write a progress report to be published in this Beacon.

One more regular meeting for this Council.

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#### Notice Of Poll

Notice is given to the municipal electors of the Township Of Amherst Island that, whereas more candidates have been nominated to the following offices than the number required to fill those offices, therefore, polls will be held upon the dates and at the times in this notice for the purpose of electing the holders of said offices.

Offices for which poll will be held:

Reeve (1)

Councillor (4)

Advance Polls

Saturday, November 5, 1994

Wednesday, November 9, 1994

Municipal Building, Stella, Ontario

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Regular Poll

Monday, November 14, 1994

Municipal Building, Stella, Ontario.

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Proxy Applications:

A person who has been appointed a voting proxy may apply to the Clerk during normal office hours or from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Saturday advance poll to receive a certificate to vote by proxy for the polling subdivision in which the person appointing the voting proxy is entitled to vote.

Given under my hand this 17th day of October, 1994.

Diane Pearce, Clerk

Returning Officer

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Letters To The Beacon

Back Beach Update From The Reeve

- Reeve Willard

Council has followed up the negotiations begun earlier this year for public access to the Back Beach property. I expect that in the next few weeks the final negotiations will be complete and can be presented to Council for a final vote.

In essence the agreement states that the Hunt Club will accede to the Township's claims that it is a public road allowance. The property will be surveyed, the road will be opened

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officially and then it will be closed. Deeds will be registered that will give the Corporation of Amherst Island and Nut Island Farms joint ownership. The Township will own it from January 1 of each year until Labour Day of the same year. For the hunting season on, Labour Day to December 31, the Hunt Club will own it (although the public can use it on Sundays in the fall). Council has been negotiating the final agreement as to signage and litter control and a few other small items. With this agreement the Public will have access forever to the property and this trying and expensive exercise will be finished.

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Township Of Amherst Island Election Workers

Two (2) people are needed to work in the following positions during the up-coming Municipal Election.

Poll Clerk \$80.00 per day

Deputy Returning Officer \$100.00 per day

Hours: 9:45 am. - 8:15 p.m.

Election staff are required to remain at the polling place from opening to closing of the poll.

Polling Days

Advance Saturday, November 5, 1994

Advance Wednesday, November 9, 1994

Regular Monday, November 14, 1994

Please apply to the Clerk-Treasurer in writing by 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 26, 1994.

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Special Council Meeting

- Councillor Ian Murray

This afternoon, October 17th, I chaired (in Reeve Willard's absence) a Special Meeting of Council to discuss the proposed construction work to the Stella dock. The meeting was attended by representatives of both Transport Canada and M.T.O.

Transport Canada indicated at the start of the meeting that construction would start in December.



Apparently, the Transport Canada representatives were unaware of the problems experienced during the winter construction of the Millhaven dock. They were quickly made aware that there were problems aplenty and that, as far as the Island is concerned, winter construction is Not a good idea.

To Council's considerable relief, both levels of government agreed that construction should not be done in the winter. It was further agreed that work done should be compatible with end-loading. Council expressed its desire that the work be done in the early fall of 1995.

This was a productive meeting and hopefully, there will be no foul-ups at higher levels of government.

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An honest politician is one who when he or she is bought, will stay bought.

-Simon Cameron -

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The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Bruce Barrette and Gloria Jane French on the birth of their first baby, a son. Cole was born at Kingston General Hospital, Thursday, October 6, weighing 9 lbs. 5 oz.

Congratulations to Chad Miller on being awarded a Canada Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement. Chad is a graduate of ESS and is in the concurrent Education Program at Trent University in Peterborough.

Our sympathy to friends and family of Jack Instant, a former Islander who passed away last week.

Congratulations also to Debbie Fleming and Alex Scott Jr., who announced their engagement at Thanksgiving.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Jean E.S. McIntyre

The September meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Jean McIntyre. The meeting was opened with the Ode, Collect & O Canada. Our speaker for the evening was Mr. Bruce Caughey Sr. who spoke to us of 'Communications on Amherst Island'. He started with the earliest system and took us right through to the present day telephone system. It was a very interesting and informative evening. We hope he will come back again and tell us of the Island's Transportation System, which will be just as

interesting and informative.

After lunch, a business meeting was held and the meeting closed with the singing of 'The Queen'.

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Laws of Random Perversity

2. Everybody lies; but it doesn't matter, since nobody listens.

7. Anything is possible if you don't know what you're talking about.

9. For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.

10. Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity.

13. A closed mouth gathers no feet.

16. The secret to success is sincerity. Once you can fake that, you've got it made.

18. People who love sausage and respect the law should never watch either one being made.

a.k.a. Machiavelli's Rule

a.k.a. Bismark's Law

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Cook's Corner

- Caroline Yull

While the clan gathered at our parent's house in London after our father had a massive stroke, we were, as usual, using food to comfort ourselves. My sister Toby brought this recipe, which she says she's never fed to anyone without having them ask for the recipe. Llew looked at the recipe card and asked when he was going to get to try "Toby's Rotten Dinner", but it's actually called...

Toby's Rotini Dinner

Dice - 4 large (6 medium) tomatoes, skin on, to 1/2" size.

Cube - 1/2 to 1 lb Brie cheese (rind removed first) 3/4" size.

Snip - with scissors - 1 packed down cup fresh basil leaves.

Press - 3 big cloves garlic.

Add - 1 cup best olive oil.

Shake - salt and pepper to taste (1/2 tsp. of each).

Put it all in a big, pretty bowl (I prefer blue and white) cover with a tea towel and let sit for at least 2 hours - sniff often!

Cook 1 1/2 lb. bag pasta - rotini or fusilli and toss in. Eat and enjoy.

Just wait until you open the container of this that you brought to the office to eat cold as a salad - the smell will bring the vultures in from all over, wanting a taste - and then, of course, the recipe!

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## Library News

- Karen Fleming

Summer is over, and with it, another successful Summer Reading Club. Seven children took part, and while the number may be small, all the participants were enthusiastic. For each book the kids read, they can enter their name in draws for prizes. The prizes are bought with money donated by the local Legion branch, as well as smaller donations from two parents. The winners of the main prizes are as follows:

Tape Player - Mindy Flemming

Badminton Set - Kyle Murray

Snorkel - Andrew McDonald

Volleyball - Angela Fleming

The other participants were Crystal Bedford, Wendy Fleming and Jacob Murray.

Our thanks to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 539 and Sally Bowen for their donations, from all the children, Stella Branch and Lennox And Addington County Library.

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## Township Of Amherst Island

### Wallet Found

A wallet was found on the ferry by the crew. Anyone describing the wallet correctly may reclaim it at the Township Office.

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## The Royal Canadian Legion

- Karen Fleming

Calling all children - from 2 to 92! The Halloween Masquerade is coming up quickly - on Friday, October 28. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and unmasking will be at 8:00 p.m. for children and 9:00 p.m. for adults. This will get the little ones out of hot masks early, so they can enjoy games, etc better, while giving older kids and adults more time to enjoy being in costume, or to get there after work, etc. The dance is free for children up to grade 8, and \$3.00 for those in grade 9 or older. Hope to see you there.

If you happen to drive past the cenotaph on the morning of October 1st, you would have seen four industrious young ladies planting tulip bulbs. When the Netherlands were invaded in 1940, Crown Princess Juliana - later Queen Juliana - escaped with her family to Ottawa, where she lived through the war. Returning home in 1945, the Dutch Royal Family sent a gift of 10,000 tulip bulbs to Ottawa in appreciation not only for refuge, but also to thank Canadians for their military role in the liberation of the Netherlands. In celebration of the fiftieth anniversary we have The

## Tulip Tribute: Shore To Shore.

Commemorative gardens are being planted in communities across the country. Each tulip planted is dedicated to someone who played a part, however, small, in the success of the war effort. For every tulip planted locally, another will bloom in Canada's Capital as a symbol of what Canadians achieved in difficult times. Thirty bulbs have been purchased by the Legion, and were planted by the 1st Amherst Island Brownies (Whitney Fleming and Alicia Wolfreys) and the 1st Amherst Island Girl Guides (Mindy Fleming and Samantha Pollock), assisted of course by the Tasmanian Devil, also known as Tommy. Watch for these to bloom in May, and be proud. Remember that many people contributed to the success of the war effort - from servicemen all the way to the women who knitted socks or went to work in a factory. Virtually everyone who lived in Canada at the time made a contribution and deserves to be honoured.

Don't forget, as an on-going program, the Legion will provide smoke detectors free of charge to any senior citizen. If you are 65 or older, and in need of a smoke detector, please call and we will have one installed as soon as possible. Also, seniors, if your smoke detector battery needs to be changed, please don't climb that chair yourself! Give us a call and we will handle that as well. Call Dave or Karen Fleming at 389-0210 or Audrey Miller at 389-0105.

In closing, Remembrance Day will soon be here. Please wear a poppy to remember and honour those who fought and died for our freedom. There will be a Remembrance Service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on November 6, as well as a service at the school on November 11. Please try to attend one or both.

The Amherst Island Legion is starting a Meals-On-Wheels program for seniors. To start with, it will be once a month on the third Monday - November 21 and December 19. This will be an evening meal and the cost is \$3.00. If there is sufficient interest, the frequency will be increased in the new year. If you are interested in this service, please call our Senior's Service Officer, Audrey Miller, at 389-0105.

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## Lest We Forget

Your legion will be distributing poppies on November 5th.

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## Island History

The Lennox & Addington Historical Society is compiling a history of all from the County who served in World War II. If readers served, or know of any who

did, they are requested to contact:  
Frank Streek  
164 John Street,  
Napane, Ontario K7R 1R5  
Phone: 354-2197 or FAX: 354-6861.  
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#### 50th Wedding Anniversary

Hugh Filson and Sally Skene would like to invite family and friends to join them in celebrating the 50th Wedding Anniversary of their parents, Melville And Chris Filson on October 28, 1994.

The dance will be held on the second floor at Kingston Park Raceway, McAddoos Lane, Kingston, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.

Best Wishes Only Please.

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#### Thank You Notes

I would like to say Thank You for the flowers, cards, phone calls, etc. during my recent illness. Visits by the PCW, ACW and WI were much appreciated.

Special thanks to my family, and to Helen Miller for watering my plants and to Helen and Lyn Fleming for

making sure my cat was safe. I would like to thank Helen Miller for her help in making sure my cat was safe. I would like to thank Helen Miller for her help in making sure my cat was safe.

trying to live in a defacto war zone. Not as much graphic violence as expected but the threat is always there and when it does happen, it's quick. {8 out of 10 given in a graphic form}

#### Sirens

Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Sam Neil star in this new Australian film. It tells the story of what happens when Edwardian England (represented by Grant and Fitzgerald as a new minister & wife) collides with a bohemian artist (Neil). The artist is painting sacrilegious paintings which Grant's character is supposed to persuade him to stop. Well done and very enjoyable in a remarkably light way. {7 out of 10 rating given in a graphic form}

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#### For Your Information...

As reported in a recent issue, the government has brought in new procedures for buying ammunition. After a rather weird experience at a sporting goods store (three staff - two customers - only one person getting served - lasting 10 minutes before the second customer left - me), I went up to Canadian Tire where I did get good service - ah... the power of Walmart. The person went and got the keys for the display case, got out the ammunition but rather than giving it to me took it to a cashier who stored it out of sight below the counter while I looked around a bit more. When I checked out, I had to produce my driver's licence which was copied virtually completely on the back of their portion of the transaction tape. (The clerk was looking rather like she wanted to draw a freehand likeness of me too but I guess decided against that so presumably the sketch is optional.) This took some time which I supposed could be justified in the interest of public safety. You know.... I could have carried the ammo through the store, picked up a set of bolt cutters, gone over to the gun rack, cut one down, loaded it up and run amuck through the store with my 1500 BB's. You go figure...

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#### Appreciation Where Due

This is just a straight ahead appreciation of Hay Bay Sand and Gravel which will deliver 12 tons (a big truck load) of pit run gravel for \$140. This is excellent for farm laneways and wet holes in barnyards.

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#### A Good Idea

The telephone book has some welcome surprises - two of which are:

1. the yellow pages now has an index, and

2. there is a listing of the postal codes for the area covered by the book.

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#### Glenn's Store New Hours

Effective Tuesday, October 8, our business hours will be the same as the Post Office hours.:

Monday to Friday:

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please note the building will be closed between 11:30 and 2:00 on weekdays.

What's Staying: Cigarettes; cans of pop; potato chips; movies; Crystal Springs water; chocolate bars and penny candy; coffee; The Napanee Beaver.

What's Going: Groceries; bread; milk; subs and sandwiches; cold cuts; ice cream; the Whig Standard.

We are pleased to have a large stock of Island crafts and artwork on display. We currently have gift items by Keith Miller; Marjorie Baker; John McGinn; Laurene Kilpatrick; Shirley Miller; Fred Werthman; Peggie Coulter; Stanley Burke; Tom Sylvester; and Lorna Seaman. In the near future we will also have an artwork display by Shirley Miller and the group at Watercolours, Etc.

We will continue to carry the t-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, hats, bumper stickers, Nevada tickets and miscellaneous items we handle for our local service groups.

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#### Editorial Note

We, at the Beacon, would respectfully remind those who will sit on Council not to say things that they would not like to see in print. Plus, we hope all Council members will read the relevant documents early in the term so there are as few problems as possible with procedure, conflict of interest, etc. We overlook more than we probably should but there is a growing intolerance around the Beacon office for cheap shots towards individuals and groups.

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#### Community Calendar

October 19... W.I. Meeting at Jackie Sylvester's with topic - International Affairs by Allan & Cathy Glenn

October 28... 50th Wedding Anniversary for Melville & Chris Filson

October 28... Halloween Masquerade Doors opening at 7:00 p.m. & unmasking at 8:00 & 9:00 p.m.

November 5... Poppy Day for the Royal Canadian Legion

November 5... Municipal Election - Advance Poll 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building

November 9... Municipal Election - Advance Poll 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building

November 14... Municipal Election 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Municipal Office

November 16... W. I. Meeting with topic - Cultural Activities

November 26.. P.C.W. Xmas Tea & Sale from 1-4 p.m. at the Community Centre

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#### A Letter Home

Fall's really here - for better or worse. Do you get the same feeling I'm getting.... that we're being led on by all this nice weather, and that it isn't going to last until May? We'll see...

So, the race is on for Reeve and Councillors with just enough people to make it a race. It will be interesting as always. The final group of candidates wasn't decided until late Monday afternoon (October 17) as Ralph Woods and Allen Caughey had submitted papers for both the Reeve and Councillor positions. For some unknown reason, it seems to be against the rules for one person to hold two positions at the same time - for the life of me, I can't see what's wrong with it. Hey... isn't it nice to see that big boat still here? Maybe we could persuade M.T.O. to let us have it except when the channel is frozen - April to December. I'd pay more not to fine up if it was necessary. And, if we can persuade all parties to do the right thing (for once) and repair the Stella dock with a view to making it suitable for end-loading., wow... wouldn't that be something?

At this point, I was going to launch into the farm report (the good news / bad news thing that farmers are so great at) but something has come up. Actually two things with the first being that the little graphic for the 'Editors Corner' is history. This little thing has just about killed me... every time I added text, deleted text or simply moved around, the program 'refreshed' itself which takes about a second. With this little graphic, it takes about 15 to 30 seconds which really slows things down to the point that I'm left pulling my hair out. So, despite my liking it a lot, it's gone.

The other thing that happened with this issue was that on the final editing (a few typo's and errors to fix), something caused one of my boxes to replicate itself throughout the issue. When I tried to remove it, the file was so large that I got an error message that I had exceeded my 8MB's of RAM. After a few tries, I gave up and deleted the blank-ety blank thing. What you have before you now is a one afternoon / evening

Beacon. So, we are late... but what else is new... Well, I'm going to sign off here and have a beer or two... I've earned them. Bye for now.

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Call 389-4354.

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Printing  
A complete printing and design service.  
Contact Peter Morgan at 384-4102  
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Call Noel McCormick at 389-5172  
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Propane  
We now have Co-op Propane for sale at John  
McGinn's.  
Barbecue tanks 20 lbs, also 100 lbs and larger  
quantities can be arranged.  
Call 384-3047  
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Property Maintenance  
Yards cleaned, grass cutting, basements cleaned,  
painting.  
Call Bob Horth at 389-2918  
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Pumps Of All Kinds  
Rural Water System Maintenance  
Call Tom Miller at 389-0105  
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Shorewell Maintenance  
Call Warren Kilpatrick at 389-4078  
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Visitors Welcome at  
Watercolours Et Cetera  
3rd Concession (389-2588)  
If we are home, we are open.  
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Winter Storage For, Boats, RV's, etc  
Call Vince Aitken at 389-5546  
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#### Beacon Notes

What a race for Councillor!! There were only 42 votes separating the top and bottom vote-getters. We'll have more on this later but for now simply leave it with - Congratulations to all who ran and good luck to those who won.

In other news (for those off the Island), we still have the big boat... the weather continues to be spectacular... we still have the big boat... the roads are in good shape... we still have the big boat... I'm at this instant being bombarded by a stock broker who is trying to sell me 10,000 shares of a company which makes cd-roms - opps, the line went dead... and finally, we still have the big boat.

For the first time in a very long time we have some new correspondents - the public school children whose news stories will be published over the next few months. We're going to be full this month so we had better get started...

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#### Your New Council Is...

Reeve

Duncan Ashley  
Councillor

Lyn Fleming  
Alex Scott

Jim Whitton  
Ralph Woods

(more coverage later in this issue)

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Council Report November 1, 1994  
- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present, with Jim Whitton and Ken Albertan, council hopefuls, in the audience.

Stuart Miller reported that the Road Crew is busy ditching and working on some culverts. Stuart also reported that bus shelters for the docks would cost about \$2,000 each, not installed, and he needed advice about where the one should go on the Millhaven dock. He suggested that one not be put on the Stella dock until the dock work is finished. Council decided to refer the whole matter to the new Council.

Helen and Noel McCormick were given permission to run a water line across the carpark by the ferry to a shorewell. The details are to be worked out with Stuart.

Council has received a petition of 61 names, asking that the Frontenac II be

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kept as long as possible, even if it costs an extra 50 cents. Traffic so far has been sufficient to cover the extra fuel costs, so Council decided to notify M.T.O. that we would like to keep it until the December regular council meeting when it will be reviewed. M.T.O. has proposed to Council that the ferry subsidy agreement be reviewed for another year under the same terms as before, with the Township paying 10% and M.T.O. 90% of the operating costs.

There is concern about the proposed work proceeding on the Stella dock. While the north face of the dock is repaired the ferry has to dock on the west side, and the Frontenac II has a deeper draught and cannot dock on the west side.

The Township may have a deficit at the end of the year. Expenses, except for the Back Beach are about as budgeted, but revenues are down, as "miscellaneous grants" from the province, a catch all category, are down. The actual figure for the deficit will not be known until all the figures for the Back Beach are in.

Ernest Apps wrote to Council asking if Township By-laws applied to derelict structures and automobiles. Council replied that the new Zoning Bylaw does, and that unlicensed vehicles are limited to two per property, and they must be concealed from public roads and adjacent properties.

The final draft of the Back Beach agreement has been received. Council studied the few minor changes from the previous draft and, in a recorded vote, passed it unanimously. At last! There is still surveying and routine legal work to be done, and paid for. The gist of the agreement is that the beach is jointly owned by the Township and the Hunt Club, with the Hunt Club using

it during the hunting season, and the Township the rest of the year.

The Dog Control By-law has been brought up to date. The Dog Catcher and By-law Enforcement Officer, John McGinn, is responsible for ensuring that all dog licence fees are paid.

Leigh Wemp was granted a severance on the plot of land with the old Wemp Cairn on it, along the Front Road. The land was severed to the Wemp Family Trust on condition that it never be built on.

Council dealt with a few routine matters and then adjourned, or perhaps that should be folded or resigned, since they will not pass this way again.

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#### Controlled Deer Hunt

November 21-24

‘Oh... one last thing... be careful out there.’

(Hill Street Blues)

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#### Township Of Amherst Island

##### Winter Parking Regulations

No Parking is permitted on Township roads between midnight and 7 a.m. from December 1st to March 31st to facilitate snow ploughing.

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#### The Neighbourhood

- Annette

Congratulations to Alan Kidd and Judy Roberts on the birth of their twin girls, Eva-Helene and Anna-Louise. The girls weighed in at 6.5 and 6.11 pounds and were sent home within a few days. Judy is recovering quickly.

We were sorry to hear about the loss of fellow Islander Marj Aitken last Thursday. Marj had been ill for several years, and passed away at Providence Manor. Funeral services were held at Providence Manor as well. Our sympathy to Vince and family.

Very best wishes to all those sick, injured or in hospital this month: Bruce Caughey Sr., Llew McArthur, Art McGinn, Margaret Blenkinsopp, Marilyn Eves, Bill Phillips, and Mark McCormick.

And a happy First Birthday to the village's most personable baby, Benjamin Whitton.

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#### New Year's Dance

Music by Ann Banks

Full Course Meal

Dancing from 8:45 p.m. to 12:45

\$40 per couple

Tickets available from:

Garry Filson

Jack Forrester

Allen Caughey

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#### Amherst Island Women's Institute

-Jean E.S.McIntyre

The October meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Jackie Sylvester. The meeting was opened with the Ode, Collect & O Canada. Our programme for the evening was International Affairs. The speakers were Allan & Cathy Glenn who with slides and a video spoke to us of their trip to Australia and New Zealand. Hearing about these countries first hand always makes them more interesting and it was a good meeting.

After lunch a business meeting was held and we closed with the singing of 'The Queen'.

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#### An Appeal

A Microwave is urgently needed for the school lunchroom.

Head Teacher Keitha Smith asks for help from Islanders. Anyone who shops at Zellers please put your credit points into the school's account #943199922. All you need to do is carry the number in your wallet, and tell the cashier when you make your purchase. The credit points will accumulate and the much needed microwave will eventually be ours. Please write the number down now.

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#### The Royal Canadian Legion

After another successful Halloween masquerade, with a good time had by all, we would like to thank the following people: our judges Freda Youell and Peter Trueman; Rick Bedford for donating his time and providing the music; all those who helped in the kitchen; and the many hands of Legion members.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Brownies and Guides for planting the tulip bulbs around the cenotaph. Good work girls. Also thanks to the school children and all who attended the Remembrance Day Services.

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#### Meals On Wheels

Seniors! Veterans! Convalescents!

Don't forget our Meals-on-Wheels service starting Monday, November 21. Once a month to start, until we see if numbers warrant running it more often. Only



\$3.00 per dinner.

To order call Audrey Miller at 389-0105.

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#### "90th" BIRTHDAY

The family of Gordon Reid are inviting you to help them celebrate his "90th" Birthday. This celebration will take place on Sunday, December 11th from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Stratton and Barbara Reid.

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#### Thank You Notes

My sincere thanks to all those who came to my assistance one morning at the Millhaven dock. The V.O.N., Lynne, Dorothy, ferry crew and anyone else than may have helped in any way at the time.

Thanks to P.C.W. and A.C.W. for their goodies and calls since. I appreciate it very much.

Thank you again to everyone.

Emily Tugwell

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A warm thank you for the kind expressions of sympathy on the death of my brother Ernie last month. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Lloyd Wolfreys and Family

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Our Poppy Campaign was a real success, and your excellent support is very much appreciated by members of your Legion Branch 539.

Your Poppy Chairman

Tena Tugwell

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Gary, Susan and Kristy would like to thank those that supported us during our first season. The Back Kitchen will be back in April next year.

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St. Paul's P.C.W. Xmas Tea & Sale  
Saturday, November 26th  
From 1-4 p.m.

At the Community Centre  
Tea & Goodies & Sandwiches.  
Santa's Post Office  
Treasures & Crafts

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#### Beacon Awards

1) Taylor-Kidd Blvd. - this has saved Islanders thousands of hours of travel already.

2) Consumers Report's Movie Lists. Real, though finicky people write in with their opinions of movies in the theatre and on video. A good indication of whether a movie is worth watching. Some movies are really liked that the critics hated.

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#### Meynard Laltin Reviews

While I did watch some movies this past month, I can't for the life of me think of what they were... Oh well, I guess that's a good enough sign they weren't very good or, at least, not very memorable.

What I have been doing is listening to some music. After being sent a gift of a cassette with 'soppy' songs on it, I started looking around for some to send back. What I ended up doing was finding those old songs that sit in the deepest recesses of my memory - the ones I heard coming out of my parents' radio when I was younger than young. With a bit of luck and some false starts, I managed to find three good cd's. So, if you are ever looking for some very relaxing music you might give the following a try:

Tony Bennet - Perfectly Frank (1992 on Columbia)

The subtitle of this cd tells the story - "The Torch and Saloon Songs of Sinatra". Tony does 24 of Frank's standards like 'Time After Time', 'Nancy', 'A Foggy Day', 'Night and Day'.

Ella Fitzgerald - Jazz 'Round Midnight (1990/92 on Verve)

Ella sings 14 classic standards - basic renditions with no frills. The songs were recorded between 1956 and 1961 so her voice is superb. Includes the likes of 'The Man I Love', 'Blue Moon', 'With A Song In My Heart', and 'Cry Me A River'.

Carly Simon - My Romance (1990 on Astra)

Carly has always had a gorgeous voice but her past material never really exploited it. That is rectified here with, for example: 'In The Wee Small Hours Of The Morning', 'Something Wonderful', and 'Bewitched' plus 9 more as good.

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#### 40th Wedding Anniversary

Family and friends of Audrey and Tom Miller are invited to join in the celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7 pm. at the Community Hall.

Best Wishes Only Please.

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Attention All Parents

Experienced and certified babysitters available on Saturday, December 17th from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Amherst Island Community Centre. \$10.00 for the day, \$5.00 for each additional child. Each child must bring their own lunch; drinks and nutritious snacks will be provided. Send your child for a fun day of crafts, games and activities or just excellent care. Ages from birth to 8 years old. Proceeds for the 1st Amherst Island Pathfinders. (We want to travel.)

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#### First Aid Kit

Pathfinders wish to make it known that a First Aid Kit is now available in the kitchen of the Amherst Island Community Centre.

Available to all users of the Community Centre. Please let the Pathfinders know when something has been used so that they can replace it.

Thank you.

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#### Prints For Sale

##### "Morning Run"

Signed, numbered prints of a painting by Fred Werthman depicting the Amherst Islander and Tug in the ice of the North Channel. This painting has the ferry still in her original black and white paint scheme. Available from Phil Silver or David Fleming for \$25.00 (unframed). A great Christmas gift.

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#### Special Service

The Boy's and Men's Choir of St. George's Cathedral will be singing at St. Alban's Church. On Sunday, December 4, the regular service will be at 11 a.m. instead of 9 am. Islanders are invited to join us and to enjoy the special music. The 30 member choir will be entertained for lunch at the community centre. Those interested in joining them for lunch are welcome - but please bring your own lunch.

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#### Community Calendar

November 16... W.I. Meeting at Jane Miller's - Topic 'Cultural Activities'

November 21... Meals On Wheels First Delivery

November 21... Controlled Deer Hunt Starts

November 24... Controlled Deer Hunt Finishes

November 26.. P.C.W. Xmas Tea & Sale from 1-4 p.m. at the Community Centre

November 26... Audrey & Tom Miller's 40th 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre

December 1... Winter Parking Regulations Start

December 2... W.I. Senior's Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

December 4... St. George's Boy's & Men's Choir 11 a.m. at St. Alban's Church

December 6... Inaugural Council Meeting 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

December 11... Gordon Reid's 90th Birthday 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Stratton & Barbara Reid's

December 14... W.I. Meeting at Anna Hitchins' - Christmas Dinner (6:30 p.m.)

December 17... Babysitting Service 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at A.I. Community Centre

December 25... St Paul's Presbyterian Church Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

December 25... Christmas Day

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#### The Election

##### Voting Results

##### Reeve

Ashley, Duncan	158	58.5%
Caughey, Allen	108	40.0%
spoiled or blank	4	1.5%
Total	270	100.0%

#### Councillor

Albertan, Ken	168
Fleming, Lyn	190
Scott, Alex	188
Whitton, Jim	210
Woods, Ralph	170
Total Votes	926
spoiled or blank	1

#### More Information

	1994		1991	
Total Eligible Voters	547		552	
Ballots Cast	270	49.36%	322	58.33%
Total Resident Voters	315		312	
Ballots Cast	237	75.23%	241	77.24%
Total Non-Resident Voters	232		240	
Ballots Cast	33	14.22%	81	33.75%

#### Still More Information

Potential Votes in Councillor Election...	$4 \times 270 = 1080$
Percent of possible votes used by voters...	85.74%
Average number of votes per ballot...	3.43
Candidates appearance on ballots...	Ken Albertan on 62.22% of the ballots Ralph Woods on 62.96% of the ballots Alex Scott on 69.63% of the ballots Lynn Fleming on 70.37% of the ballots Jim Whitton on 77.78% of the ballots

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A.I.P.S. Reporters  
Student Council Formed  
- Wendy Fleming

On Monday, October 17, 1994 at Amherst Island Public School, the senior class decided to create a student council. There were two representatives from grade 8, one from grade 7, two from grade 6, one from grade 5 and one from grade 4. The representatives are as follows:

President - Nate Maleska  
Vice-President - Bonnie Marshall  
Treasurer - Wendy Fleming  
Secretary - Shawna Phillips  
Other members are Andrew McDonald, Brent McGinn and Mindy Fleming.

So far, the student council has only put together one activity. It was a Haunted House for the senior class. It was held on Tuesday, October 25, 1994.

After the Haunted House, some students also tried some different finds of meat such as heart and tongue and some different fruits such as pear, apple and papaya. Over all, the day was fun.

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Coping with Your Fears  
- Shawna Phillips

Ghosts, goblins, witches, monsters under the bed? Well whatever you are scared of, never fear there is a cure.

My class has been working on "Fears and the Unknown". We've got some ways to help you cope. Example: If you are afraid of the dark, turn on a light. Or, if you are afraid of monsters or something scary, distract yourself - read or watch T.V. If you are afraid of being the last to sleep, make an agreement with your parents. You go to bed a half hour earlier and they go to bed an hour later. I used to be terrified of the dark. Try these cures. I'm sure they will work.

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Amherst Islander Finds Rare Tribe  
- Andrew McDonald

A rare cannibal tribe has been found on the west side of Amherst Island. Evidently, they got on the island by paddling over from the mainland in 1895 in wooden rafts. Dr. Don Porter, of Queen's University, who discovered the cannibals, says they use black magic to summon victims to the eating pot where they are chopped up and eaten as soup. Dr. Porter himself has escaped being put in the pot by taking fresh steaks to them each time he visits.

Most of them have at least seven children who are

raised in the bush. At the age of three, they are taken to the village elders. There they are given clothes and get their teeth sharpened. From there, they are raised into adulthood to live the same way their parents did.

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Edmonton vs Amherst Island  
- Sara Pollock

Big, lots of people, kindergarten to grade 6, 11 classrooms, an animal centre, big gymnasium, huge library, 5 soccer fields, 3 baseball diamonds, a big park and a little park. That was my school in Edmonton, Alberta. It was way different from here.

Small, jr. kindergarten to grade 8, 43 people, 3 classrooms, 1 baseball diamond, 1 soccer field, 1 park, basketball nets. This is the school on Amherst Island.

They are so different but I like them both. A.I.P.S. is much more friendly than the school in Edmonton. For example, Wendy Fleming called me and invited me to her house. And she didn't even know me! Another thing I like about A.I.P.S. is that it's so small that every body knows everybody. Also, you can have a friend in a different grade and be in the same class.

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Ghosts Of Dead Prisoner Haunts Ferry  
- Jacob Murray

Gary Duncan, a former prisoner at Millhaven Maximum Security Prison escaped on October 30, 1969, 25 years ago this Sunday. He had gotten one of his friends to leave a rubber dinghy on the shore about half a kilometre from the prison. After he had inflated the raft and was halfway across Lake Ontario, a gale broke out with hurricane force winds and rain coming down in sheets so thick you wouldn't be able to see a foot in front of your face. The waves were two meters high. They sank the dinghy and threw Gary around for about twenty minutes.

The Amherst Island ferry was radioed by Millhaven Penitentiary in an effort to locate the water logged escapee. The ferry crew tried their best to revive him but it was no use. He died five minutes later. He was buried at sea. But when something goes wrong with the boats, it's he who is behind it. So I would not go on the ferry on Sunday because there might be an accident.

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#### Beacon Notes

Cold enough for you? This must be our just desserts for such a spectacular fall. And, I guess all that white stuff is supposed to put us in the festive mood. I'll reserve judgement on that until we get closer to the holidays but in the spirit of the season, we all wish to all our loyal readers (and the not so loyal ones too), a fine holidays and the best for the New Year.

We do have the usual news and views to serve up to this month. The special of the month is a continuation of our cub reporter's items that they wrote at the school. The veteran Council reporter was hard at work trying to get things right as we don't have our own built in checker anymore in ex-Councillor Murray. Oh well... I guess we'll just fly by the seat of our pants a little more than usual.

So, what else is happenin' in this happenin' place? Well, I can't think right now but it'll come to me eventually so I'd better just move on and try and put this baby to bed. Still can't think of anything else for here so....

Merry Xmas And A Happy New Year

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Council Report December 6, 1994

- Chris Kennedy

Council report for the first regular meeting of the new Council.

For those with a short memory the new Council consists of Lyn Fleming, Alec Scott Jr., Jim Whitton and Ralph Woods, with Duncan Ashley as Reeve. Keep this list so you know who to thank or who to complain to.

First the Reeve and then Council made the Declaration of Elected Office and the Oath of

Allegiance, which states that they will be honest and upright and bear true allegiance to the Queen. Then the Reeve made his address to the new council. It was short and sweet.

Duncan Ashley first listed his appointments to the council committees:

Ferry Manager- Ashley;

Public Works- Scott & Whitton;

Recreation- Ashley & Fleming;

Fire- Fleming;

Emergency Measure- Ashley;

Cemetery- Woods,

Ameriks Trust Fund- Woods;

AD Hoc Social Contract- Whitton & Woods.

Jim Whitton put forward a motion that Duncan Ashley not be Ferry Manager, because his wife works on the ferry. Duncan said that he felt that he could avoid conflict of intent on any issue

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involving the Collective Agreement with the union and pointed out that the previous Reeve had avoided conflict even though his father was Senior Captain. Jim's motion did not receive a seconder, so was lost. Then in a recorded vote it was decided unanimously to add a second member of Council to the Ferry Committee. The actual appointment will have to wait until the Procedural Bylaw is amended.

Then in a recorded vote Duncan Ashley was appointed Ferry Manager, with Whitton voting against.

The other committee appointments were approved.

Stuart Miller reported that the Road Crew was ready for snow. The Public Works department should come in under budget this year.

Our Ferry, the Amherst Islander has come back with anti-freeze all through its boiler system so ship keepers will not be required on a regular basis in cold weather. Only on very cold nights will the captain decide that someone should keep watch. Council will advertise for two positions for ship keepers, applications are to be in by Dec. 23rd. Council decided not to hire another part time deck hand for the moment.

Since the small ferry is back it has often been full, and the Clerk will write to M.T.O. that it is not adequate to handle regular commuter traffic.

There is no funding this year for repairs to the Stella dock. Our M.P., Peter Milliken, will be requested for help in receiving funding for next year. Harbours and Ports will be requested for a meeting in the New Year to discuss the plans for the Stella dock.

The Clerk put out the 1995 Ferry Estimates. There

are large increases in Workers Compensation charges, Insurance and Berthage fees, and Council can do little to reduce these.

Money is included in the estimate for passenger shelters on the docks. The Public Works department was asked to recommend a plan for the shelter on the Millhaven dock.

The Fire Chief or Deputy Fire Chief will be requested to attend Council meetings to keep Council up to date on the Fire Department.

The Recreation Committee is looking for new members. Anyone interested could call Duncan Ashley or Lyn Fleming.

The Township Back Beach lawyer has finished his work, so he will be paid as soon as the signed agreement is returned by the Hunt Club.

The meeting was not over by 11 p.m., curfew, but council decided to continue to finish up routine business. With the new members of Council and a new Reeve feeling their way through the business the meeting was quite slow and cautious, but they are ably guided by the Clerk/Treasurer.

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Township Of Amherst Island  
Landfill Site Holiday Schedule  
Saturday, December 24... 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Sunday, Christmas Day... Closed  
Wednesday, December 28... 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday, December 31... 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Sunday, New Year's Day ... Closed  
Wednesday, January 4... 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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The Neighbourhood  
- Annette

Sincere best wishes to Jack Kerr, currently in hospital recovering from a stroke. Best wishes also to Art McGinn and Margaret Blenkinsop, both recovering at home after a stay in hospital. Susan (Mrs. Art) McGinn and Chad Miller are both laid up with broken arms.

Congratulations to Bonnie Azuley and Jan Sneep on the birth of their fourth child, a boy.

Welcome to our new Island residents, Mr. and Mrs. David Youell, Candace and Shannon. They recently purchased Shirley Halferty's house and are now full-time Islanders.

Sincere sympathy to the families of John Drumgoole and Mavis McGinness (Art McGinn's sister), both of whom passed away this month.

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Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas, Secty

I have been directed by the Women's Institute to thank all those who helped us make a success of the Seniors' dinner on Friday, Dec. 2. We are very grateful for the on-going financial support of the Orange Lodge and the Canadian Legion, and for the donations received from private individuals. Thanks go to Susie Caughey for organizing those

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pleasant young ladies who served and cleared the tables. Finally, we are most grateful for the work of those ladies who worked in the kitchen, preparing and serving food for the girls, directing their activities, and finally tackling that least welcome chore, the washing up! Without the help of all these volunteers it would be impossible for the Women's Institute to stage this supper as most of us are Seniors ourselves. So Thank You all, and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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The January meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at Irene Glenn's, Wednesday, January 18th, at 1:30 p.m.

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Attention Cheese Lovers

Isle is offering Wilton cheese. Delivery to the Island the third Wednesday of each month. Don't forget to phone your order in the previous Friday to:

an A.I.P.S. student or  
Ann Albertan 389-2662  
Karen J. Fleming 389-9869  
Dave Willard 389-1656  
Karen Fleming 389-0219

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Food Bank

Dear Sally,

As we come to the close of another year and to prepare to celebrate the beautiful feast of Christmas our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for His love and we remember with special gratitude all those who contribute so generously to the support of the Partners in Mission Food Bank. We continue to be touched by the generosity of our benefactors which made it possible to fill approximately 10,580 hampers this year.

In recognition of your spirit of generosity you and your loved ones will be remembered in a Novena of Masses celebrated during the Christmas season by the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph.

Sincerely,



Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph.

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#### Island History

Wemp Family Genealogy Foundation

July 29, 1995 on Amherst Island

The Wemp family reunion will be held at the family farm on Amherst Island, Ontario. Plan to attend the memorial and plaque dedication service 1:00 p.m. as well as the getting acquainted / reacquainted activities. Please spread the word so we can make this a reunion to remember.

Those concerned in documenting our family history: it would be helpful to have this information as soon as possible to give us time to organize it into a cohesive package. We have record sheets to assist you.

Further information or to volunteer your time please call Leigh Wemp (613) 386-3501, Herb Wemp (613) 386-1140 or Sharon Sands (613) 353-2358. All donations are gratefully accepted.

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#### Thank You Notes

To all who made our 40th Anniversary very special, our heartfelt thanks. Debbie and Phil for their thoughtfulness in having a party and for all their hard work putting it together. Dave and Karen for their help and our beautiful cake. Our foster daughter Laura, for being here with us. All our nine grandchildren and anyone else who helped,

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thank you for all the lovely gifts and cards. Also for coming and helping us make a wonderful memory.

Lovingly

Tom and Audrey Miller

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Ralph Woods would like to thank all the residents of Amherst Island for your support and confidence on November 14th.

I promise that I will represent all the people to the best of my ability.

Sincerely

Ralph Woods

Amherst Island Councillor

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Gordon Reid and family wish to thank all their friends and relatives for their presence and the lovely cards and gifts brought to Gordon's 90th birthday celebration on December 11th at the home of Stratton and Barbara Reid. It was a memorable experience for

Dad to re-new acquaintances and see so many of his old friends. It was also a pleasure to see so many relatives and friends from the mainland. Thanks also to those who helped with food and serving.

Beautiful memories for everyone.

The "Reids"

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I would like take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave me their support and encouragement during the recent election for Township Council by signing my nomination papers and voting for me.

I hope I will be an asset to council and if I can be a help to anyone, please feel free to call me.

Lyn Fleming

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A very sincere thank you to the following: those kind people who sent cards, letters, flowers and gifts during my illness. To Tena Tugwell and the Ferry Crew for getting me over to the mainland. To the A.C.W. and the P.C.W. for their calls and goodies.

We are surely blessed to be living on this beautiful Island, populated by so many kind and caring people.

Thanks to the A.C.W. for the delicious lunch, served following the service.

May God Bless you

Merry Christmas to All

Margaret Blenkinsop

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{the Thank You Notes will continue after the following notice}

#### Township of Amherst Island

##### Job Posting

Township of Amherst Island requires up to two people to perform Winter Ship Keeping Duties on the Amherst Islander.

Hourly Rate \$8:00

Duties include:

Monitoring de-icing equipment and heating system;

Periodic (Hourly) Inspection of heat registers;

Notify engineer in case of power failure;

Clear snow from decks, sweep stairwells, spread salt; and,

Perform other duties as assigned.

Written applications will be received at the Township Office until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 1994.

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{Thank You Notes continued}

The "Friends of St. Alban's" would like to thank everyone who supported our Summer Concert Series - we sold out for every concert! We would also like to thank the ladies of the community who supplied a lot of the goodies we all enjoyed during intermission; the people who helped move furniture and the organ back and forth every week; Larry Fleming, for keeping the grounds in top shape; and everyone else who helped make our series a success. A special thank-you to Cathy Glenn for the generous loan of her piano and of course the performers for donating their time and talent.

Most recently we welcomed the St. George's Men and Boys Choirs during Sunday Service. Again, they sang to an almost "full house"!

Plans are already in the works for the next summer's series!

We hope to see you there!

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I wish to extend my deep appreciation to the many friends who took time out from busy lives to visit me when I was confined to hospital on two recent occasions. To the Members of Burleigh L.O.L. #482 for their delicious fruit platter, to the representatives of both the P.C.W. and A.C.W. for their calls and the treats that they brought with them. To Revs' Young and Dunkin for their visits in the hospital and to Rev. McIntyre for his calls at home. To the McDonalds and the Morgans for the delicious food that they showered upon us, on my return from hospital. I am assured that the diet of some 18 pills per day will restore my breathing problem. Your many "get well" cards were also much enjoyed.

A. Bruce Caughey

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The Royal Canadian Legion  
Legion Remembrance Day Competition  
- Leslie Gavlas, Youth Education Program

Branch 539 of the Royal Canadian Legion is proud to announce the winners of the 1994 Remembrance Day Competition for poster, essays and poems:

Black and White Poster - Grades 4,5 & 6

#1- Mindy Fleming

#2- Samantha Pollock

#3- Ryan McGinn

Coloured Posters - Grades 4,5,& 6

#1- Shawna Phillips

#2- Andrew McDonald

#3- Shannon Baker

Black and White Posters - Grades 7 & 8

#1- Jessica McGinn

#2- Jacob Murray

#3- Scott Marshall

Coloured Posters - Grades 7 & 8

#1- Sara Pollock

#2- Wendy Fleming

#3- Jacob Murray

Essays - Grades 4, 5 & 6

#1- Ryan McGinn

#2- Kyle Murray

#3- Andrew McDonald

Essays - Grades 7 & 8

#1- Jacob Murray

#2- Stephanie Fleming

#3- Sara Pollock

Poems - Grades 4, 5 & 6

1 only- Samantha Pollock

Poems - Grades 7 & 8

#1- Bonnie Marshall

#2- Scott Marshall

Other participants - Helen Bell-Smith, Brent

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McGinn, Alison McDonald, Nathan Maleska, Mark McCormick.

The judges were Jean and Ross Compeau of Kingston and Audrey and Tom Miller, Stella. The level of excellence of the submissions were exceptionally high and this gave the judges much difficulty. All the students are greatly to be congratulated.

The first prize winners in all categories have been forwarded for the Legion Zone Competition.

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Does anyone have any weight lifting equipment taking up space in their attic or basement. If you need the space and wish to sell, please call - Dianne Marshall at 389-0554.

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Lost

Help, my memory has gone, and so is my rope. I think I lent a length of 5/8" polypropylene rope to

someone, possibly to take down a tree. I have forgotten who, but I would be very grateful for its return.

Chris Kennedy 389-0554

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#### Congratulations

Congratulations to us for making it through another year with 12 issues printed and distributed. We have started planning for Issue 1000 which will happen in 2062 but can't come up with a theme. If any one has any to share, we'll be glad to listen.

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#### Beacon Awards

The Foot In The Mouth Award goes to Jessie Helms (U.S. Republican Senator) who one day suggests that the President is not fit to be Commander-In-Chief and then next suggests that the President better have a body-guard if he comes to North Carolina. Now, now Jessy... I know you just swept the mid-terms but don't let a little power go to your head!!

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#### Meals on Wheels

Attention all seniors, veterans and convalescents! Don't forget our upcoming meals on wheels dates, Monday, December 19 and again Monday, January 16. Cost only \$3.00.

If possible please order a week in advance to make grocery shopping easier. (But please don't hesitate to call if you had forgotten about the December date). To order call Audrey Miller 389-0105 or Karen Fleming 389-0210.

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#### Meynard Laltin Reviews

Seen any good movies lately? Well, I have... not quite 'mainstream' Hollywood. Without further delay, we begin with the one pure Hollywood movie.

#### Speed

First rate action/thriller starring Keanu Reeves (who?), Sandra Bullock (who?) and Dennis Hopper (great bad-guy). Lots of action and lots of thrills but, as is usual, not great acting or dialogue. Don't think - just watch and enjoy. {8 out of 10 rating done in a graphic style}

#### The Snapper

A rather funny look at an Irish family and the oldest daughter who is having a baby and won't tell who the father is. By the same people who made The Commitments and done in the same rather rowdy style. {7 out of 10 rating done in a graphic style}

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#### Back Beat

A much better story of the early Beatles and the leaving of Stu than I expected.. Good music; no-one is made to look like a dummy or heel or whatever; and, best of all, the film-makers found three actors who look and move enough like George, John and Paul that you have no doubt who is on screen. {7 out of 10 rating done in a graphic style}

#### The Search For Intelligent Life In The Universe

Lily Tomlin's one-woman stage play (written by Jane Wagner) brought to film. Very, very good and one that you may have to watch twice to get enough from it as Lily plays a lot of characters. It is a play and not just two hours of stand-up comedy although it does have its wickedly funny lines. (And, no that's not a mis-print in the title.) {8 out of 10 rating done in a graphic style}

#### Pumping Iron

Arnold Schwarzenegger 'stars' in the documentary about his run for his sixth straight Mr. Universe title. That's in 1977 before he became a big star. He is so cheerfully ruthless and dedicated in his pursuit of the title particularly when dealing with his main competition, Lou Ferrigno (before he became The Hulk). {6 out of 10 rating done in a graphic style}

#### Blown Away

Hot off the video store shelf... Jeff Bridges and Tommy Lee Jones star in this so-so action picture. The pyrotechnics are good but there are holes large enough in the plot that you could blow a truck up in an no-one would get hurt. Still, I didn't fall asleep. {6 out of 10 rating done in a graphic style}

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#### Community Calendar

December 25... St. Paul's Presbyterian Christmas Service 11:00 a.m.

January 1... St Paul's Presbyterian New Year's Day Service 11:00 a.m.

January 1... First Available Day To Break New Year's Resolutions

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#### A Letter Home

Well, we've got the Amherst Islander back and the line-ups too. You know... I always welcomed the site of our boat when we had the Wolfe Islander II and Upper Canada as spares but the Frontenac II has really spoiled me. Oh well, where are those audio books?

We had a rather nasty wind storm at the end of

November which tore off part of Stratton and Barbara Reid's barn roof. It did blow it off but rather left it like a half opened can of sardines - with one corner peeled back.

The sheep are all put away for the winter so farming has become rather less hectic. We got really good prices for our lambs this fall, so we're feeling all right and knocking on wood at the same time - can't be too careful with fate's fickle finger.

Any day now we'll be getting the furnace hooked up in the new shop and then, by golly, we'll really have something... a spacious and warm place to work for the first time since 1974. That's when the red barn burned down.

Times up so... Merry Xmas to all and see you next year. All in all, this one's been pretty darn, good.

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A.I.P.S. Reporters

Missing Women

- Nate Maleska

Grade 8

On October 31, Nathan Maleska, a long time resident of the island, is walking by the old Presbyterian Church and he hears a scream. He walks around back and there is a woman with a blue suede dress standing in front of a grave. On the grave it says "Jim Bob was to be married on the day of his death. Born Sept. 21, 1842. Died October 31, 1864." When Nathan turns around the woman has disappeared. Strange?

Picture this. It's Amherst Island, 1864. There is a woman about to be married. She picks out a blue suede dress. The day of the wedding, the groom goes to his friend's house and she goes for a walk. They are trying to avoid each other. She is going deep into the woods. She finds a run down house. She explores it. The man goes to the church. They are ready to begin the ceremony. No bride!

After 3 hours, the bride is still not there. He goes home, breaks down and cries "She's gone!" and then he dies.

Many years later when, the island becomes more inhabited a little girl, Sammi Pollock, wanders around and comes across the house. She goes in and a blue suede dress is hanging in the closet. She runs home to get her mother. Her mother thinks nothing of it. She thinks the child is imagining things.

Two days later, a woman is standing on the side of the road in front of the house where the blue suede dress was hanging. A man is driving by. He stops and says "Do you want a ride?" She says nothing and she gets in never saying anything. Soon he is passing the church.

She leaps from the car. The man looks as she disappears.

Perhaps you don't believe in ghosts. Perhaps you don't believe in what Nathan Maleska and Sammi Pollock are sure they saw. But if you're curious, or not quite sure you might try walking down, by the old presbyterian church graveyard on the next October 31 to see for yourself.

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Tragedy Strikes Sesame Street

- Helen Bell-Smith

Grade 6

Big Bird is dead. It all happened last Saturday, October 21, when Big Bird and Snofalupagus were fighting about who got paid more. Snuffy got out of hand and hit Big Bird over the head with his trunk. Big Bird died instantly. The whole of Sesame Street is in mourning. Snuffy was charged with murder. He will face trial in 6 months. Elmo says that Sesame Street won't be the same without those two. Oskar never acted like he liked anyone but he agrees with Elmo. The funeral will be on Friday.

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Hold Up On Amherst Island

- Bonnie Marshall

Grade 7

On October 28, 1994, when students from Mrs. Mary Farrar's Class were sitting on the gymnasium floor of Amherst Island Public School, an unidentified man came in and held up the class. Bonnie Marshall a grade student, sneaked out and called the police. When the police arrived, the man grabbed Sara Pollock, another grade 7 student, and held a gun to her head. The man was screaming for the police to go away. Finally, after 10 minutes of this, Bonnie got brave and quietly walked around the man and Sara. She lurched onto the back of the man and choked him until he passed out.

Bonnie will be awarded the Medal of Honour and the Medal of Bravery. As it turns out, the man was Larry Thompson, an escapee. He was trying to get to the U.S. to start a new life and he went crazy when he reached Amherst Island. He has been returned to Millhaven Penitentiary where he is currently serving 25 years for attempted murder.

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Dead Rise on Island

- Kyle Murray

Grade 6

Zombies have been sighted on the west tip of Amherst Island. On May 18, 1994, zombies were seen by a local resident, Ryan McGinn. Ryan claims that he

saw 5 zombies fighting with themselves. Local scientist Greg Wielder thinks that Ryan may be a nut bal. He also said that it is impossible for zombies to have been there. Ryan is currently being questioned at the police department. Inspector Fred Mantun is on the case.

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## Ernest Apps And The Radar of Matapan

- written and submitted by Stanley Burke

Remembrance Day is a good time to draw attention to a strange oversight in recognizing outstanding service in the Second World War. I refer to the action of Kingston-area resident Ernest Apps, who was the key man in one of the critical battles of the war. In the Battle of Matapan in 1941 in the eastern Mediterranean, he was the radar officer who detected three Italian cruisers, which were sunk in the principal action of the battle.

Apps, in the battleship Valiant, provided the range and bearing - or distance and direction - of the enemy ships, permitting the British fleet to move in to gunnery range. Then, as Apps noted in his diary at the time, Royal Navy battleships fired six broadsides with 15-inch guns and, as he said, it was "all over in five minutes. They never knew what hit them."

This was the key action in a battle win which one battleship was put out of action and four cruisers and 10 destroyers sunk. The battle changed the balance of power in the Mediterranean because, prior to Matapan, the large Italian fleet had to be presumed a potent fighting force and the freedom of action of the Royal Navy accordingly limited. The victory proved British superiority and freed significant forces for essential action such as the support of the offensive base in Malta and the subsequent offensive against Rommel in North Africa.

Matapan was historic in another sense, because it was the first naval battle in which radar was used for gunnery. Apps, as radar officer, proved the effectiveness of the new invention. During the battle, in addition to detecting the opposing fleet, App's radar provided range and bearing to the British guns so that, when the ships arrived in firing position, virtually all that remained was to order Open Fire.

Following the victory, decorations went to App's commanding officer, to the ship's gunnery officer, to the officer in charge of the gunnery control system and to many others throughout the fleet. One went interestingly, to a midshipman who played a relatively insignificant role, simply ordering searchlights trained on the bearing indicated by App's radar. Then, when ordered, he had the lights switched on. He was a certain

Prince Phillip of Greece, nephew to Admiral Lord Mountbatten, later to marry Princess Elizabeth.

But why was the key man overlooked?

Because he was a Canadian?

Because the navy did not want to publicize radar? Perhaps, but a medal could have been issued without mentioning radar.

Because senior officers dismissed radar as gadgetry, preferring to think of this victory as achieved in the old Nelsonian tradition?

But there is one other possible explanation that's intriguing.

Apps had drawn the ire of his commanding officer because he was in love with a French girl, whom he intended to marry. His captain, pacing in his cabin, had angrily said that no British officer should marry a foreigner. Apps replied that he was not British and refused to break off the relationship. The Captain then made preparations to have him returned to Britain.

Through a Canadian in the British consular service in Alexandria, the couple then managed to arrange a civil service. The marriage being a fait accompli, the captain relented and allowed Apps to remain with the fleet, where he continued a career filled with drama. For example, his ship, the Valiant was next to the battleship Barham when she was sent to the bottom by a German submarine with a loss of 800 men, one of the worst losses of the war.

As Apps says, "It could have just as easily been us."

Apps was one of close to 100 Canadians who served as radar officers in the Royal Navy and received little recognition for their services. The Royal Air Force had recruited virtually all the young electronic engineers in the U.K., so the Navy looked to Canada and, in the early years of the war, virtually all RN radar officers were Canadians. They served in 76 battleships and cruisers. Four were killed, one was captured by the Japanese, many had ships sunk under them. Many were engaged in vitally important operations. They were involved, for example, in the sinking of the German battleship Bismark and Scharnhorst.

Along with Apps, another Kingston-area man who served as a RN radar officer was Able Trousdale of Sydenham. He agrees that Canadians did not receive the credit they deserve for naval services. Both Trousdale and Apps come from distinguished families. The Trousdals are a leading family in Sydenham; the Apps have long been prominent in Kingston.

Ernest's brother Syl Apps became noted as a hockey star, cabinet minister and businessman. Ernest had a distinguished engineering career and now lives, happily married to Paulette, in a beautiful home on Amherst Island. A modest man, he has never asked why his conspicuous service was overlooked.

It's not too late. Someone should see that recognition is given.

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For Sale / Wanted

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Certified by the Red Cross Babysitting Course  
Call Jessica Gavlas at 389-3199 on evenings and weekends.

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