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*THE SOUTH WESTERLIES ACCOMPANIED BY BLOWING SNOW HOWLED AGAINST A FLOCK OF SHEEP AT MARK RITCHIE AND CHERRY ALLEN'S FOOT FLATS FARM ON FRONT ROAD THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS.*

## **THIS ISSUE**

- Ian Murray, editor

The advertisements that have appeared month after month in the Beacon have been worrying me. Three pages (or so) every issue and I really wonder just how useful they are to our readers. And 3 pages each issue is a significant cost.

It has been suggested to me many times that there should be a charge for regular ads. I have continued to reject this idea for 2 reasons. One is practical – who is going to keep track of the money and the billing. It is difficult enough to keep our subscription list current.

The second objection is more philosophical. The Beacon's purpose – no we do not have a mission statement - is to provide its readers with information and some entertainment. Its purpose is not to make money by selling advertisements

while providing just enough content to keep the public buying the newspaper or magazine.

As the person responsible for the Beacon, I have made the following decision. Three or four times a year a 4 page advertising insert will be included in the Beacon. There will be no charge for those advertising.

Notices, announcements and one-time ads will continue to be part of each issue.

Please save the insert if you have any interest in referring to any of the ads later.

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Sally has given me the Christmas gift of a commercial newspaper box and when it arrives we'll try to find an appropriate location for it. Readers will then be able to get a Beacon whenever they want (after parting with \$2.)



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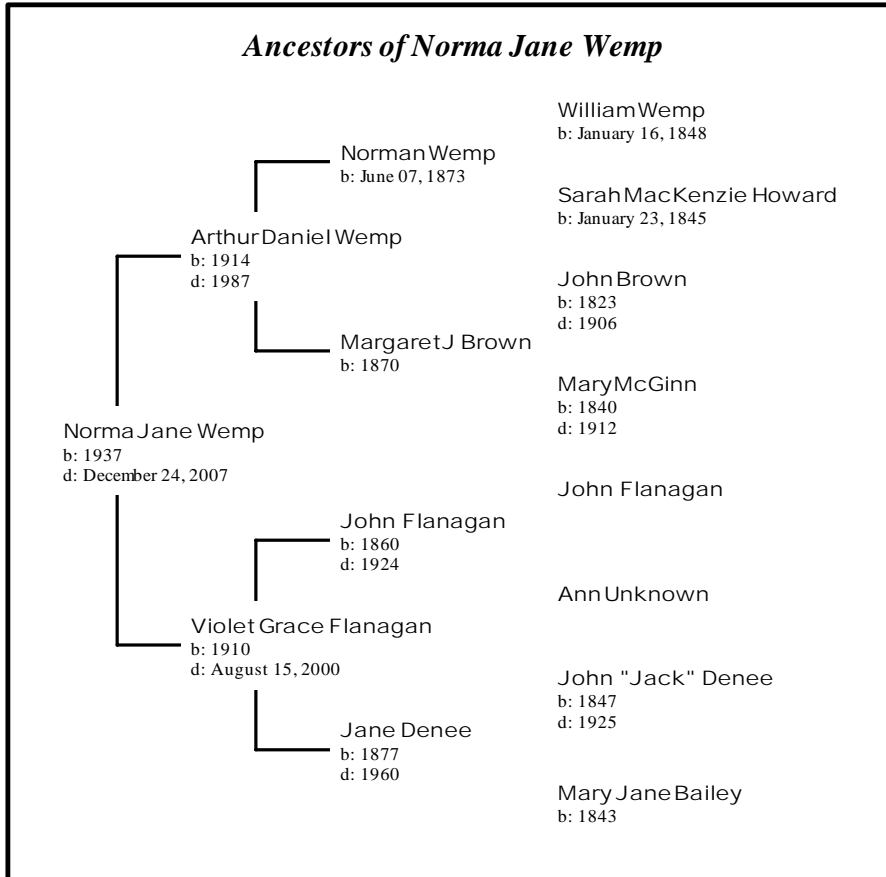
**NORMA JANE WEMP (DEC.**

**15TH, 1937 - DEC. 24TH, 2007)**

Norma grew up on Amherst Island. Her dad was a commercial fisherman, docking the boat at the wharf in Emerald by the grain elevator. The family lived in Emerald in the house now occupied by Barbara Lang. Her sisters were Mary Claus, of Amherst Island and Jean Smith of Edmonton. Her brother Bob lives in Kingston.

She attended the small public school on the Emerald Forty-Foot, then completed Continuation School on the Island.

She married Sinclair Knox and lived in Kingston. She was a very active woman, enjoying bowling and camping - and was known as a great cook. She did not have any long suffering illness. Norma and Sinclair's two children are Debbie Smaglinski (Martin) and Danny (Vanessa). She greatly loved her grandchildren Kendra and Troy McGinn, and Nathan Knox



**LARRY WALLACE HEFF-  
FORD 1944 - DECEMBER 22,  
2007**

We send condolences to Larry's family. They wish to be involved in writing a more detailed story of his family and his life, so that will be in next month's Beacon.

Briefly, Larry was the son of Wallace and Edna (Cork) Hefford. (Edna was one of seven sisters, born on the Island). She now resides in Helen Henderson.

Larry was married to Sandra (Fleming) and was father of Michael and Jayna.

More information and pictures next month.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Joyce Reid

The December meeting was held earlier this month to accommodate other seasonal activities.



This evening began with a delicious Christmas Pot Luck Supper followed by a brief business meeting held on Dec. 5 at St. Paul's Hall. The tables were set on very attractive Christmas Table Cloths and included real greenery interspersed with Bubble Lights all the way down the centre. Very attractive!

Plans for the Seniors' Christmas Party at the Community Centre for approximately 90 people on December 9 were confirmed. There is a lot of work involved. Volunteers are greatly appreciated to make this a successful event, some of whom are seniors themselves!

Recruitment Recognition was given to Kirsten Bennick in the form of a pin, certificate and a one-year membership – congratulations for bringing us a new member!

We reviewed the Code of Ethics for WI members, one of which was "Recognize the unique contribution that each person brings to the WI no matter how big or small. Every contribution helps to move our organization forward".

The WI Calendar for 2008 is available for \$10.00 from Jackie Sylvester or The General Store. It features Pen and Ink drawings and a couple of Water Colours done by Island Artist and Teacher Shirley Miller.

Meeting adjourned. Fun began with Gift Exchange – lots of pleasant surprises, and home by 10 p.m.

On December 9 tables were attractively set in the Community Centre for the Seniors' Christmas Party with poinsettias, Christmas Serviettes, Red Candles and Original Greeting Cards made by the students of Amherst Island Public School. Jackie Sylvester welcomed guests and introduced The Kingston Downhome Cloggers. The performers were appropriately dressed in red and white costumes with lots of glitter. There was one 88-year-old man in this group of seven women. Their energy and talents were amazing as we all joined in with toe-tapping and hand-clapping to the beat. As we enjoyed the appetizing aromas, Reverend Zander Dunn said the Grace. During the full course turkey dinner with all the trimmings Beth Forester played the piano – creating a seasonal music background. Visiting and socializing took place following the festive activities as good wishes were exchanged.

Next Meeting is 7p.m. January 16, at the home of Joyce Haines. Bring a board game. All are welcome.

## BEACON SURVEY - CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH

- Sally Bowen

In the December issue, we reported that subscribers' feedback was generally quite complimentary about the Beacon, but that there were several suggestions for things that might be done to improve the paper.

We enclosed a brief questionnaire in the last issue, asking for comments from those who buy their Beacon at the store.

We now have had 16 responses from subscribers, and 12 from individual copy purchasers.

The more recent responses reinforced the most frequent comment that you prefer not as many photos, and for those included to have identification.

In addition to the suggestions listed in the December issue, we received the following:

Two people asked for history about houses.

More people asked for increased coverage on births, marriages, anniversaries and deaths.

There were more requests for special event coverage, and when possible, for more advanced notice. (organizations please take note)

Some felt that articles can be too long - Letter Home is the right length.

Elizabeth Barry has been encouraged to write again.

Thumbnail sketches of new Islanders would be welcome. More history, more tradition, more memories are wanted.

One responder finds the capital letters in the ad section harder to read than regular print.

Additional locations to buy the Beacon would be welcome.

Thanks for the encouragement we received. Our regular writers, Janet, Lyn, Zander, Alan as well as the W.I. and AIMS reporters have all received their share of kudos. The photos and photographers are appreciated, we just need to be more selective and include more info.

We need more Islanders to contribute occasionally. We'd love to have old photos, or maps or stories. Beacon staff will gladly do the writing if you have a story or information you'd rather phone in (just not at the last minute, please.) We'd be very glad to find someone interested in covering the Council meetings in greater depth.

More articles from Islanders are welcome..

Ian got the promise of a newspaper box as a Christmas present. Wonder how long it'll take to get it....

## MORE ON THE SURVEYS

- Ian Murray, editor

A big thank you to those who took the time to fill out the survey.

Readers appear to be generally satisfied with our product.

As mentioned above we are intend to get a newspaper box and put it in a good location.

There will be fewer photos and they will have captions. Sue will have to be even more ruthless in choosing which photos to put in. We very much appreciate the efforts of the prolific and skilled Island photographers – Terry, Brian and Dave – and also photos from other Islanders. We particularly like photos from times past. I hope that Gayle’s photos turn out well.

I hope I can talk Sally into doing phone interviews with new Islanders. Or perhaps someone would like to volunteer for that. I really enjoy the personal information in the AIMS articles. And Zander’s interviews were wonderful and I hope Islanders will encourage him to do more – and help him find folks willing to be interviewed.

Special event coverage will always be a problem due to our somewhat erratic monthly publishing – we try to have the issue printed and on the Island by the 10<sup>th</sup> but don’t always make it. CJAI is the best venue for announcements of upcoming events and, with the soon-to-be stronger signal, everyone will be able to tune in.

## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

There were 225 pages in the agenda documents for the December 10 Council meeting.

The Ameriks scholarship recipients are listed in the AIMS report below.

A book of ferry tickets was donated to the AIMS New Year’s Dinner/Dance.

Councillor Ashley congratulated Keith and Shirley Miller on their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Councillor Ashley requested that condolences be sent to the family of Wanda McGinn.

The Frontenac II will be going to dry dock “mid to late March”.

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The December 24 Council meeting was cancelled.

Council meets 7 times in January: 3 full Council meetings, 3 capital budget meetings and 1 operating budget meeting.

This is an opportunity for those who want to follow along with the budget process. There has been some criticism of Loyalist governance procedures in the past year so these meetings provide any one interested with a good look at how political decisions are made – decisions that affect services provided by Loyalist and the costs involved.



## JANET’S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

Christmas Bird Count, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

The North winds will blow and we will have snow and what shall poor Robin do then, poor thing? Well on December 28th that poor Robin as well as 62 other species showed up for the annual Christmas Bird Count on Amherst Island.

There were 28 birders that showed up at the Amherst Island Community Centre ready to count any and all birds that could be found. The weather was unusually mild for our Christmas Count unlike the year that many of these same birders had braved chilling winds at a wind chill factor of -34 to carry on the Christmas Count tradition. That year the fog off the open water made it impossible to see or count any ducks. About noon we heard Canada Geese calling as they flew over the school and were able to add them to the list. This year we had east winds at 8-13 km and temperatures of 0 degrees to plus 2 and at times a jacket was all one needed to birdwatch comfortably. This year we had a record number of birders from Amherst Island - six - and two visiting Grandchildren helped with the count. Our farthest birder from away was Rob Worona visiting from Calgary and willing to help out his old friends from the Kingston Field Naturalists with the count.

An exciting bird, as a first for our Christmas Count, was a Carolina Wren. We had been warned by the owner of a feeder that two Carolina Wrens had been feeding on suet at her house for the past month so were very happy when they showed up for Paul MacKenzie, but only after he played the call to entice them out. Paul was also able to see the Eastern Towhees that like this feeder as well and counted our only Great Horned Owl.

Other owls that appeared for the count were Short-eared, Long-eared, Barred and Saw-whet but no Snowy Owl was seen on that day. Perhaps the Snowy Owls are enjoying the voles on Wolfe Island this winter.

A total of thirteen different ducks were counted including two American Wigeons which are not always present at this time of year. About 50 Tundra Swans were seen at various locations and the usual 500 plus Canada Geese. We were very glad to discover a Great Blue Heron hanging out on Amherst Island for a winter vacation and 3 Loons were spotted. Rob Worona and Kurt Hennige checking the Kingston Field Naturalists’ property at the Foot of the Island got to see the only Horned Grebe of the day. An unusual occurrence for a birding trip was the chance to walk to the island off the gravel bar at the east end of the Island because of the low water levels.

After the day of birding the excellent team returned to the school and were treated to lunch provided by Bonnie Livingstone and myself. I think Bonnie’s spicy chili was a great way to top up such a marvelous day of birding and time spent in the outdoors with such great people. Thanks

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once again to all the birders who helped with the count and the Feeder watchers who called in with great bird lists.

A complete list of the sightings is listed below.

Good Birding,

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Amherst Island Christmas Bird Count: Common Loon; Canada Geese; Great Blue Heron; Horned Grebe; Tundra Swans; American Black Duck; Mallard; Northern Pintail; Hooded Mergansers; Common Mergansers; Red-breasted Mergansers; Common Goldeneye; Bufflehead; Long-tailed Duck; Gadwall; Greater Scaup; Green-winged Teal; American Wigeon; Bald Eagle; Northern Harrier; Rough-legged Hawk; Red-tailed Hawk; American Kestrel; Sharp-shinned Hawk; Cooper's Hawk; Northern Goshawk; Ring-billed Gull; Herring Gull; Great Black-backed Gull; Ring-necked Pheasant; Rock Pigeon; Mourning Dove; Great Horned Owl; Long-eared Owl; Short-eared Owl; Saw-whet Owl; Barred Owl; Red-bellied Woodpecker; Downy Woodpecker; Hairy Woodpecker; Northern Flicker; Northern Shrike; Blue Jay; American Crow; Horned Lark; Black-capped Chickadee; White-breasted Nuthatch; Carolina Wren; American Robin; European Starling; American Tree Sparrow; Song Sparrow; Dark-eyed Junco; Eastern Towhee; Lapland Longspur; Snow Bunting; Northern Cardinal; Red-winged Blackbird; Brown-headed Cowbird; House Finch; American Goldfinch; Common Redpoll; House Sparrow

## **IT'S BLUE, PERT AND CUTTING EDGE: BRA HUNTING: BUT SHE CAN WEAR IT ONLY**

### **TWO HOURS AT A TIME**

National Post

Saturday, December 23, 2006

Page: WP5

Section: Weekend Post

Byline: Alena Schram

Source: Weekend Post

Last week I went browsing for the blue bra a newspaper columnist recently said every woman should own, and I found it in one of those lingerie shops that caters primarily to young women augmenting their thong collections. It was on sale, down to \$9 from \$22, so I wasn't about to quibble over the fact that it was a luminous turquoise and so thickly padded it could have doubled as a squeegee. The important thing was that at age 60-plus, I was cool. And even more important, I hoped, hot.

I had to admit the new bra made my upper contours look perky. Gone the droopy boobs that spoke of tired middle age. Now what had previously rested on my navel was right up there parallel with my underarms. This deft manoeuvre was accomplished by pulling the straps as tight as they would go and then rearranging everything inside to fit. The result, however, wasn't quite as smooth as I'd an-

ticipated. In fact, it left a definite bend in my breasts, as though I had them resting on a shelf. And more alarmingly, those extra inches that didn't fit in the sexy little cups spilled depressingly over the sides. But what the heck, I told myself, if I wear a loose T-shirt and keep my arms casually pressed to my sides, it won't show.

But I could only wear the thing for two hours at a time before I got a headache. All that weight pulling down on two skinny straps left craters in my shoulders, and the three-inch overhang at the sides chafed. And it was almost impossible to keep my arms down all the time and still lead a normal life.

Go see my bra fitter, a friend advised. But when I considered the results of her most recent \$150 acquisition, I was unconvinced. Granted, her breasts weren't sitting at right angles to her neck. And she seemed able to swing her arms and even lift them without exposing anything too droopy or wobbly. But her shape is positively Wagnerian, and reminds me of something carved out of wood and mounted on the front of a Viking ship.

Besides, I'd tried bra fitters. Twice. The first time, in Paris, when I was 20, the young English-speaking woman helping me had sniggered at my plain white -- well, greyish, actually -- totally unadorned foundation garment (in those days the word bra was not uttered in polite company) and given me lessons on the strategic use of tissue as a cleavage enhancer before sending me off with three utterly enchanting confections, all in lace.

The second time was five years ago in London's Marble Arch branch of Marks & Spencer. Riding up on the escalator, I was suddenly struck by a massive sign that proclaimed accusingly:

95% of British women are wearing the wrong-size bra.

No kidding, I thought, and left my husband looking for socks while I hurried to the lingerie department to see if I, too, fell into this shameful category and, if so, what could be done about it.

A white-uniformed specialist appeared almost at once to study my breasts individually and in unison. Then, without a word, she swept out, leaving me hoping that I, and my breasts, had made a suitably good impression. She returned with a selection of more than 20 bras, each of which she adjusted me into, kneading, pushing, lifting and rearranging where necessary. I learned that in common with most women, I was not bilaterally symmetrical and that a bra that fit my left boob perfectly did not necessarily fit my right. And vice versa.

Eighteen bras and 45 minutes of squeezing and prodding later, I had something that worked, more or less. It held everything in place, but had all the seduction of my old training bra. By then my husband had long since chosen his two pairs of argyles and was frantically looking for me. He'd last seen me hurrying into the underwear department for what he assumed was my usual three-minute bra-and-

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knicker grab. When I pointed to the sign by way of an explanation, he snapped, "But you're not even British!" Which brings me back to my new turquoise number.

British or not, I suppose I'm wearing the wrong-size bra. I couldn't possibly still be that 34B chick of blessed memory. But it's blue (sort of), it's pert, it's cutting edge -- well, cutting anyway -- and if, as I strongly suspect, it adds an element of mutton-dressed-as-lamb, well so what? At 60-plus, you can get away with these occasional outrageous departures in dress protocol. I feel good when I wear it. So good, in fact, that I may go back tomorrow and buy a matching thong (ew!). And one of these days, I may actually get up the nerve to wear both of them somewhere besides at home.

## AIMS: DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

- Hugh Jenney

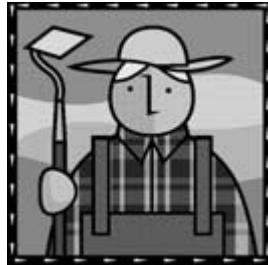
Twenty-four men sat down to a delicious, full breakfast prepared by Brian, Eva and Daniel Little.

Dayle Gowan reported that Loyalist Township had given AIMS a tax receipt for our \$1,000 (\$750 for the endowment and \$250 to be disbursed to this year's graduates) donation in Peter Moes's name. Dayle sent it on to Peter's widow. Along with the receipt was a letter that included: "The Township received generous donations from Dr. Gian Frontini, Gowan and Gowan Corporation, The Amherst Women's Institute and from The Estate of Peter Moes. Your annual contribution increases the funds available to the students and it is greatly appreciated. ... each of the following applicants received \$384.62 of the donations and interest accrued from the joint funds (Ameriks Scholarship Fund):

Geoffrey McDonald -- St. Lawrence College  
Whitney Fleming-- Loyalist College  
Marlene Kilpatrick -- University of Toronto  
Scott Marshall -- University of Manitoba  
Brent McGinn-- Loyalist College  
Christopher Reed -- Queen's University  
Chrysta Trotter-- St. Lawrence College  
Tabytha Trotter -- St. Lawrence College  
Peter Vrooman -- Trent University  
Alicia Wolfreys -- St. Lawrence College

We are proud of each and every one of our graduates. Good luck to them all in their future studies."

Dayle reported that Tom Richmond thanked us for our \$500 donation to our AI Radio. Dayle also reported the good news that the station has received approval to increase the transmitter power to 250 watts (probably happen in January), the 92.1 FM spot is now protected and that the license has been renewed for seven years. Con-



gratulations, Tom and all those who have worked so hard to achieve this marvelous goal.

Susan Filson thanked us for our \$1,030 donation to the Great Ride 'n Stride event. "A big thank you to the AIMS members for your support with this event. It's because of you that we're one step closer to making breast cancer history."

Dayle passed out his History of AIMS for review. This history will be sent to the Beacon soon so that everybody can see how their donations are being used to make our community better. Dayle was asked to provide a brief history of AIMS when he applied to Loyalist Township for a \$500 grant to help in the maintenance of our hanging flower baskets. They certainly do brighten up our village.

Peter Trueman reported that the Christmas Carol production is proceeding smoothly, but he needs help with parking (Greg Latiak and Hugh Jenney agreed to bring flashlights) and food. (Brian Little, Dayle and Lorna will help) Peter thanked Terry Culbert and Brian Little for all the work they have done with press releases, posters and tickets.

Bruce Burnett needs some more bar ticket sellers for the New Year's Dinner & Dance. John Schutzbach and Alan Kidd volunteered to help set up the tables.

Dayle asked us all to think about what projects we should be doing to raise money for our community. He thought the AIMS table and the Auction would be good to keep going. He suggested that maybe some men could get together during the winter to build bird houses, etc. for the AIMS table. More ideas are needed for our January meeting.

Bruce Burnett suggested supplying six window blinds for the hall. He will discuss this with Jim Whitton to see if the Church is interested.

Dayle introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Anders Ben- nick.

Anders first came to Amherst Island with his wife Kirsten in 1987 as part of an exploration of Eastern Ontario. They bicycled around the Island and had a picnic lunch on the beach near the fishing village. They liked the Island and thought that they might come back some other time. Little did they know that 13 years later they would build a house not far from their picnic spot.

Anders was born in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1935. In 1940 at the outbreak of the Second World War, Denmark was occupied by Germany. He has many memories from that period perhaps the strongest being when he was eight years old early in the summer of 1944. At that time the relationship between the occupying Germans and the Danish population came to a boil, resulting in a general strike in Copenhagen. His family was just about to leave for a holiday in a cottage about 100 km south of the city. Since there was no transportation they all got on their bicycles and made it safely out of the rebellious city. But it was a

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very tired 8 year old boy that finally reached their destination at the end of the day. This was the first of many journeys he undertook after the war was over, starting with a bicycle trip to Paris when he was 16 years old and subsequently to places such as Italy, Spain, Yugoslavia and Greece (mostly hitch-hiking). This was at the height of the cold war so apart from the exhilaration of traveling he also wanted to make sure that he saw all these places before the Cold War turned hot.

Following high school he studied dentistry in Copenhagen. In his second year the Dean of the Faculty asked if he would like to take part in a scientific study. This made him realize that there were other things he could do with his education besides practicing dentistry. After graduation he was accepted as an intern at Eastman Dental Centre in Rochester NY. He sailed to New York, but landing at a pier on the west side of Manhattan (the arm pit of Manhattan) he soon realized that the "New World" was not as modern, clean and efficient as he had imagined.

After a stimulating year in the USA he returned to Denmark. He decided to specialize in the clinical specialty of periodontics (gum diseases) and to do this overseas at University of Toronto rather than in Denmark. He also got married to Kirsten and together they sailed to New York and continued by train to Toronto. In Fort Erie they presented their papers to the immigration officer. Everything was fine except that he had left the space indicating "religion" blank. This resulted in a lengthy argument, but in the end the officer was magnanimous and admitted a heathen into Canada. Curiously, nobody wanted to know if they had any money, a place to live or a job.

A two-year specialty education was followed by a master of science program. This involved doing an original research project. As is common, it took a long time to get the experiment to work, but when it did and he realized that he had discovered something until then unknown, he became hooked on science. There was no looking back and to have a successful career he first did a PhD in biochemistry at University of Toronto. This was followed by 2 years as a postdoctoral fellow at Oxford University, UK. They lived in a small idyllic village in the Cotswolds and enjoyed getting to know England as well as British peculiarities.

He returned as a professor to University of Toronto. One of the obligations you have as a professor is to teach, but since universities serve as centres of inquiry and innovation you are also expected to do original scholarship such as research. He found that research is an almost unending set of experiments that do not work, because when they work and you have proven (or disproven) your idea, you go on to something else that does not work. He found this exhilarating.

Following their 1987 visit they returned to Amherst Island in the mid nineties. Inka Brockhausen whom he had

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## "WHO IS AIMS, AND WHAT DO THEY DO WITH THE MONEY?"

Dayle Gowan, AIMS President

That's the question that was overheard during the AIMS Auction last Thanksgiving Weekend. It's a good question, especially for visitors, or recent immigrants to our special place in the world. As a partial answer, the following is a brief history of AIMS, and an overview of what we have done with "the money".

The Amherst Island Men's Society (AIMS) was initiated in 2001 by several Island men, following an idea by Peter Trueman.

Although there were several women's groups on Amherst Island that provided social opportunities and charitable and community improvement activities, Peter observed that there were no such organizations for men. As a result of discussions with several people, an informal group was established in the fall of 2001 to meet monthly, over Saturday morning breakfast, to discuss topics of Island interest.

AIMS has evolved since then, with a fairly stable membership of 30-40, with the primary objectives of supporting community improvements, social activities and island groups and residents in various ways.

AIMS Projects and contributions over the past few years:

### Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre:

Although the Neilson Store Museum is now a separate corporate entity, AIMS played a key role in the creation of the museum and the initial fund raising activities. AIMS continues to support the museum financially, and assists in museum fund raising activities.

### Amherst Island Market:

AIMS initiated the Saturday Morning Market as a social activity and to provide local vendors with a venue for their products. The AIMS Wagon sells donated second hand items as a fund raiser for AIMS and acts as a focus for the market. Many groups and individuals offer their wares at the market, and it has become a social focal point on Saturday mornings from May to October.

### Community Improvements:

Annual Roadside Cleanup in the spring by AIMS members

Hanging Flower Baskets in Stella. Begun in 2006 with 20 baskets, it was expanded to 30 baskets in 2007.

We hope to increase the number again in 2008.

Installation of Horse Shoe pitches in the park.

Tree planting program

Community Centre improvements. (dishwasher, projector screen)

### Amherst Island Public School:

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**LETTER TO DAVID WILLARD FROM****JENNIE KERR, 1995**

Dear David

Since you are interested in the Willard family tree, I decided to send you some more information that has come to me recently. I have a cousin in Leamington (who gave it to me. Her grandfather and my grandfather were brothers) Her name is Effie Woods (never married). The story goes – in England...

Jonathan Willard came to work for the Monroe family who had several horses and carriages. Looking after these was his work. He became interested in their daughter Lydia, and they got married. As they were rich people they disowned her. Jonathan and Lydia came to the U.S. and landed at Salisbury. This must have been in the early 1800's.

According to the book. Amherst Island Loyalist Links written by Russ Waller – George A. was born in 1802 in U.S.

His children must have been:

1. George M. born in 1824 in U.S. married to Jane born 1832 in Ireland.
2. Charles B. (my grandfather) born 1834 married Elizabeth Barry born 1835
3. Lidy born 1836
4. Jonathan born 1839

I must tell you, too, about my grandmother, Elizabeth Barry who was blind in her later years, never went for the cows without bringing an apron full of rocks for the foundation of the barn and the stone fence in front on the farm that was owned by Hugh Drumgoole. It stands there now. She carried the most of the rock used in it.

There is nothing in the book about the Barrys but Barry's Point was part of their farm. Daniel Fowler sat on the point to do many of his paintings.

*Note: See photo by Shirley Miller page 18.*

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known in Toronto invited them for a visit. Kirsten had read the book "Boom, Bust and Echo" and decided that they had to get ahead of the boomers with their retirement plans. Amherst Island seemed an ideal place, so in 1996 they bought a lot on the South Shore, parked an old trailer there and spent the next 4 years getting to know the Island and its community. Kirsten moved into their newly built house when she retired in 2000. Although Anders retired in 2001 he maintained his research laboratory at the university for another five years before moving here full time.

The road from Copenhagen to Amherst Island had many twists and turns but it was, to use an expression from the Michelin tourist guides, "worth the journey".

We are all glad they did and we are certainly glad to have Anders as a member of AIMS.

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Assistance with many Amherst Island Public School projects. (Science projects, outdoor learning centre, etc.)

Student awards, Ameriks Fund

Amherst Island Clubs & Kids:

Support 4-H clubs

Assistance with summer camp programs

Community Assistance:

Assistance for individuals when required for transportation (doctors appointments), minor home repairs, etc.

Community Activities:

AIMS has contributed to many community fund raising activities such as Will's Ride (Multiple Sclerosis), Ride & Stride (Breast Cancer), Y-Not Swim Program.

AIMS organizes and runs the annual Amherst Island New Years Eve Dinner & Dance

Studio Art Tour

House Tour

Thanks to everyone in the community who has helped us, to help make Amherst Island the special place it is.

**SOLE SURVIVOR**

- Zander of DUNN INN

I recently read about Sole Survivors in the January 2008 issue of the magazine, Guideposts. It was an article about Sole and Souls - shoe soles and human souls.

The author of the article, Mona Purdy, is a marathon runner and uses some very expensive shoes in her training and in her races. In 1999 she was running a marathon in Guatemala when she spotted a group of kids dipping their feet in sticky black goo. When she asked a local friend what they were doing she was told they were putting tar on their feet because they had no shoes. Barefoot, they were susceptible to cuts which can get infected by dangerous bacteria in the soil. The children had to walk miles over rough roads which hurt their feet.

Mona decided to collect shoes for them. After all, most Americans and Canadians throw out their shoes - often in good shape. Children outgrow their shoes and don't bother to pass them on. So Mona began collecting shoes under the project title, "Share Your Soles."

She has collected thousands of pairs of shoes and has distributed over 350,000 shoes around the world. American Airlines offered to fly her to distribution sites around the world for free! With that sort of encouragement she has been able to send 13,000 pairs to New Orleans Katrina victims and 15,000 to Sri Lanka and Thailand.

According to Mona Purdy the shoes we take for granted and throw away, can have a profound impact on a child's life. They can be a form of transportation, a means for

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education (some kids aren't allowed into school without shoes) and a source of self-esteem. A pair of shoes can change a life!

The article got me thinking about summer signs in Canadian stores: "No Shirt, No Shoes, No Service." Canadians sometimes want to get free of shoes and so, in the summer, go barefoot as much as possible. But we all have shoes.

Most Canadians have four or five pairs of shoes - winter boots, good shoes, regular shoes, running shoes, slippers. Most of us have many more pairs of shoes. We have special shoes for sports like soccer, baseball, bowling. And ice skates are a form of shoes, too. I have shoes, in good shape, that I haven't worn for years.

I thought about Emelda Marcos, the wife of the Philippine dictator, famous for her closet with thousands of shoes, many of which were never worn. I thought about a bridesmaid I know who had to purchase a pair of shoes and dye them the same colour as her gown. She wore those shoes once.

I thought about farmers in Guyana who walk barefoot to church carrying their shoes which they wear only inside the sanctuary for worship.

I thought about people in Ethiopia who wear sandals made from old car tires.

Shoes are important! In Canada we can't live without them. In other countries those without shoes will live shorter lives. It is good to know there is an organization that protects souls by providing soles. I'll never take my shoes for granted again. And I won't judge anybody until I've walked a mile without wearing any shoes.

## HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Women are slowly gaining equality in most things. One area where they continue to lag behind is in the courts of law.

I don't mean lawyers and judges but criminals. Only 5 of the 23 individuals whose sentencing was mentioned in the Dec. 17 Whig were female.

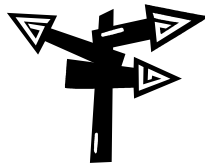
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Sheep numbers in Canada continue to decline according to the latest information from Statistics Canada - a drop of 4.2% in ewe numbers in one year. PEI has 2000 ewes and Newfoundland 2700.

Amherst Island probably has almost as many ewes as Newfoundland.

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For those who have been wishing for an old fashioned winter: enjoy.



## NOTE TO THE EDITOR;

Fred Instant

I have enjoyed reading the news from the "Island" for a period of time now. The Beacon is a substitute for the "party line", when you're living in British Columbia. I would like to bring to your attention, what I believe are errors in issue 355, October 2007, under the caption "Descendants of Peter Instant". I have researched our genealogical tree, and other related families, for a period of four years. I have created the necessary documents to authenticate my research, submitted these documents to the authorities, and subsequently been approved.

I was surprised to read in your issue, two unknown names that were connected to the Instant descendents. The names are, Clarence E. Instant 1898 - and John P. Instant 1902-. If you would be so kind to supply me the name of the individual who authored this article, allowing me to validate these persons to Peter's descendents. If my genealogical efforts are in error, I feel I have the responsibility to advise certain individuals and genealogical depositories of these omissions on my part.

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## EDITOR'S REPLY

My Amherst Island family tree information comes from various informal sources. I do not know where the Instant family information came from. If no one comes forward to dispute your claim about Clarence E. and John P., I'll remove their names and put the revised descendants list in a future issue.

## FROM TO KISS OR DOUBLE KISS?

- Deb Kimmett

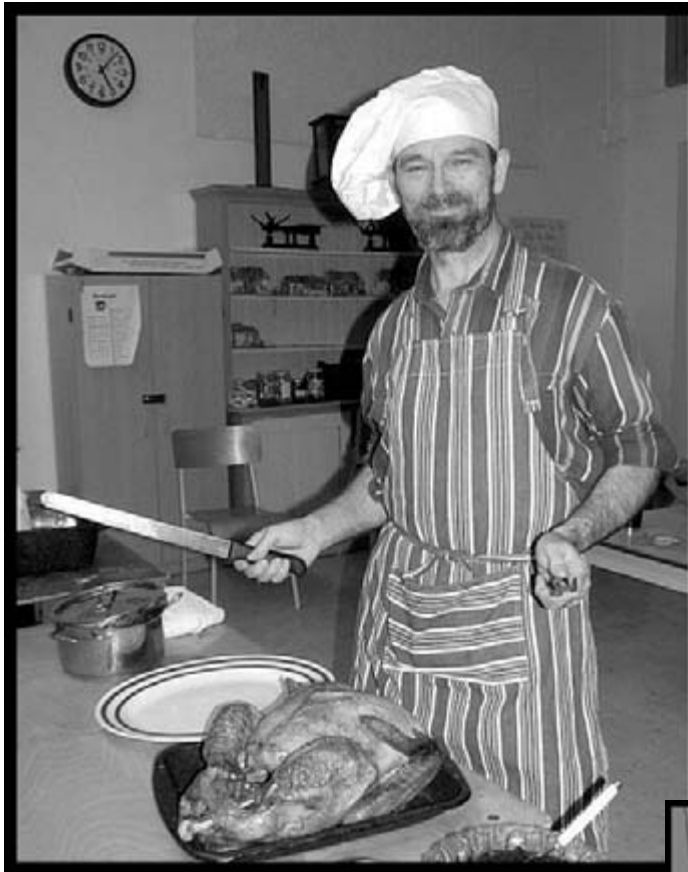
[Editor: I enjoy Deb's writing. She gave us permission to print this excerpt from her article in Kingston Life, winter, 2007. Look for other articles in future Kingston Life publications, written by her. ]

But it is a miracle that I hug at all, given where I come from. My people are a repressed tribe; we're Irish. It's not that body contact is repulsive to us - we love a good bar fight - but we don't go around touching people when we're sober. When I was growing up, if a woman embraced you it was likely she was burping you or performing the Heimlich maneuver. Some of the tenderest moments on my childhood were when I had a piece of gristle lodged in my windpipe.

And the men? Well, they stood outside by the truck and if a woman walked by, they put their eyes to the ground for fear they should turn to stone.

# SENIOR'S DINNER

*RIGHT: THIS CLOG GROUP FROM KINGSTON ENTERTAINED THE DINNER GUESTS.*



*LEFT: TOM SYLVESTER PREPARES TO CARVE ONE OF THE TURKEYS.*

*THE AUDIENCE OF OVER 65'ERS WATCH THE CLOGGERS.*



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*RIGHT: 4H'ER BEN WHITTON SERVED CHRISTMAS PUDDING.*



*LEFT: THE LINE FORMS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TABLE FOR A SCRUMPTIOUS MEAL PREPARED BY AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.*



*RIGHT: 4H'ER FAYE YULL SERVES A FRUIT BASKET TO RAY KOENDERS.*



## REGIONAL GROUNDWATER STUDY

Cataraqui Regional Conservation Authority (CRCA)

Judith Harrower

Mara Shaw, Watershed Management Coordinator of the CRCA made a presentation on the above study on October 22 at the Loyalist Township Council meeting.

Several Islanders were in attendance with many from the mainland to listen to this excellent presentation on this study commissioned by the municipalities of Kingston, Greater Napanee, South Frontenac, and Loyalist. It is one of several studies being completed in the Province.

Those who worked on this study and were present at this presentation were Mr. Murray Beckel and Mr. Frank Reinholtz from Loyalist Township and Mr. Hank Blok from the Health Department, who together with Ms. Shaw answered questions from the audience following a very concise presentation – there was more time for questions than usual following a presentation.

The study identified areas of sensitivity to ground water contamination, with the primary objective being identification of areas where coliforms and other bacteria were the worst. Amherst Island sits on fractured limestone, the least desirable situation for good water quality. and the highest sensitivity to contaminants. [Please refer to the map of Amherst Island in the full report at the Loyalist municipal office to see the areas of greatest sensitivity to contamination.]

The poorer areas on Amherst Island are primarily along the South Shore:

- a curve that extends from the Lower Forty-Foot along the Flat near the Foot of the Island
- just west of the Marshall Forty-Foot
- a small area where the Stella Forty-Foot meets the South Shore Road
- a considerably large area encompassing most of Amherst Bay well into the interior of the Island.

The report recommends that there should be one household on a hectare of land in these sensitive areas – no closer.

Other factors concerning quality, yield and vulnerability of groundwater are the number of abandoned wells – the pump handle wells seen around the Island – which are often placed near old septic systems, artesian conditions in some locations and the amount of soil covering the bed-rock.

The report recommends that municipalities take the findings from this study and implement them in their municipal standards, monitor and develop a database, which could be used in the development of a detailed water budget that considers the amount and movement of water in each watershed. This study will, hopefully, be used by the Province to protect the quality of groundwater, its vulnerability to contamination, and in the Drinking Water Stewardship program. This program helps landowners

take actions that will protect the groundwater in certain vulnerable areas.

There are a number of good resources available:

Wellwise – a pamphlet.

Well Aware – a guide to caring for your well and protecting your family's health – a 30 page informative booklet – [www.wellaware.ca](http://www.wellaware.ca) – (888)396-9355.

Well Wise – a comprehensive consumer's guide for private water wells – 149 page spiral book – [www.wellwise.ca](http://www.wellwise.ca) – (888) 396-9355.

Aqua's Water Well Adventure – a colourful illustrated booklet for children.

Water and Soil Testing Package – a pamphlet covering various test packages available to rural well owners: test packages are bacterial for \$50; Fuels/Solvents for \$295; Metals/Minerals/Salts for \$130; Pesticides for \$275. Soil Test Packages include: Basic Home Lawn/Garden Soil Test, \$15; Soil Texture, \$25; Complete Soil Test, \$30; Basic Compost, \$55. The foregoing are available at [www.wellwise.ca](http://www.wellwise.ca) – (905) 983-9911.

Ms. Mara Shaw may be reached at [marashaw@cataraquieregion.on.ca](mailto:marashaw@cataraquieregion.on.ca) – (613) 546-4228 ext. 228.

May I encourage everyone to become familiar with their wells – shore, dug or drilled – and septic systems: how to avoid problems and where to turn if there are problems.

We must conserve our most precious resource, WATER. It appears that droughts may be more frequent and common in the future, not only in the summer months but also less snow accumulations in the winter. We have taken fresh water for granted – not anymore.

[Editor: it is also a good idea to carefully consider what you have that can leak into the water table or the lake.

There have been a few bad experiences locally with furnace oil. The fuel tanks on our farm are inside a concrete box to contain any spills. Waste oil and antifreeze from our tractors are stored in special drums and taken away by a licensed company to be properly dealt with.]



**GERALD A. STEVENSON**

- Ian Murray, Editor

Mr. Stevenson of Rhode Island recently renewed his subscription. In response to my asking about his interest in Amherst Island, he sent me the following (edited) answer.

“My great-great-grandparents were William Stevenson and Ann Reid who arrived on Amherst Island in 1842. Their second son Alexander was my great-grandfather.

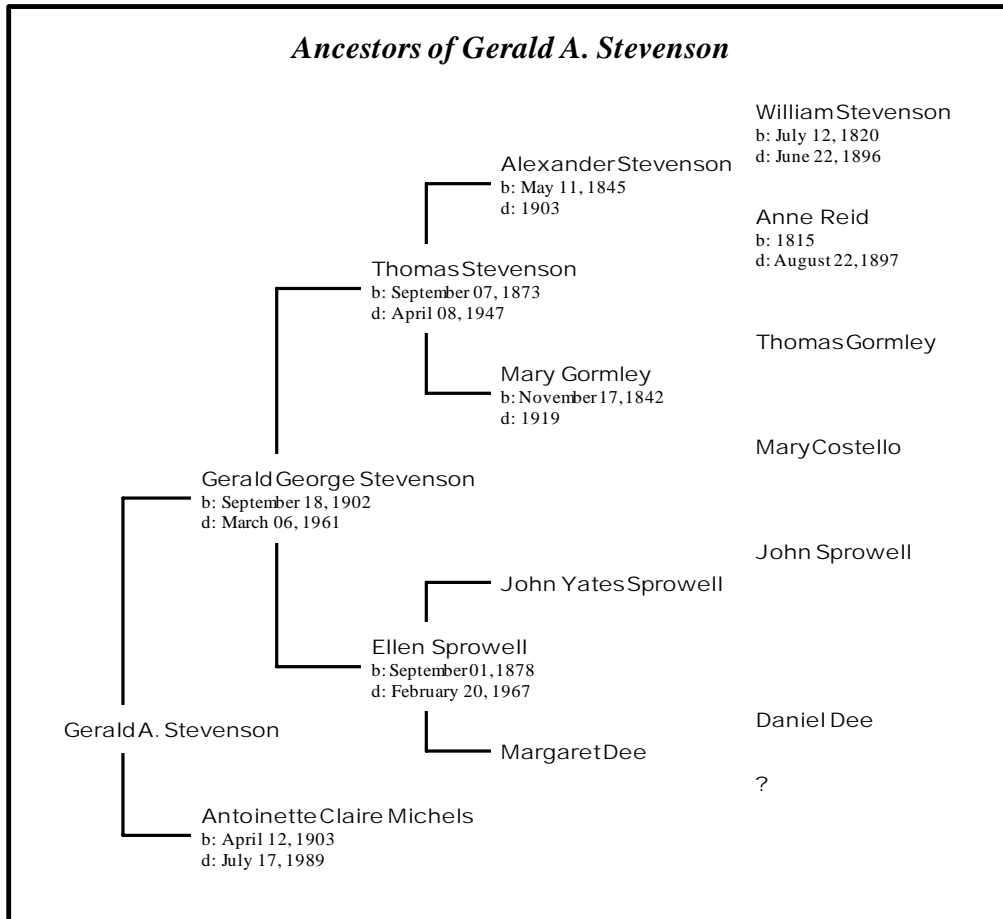
“I read each Beacon hoping to find any references to them or any other family members.”

William Stevenson (1820-1896) once owned Lot 18, Concession 1, Amherst Island, which is currently owned by Barbara Reid. It is quite likely that Ann Reid (1815-1897) is a relative of our Island Reids – does anyone know about this?

More from Mr. Stevenson:

“There is a family in the LDS archives which lists a William Stevenson of the correct age and living in the Kircubbin area of County Down, however a Northern Ireland genealogist whom I employed was unable to prove a link between “my” William and the William in that family.

“I thought I had found someone who would be capable of enlightening me regarding William Stevenson’s siblings, parents and ancestors, when I came across a genealogist who lived in the Kircubbin area. However, he has never heard of the Ballymullan Townland on the eastern edge of Kircubbin. And, in support of him, I must mention the Catherine Wilson noted in her book that during her research she had only found one map showing the townland and that the townland ceased to exist due to the mass migration in the early 1840’s. A check of on-line sources show several Ballymullan/Ballymullens in Ireland, the closest being outside Bangor. I have yet to find anything on-line which pertains to the Kircubbin area Ballymullan. I suspect and hope that descendants of the immigrants that came from the townland may have information squirreled away with old family records and will eventually share the data. For this reason I read the BEACON, trying to find any bits of data which would enlighten me in regards to my ancestors and their way of life.”



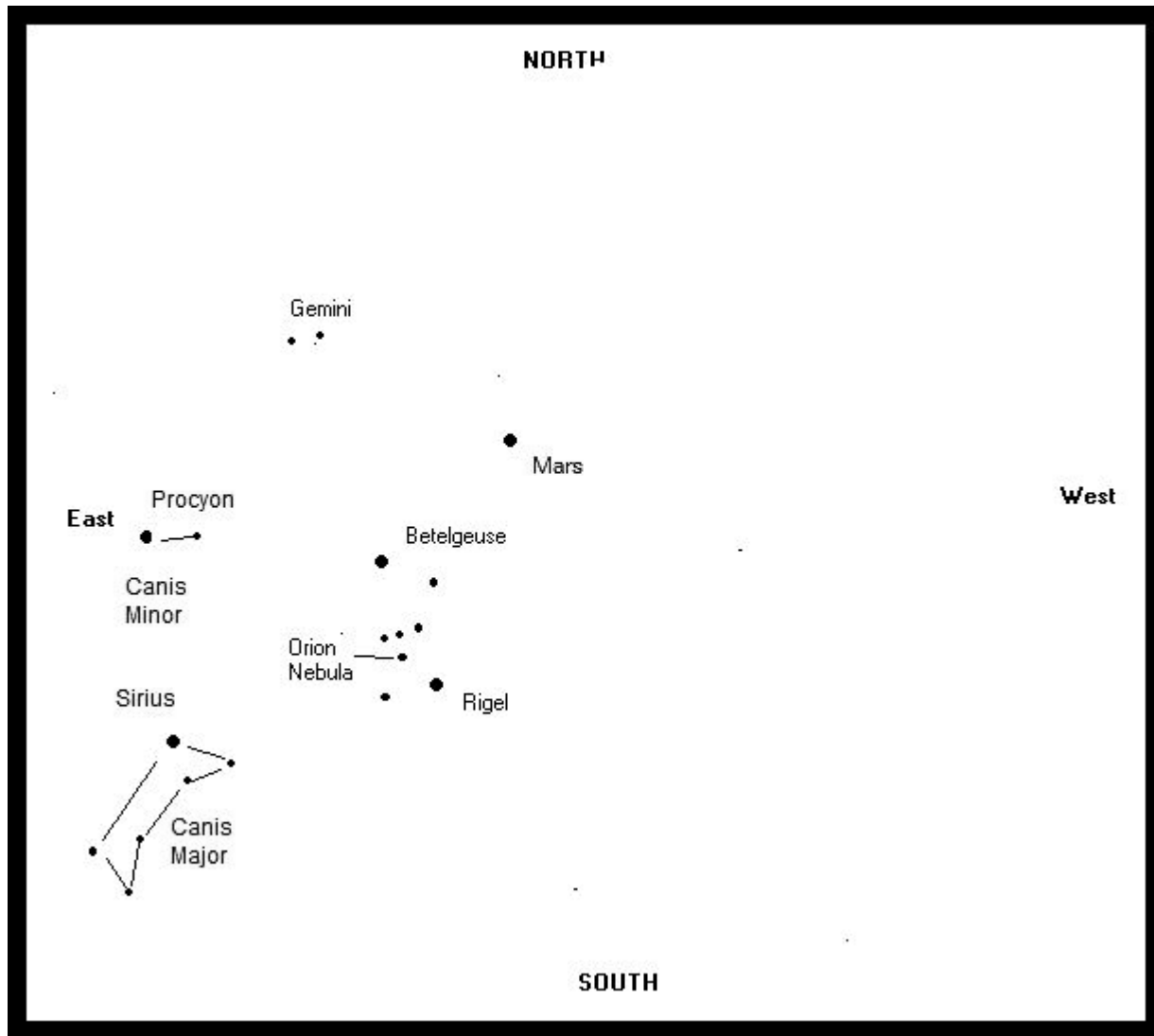
# FEEDING FRENZY



*DAVE YOUELL MANAGED TO CATCH A VARIETY OF BIRDS—ALL OF WHOM WERE EAGER TO GET TO THE SEED FIRST. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE BLUEJAYS WERE DOING AN ALRIGHT JOB OF SHARING—SOMETHING THAT THEY AREN'T ALWAYS THE GREATEST AT DOING.*



ALL PHOTOS BY DAVE YOUELL



## JANUARY SKIES

- Alan Kidd

The brightest star we can see in the Northern Hemisphere is on full display this month. This is Sirius, also known as the Dog Star. Sirius is about four times as bright as any other star visible from Canada, largely because it is the closest bright star we can see in our skies. It is only 8.6 light years away, right in the neighborhood. It also has 26 times the luminosity of our sun. Since no planets are visible in the early evening sky (until the end of the month), Sirius is the first object that appears after sunset. As the sky gets darker it can often seem to flash different colours – red, blue even green, but this is caused by atmospheric effects. Sirius is actually bluish white.

Sirius is part of the constellation of Canis Major, or the big dog. Canis Minor (the small dog) is a small constellation that also features a bright star, Procyon. While dimmer than Sirius, Procyon is almost as bright as Rigel in Orion. Procyon is also a near neighbor, only 11.4 light



years away. Canis Major and Minor are Orion's hunting dogs, and follow him around the winter skies. Canis Major has enough bright stars that a dog-like shape can actually be seen (looking rather like a Dachshund). A nice sight for binoculars, just to the south of Sirius in Canis Major, is the star cluster M41. This appears as a fuzzy patch to the unaided eye, but with binoculars or low power telescopes one of the best star clusters in the sky can be seen.

The most spectacular planet this month is Mars. Mars reached opposition on December 24<sup>th</sup> which marked its closest approach to Earth for this orbit cycle. Since Mars takes about two years to circle the sun, the Earth, Sun and Mars line up on a cycle of a bit more than two years. This alignment is called a planetary opposition and approximately (within a few days) corresponds to the closest approach any two planets will make. However all oppositions are not the same. This opposition with Mars is not nearly as close as the one in 2003 when Mars was only 56

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million kilometers away. Mars is now about 91 million kilometers distance and therefore is not nearly as bright in the sky as back in the summer of 2003. Nevertheless, Mars is still close enough to be one of the brightest objects in the night sky and also close enough to be a rewarding object for small telescopes. We were looking at Mars a few nights ago and we could easily make out Syrtis Major, the most prominent marking on the planet. The best viewing for Mars will be during the first half of the month, as Earth and Mars are now separating and by month's end will be 116 million kilometers away. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month the Moon will pass within one half a degree of Mars.

Saturn, on the other hand, is just beginning its show for 2008. Saturn comes into opposition next month, but it will be well placed for viewing this month as well, rising about 8 PM at mid month.

Mercury will make an appearance in the evening sky during the second part of January. Greatest elongation occurs on January 22<sup>nd</sup> when Mercury will be about 15 de-

## **“ON THE THRESHOLD OF HOPE” NOMINATED FOR A GRAMMY**

-Terry Culbert

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2008, Amherst Island resident and world class cellist Bryan Epperson will be attending the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. He will be in the audience with his fingers and toes crossed, hoping that his Sony/BMG-RCA Red Seal recording “On the Threshold of Hope” wins a Grammy.

One of Canada's most charismatic chamber musicians, Bryan is principal cellist with the Canadian Opera Company orchestra and in the summer months with the world renowned Santa Fe Opera. Bryan made his solo debuts in Milan, Venice, Siena and Florence. He has performed throughout North America, Europe and in China. A founding member of the string trio Triskelion, the Cambridge Chamber Music Society and ARC (Artists of the Royal Conservatory), Bryan has recorded on the Naxos, CBC Musica Viva and Sony/BMG labels. Bryan Epperson is heard regularly on CBC, BBC and National Public Radio.

Amherst Island Public Radio's The Friday Morning Show had the honour of having Bryan Epperson on the air December 14<sup>th</sup>. Bryan talked in detail about the recording he has been nominated for. Brian Little and I have a segment during the show, singing to those on the Island celebrating their birthdays and we were delighted when our guest offered to bring in his fifty thousand dollar cello to accompany us.

Good luck Bryan Epperson on March 10<sup>th</sup>, Grammy win or not, you are always welcome on The Friday Morning Show.

grees above the horizon at sunset and set an hour and a half after the Sun.

Venus is the brightest planet in the sky and dominates the dawn sky. It rises about three hours before sunrise and is a full twenty degrees above the horizon then. However Venus is now moving toward the sun and by the end of the month rises only about two hours before the Sun. At that time Venus and Jupiter will be very close together in the sky.

Jupiter was right behind the Sun (superior conjunction) on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, but is now moving away from the Sun and should emerge from the morning twilight about the middle of the month. By the 31<sup>st</sup> Jupiter and Venus will only be about 1 degree apart. The two brightest planets so close together should provide a notable viewing opportunity.

The January meteor show, the Quadrantids, will occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> of this month. The shower's peak occurs about 2 AM on the 4<sup>th</sup> and as many as 100 meteors per hour may be seen.



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*ISLAND RESIDENT AND WORLD CLASS CELLIST BRYAN EPPERSON, WAS A GUEST ON CJAI'S THE FRIDAY MORNING SHOW WITH TERRY CULBERT AND BRIAN LITTLE, PLAYING THEIR WEEKLY SEGMENT "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" ON HIS FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR CELLO.*





A big thank you to our Island customers and especially to those Islanders who brought friends and relatives to our Wool Shed in 2007.

Also a big thank you to our lamb, chicken and egg customers.

Topsy Farms (Chris, Dianne, Don, Sally, Ian, Leah, Jacob, Sue and Kyle and Nathan)

I wish to thank the first response team for their many trips on my behalf; also the ambulance crew. I thank the many friends and neighbours for their get well cards, gifts and sons and visits while I was sick. A special thank you to my daughter Diane for her continuous care and visiting in the hospital. Thank you George for looking after Sparkie.

Thanks to the Beacon for publishing this. There is no place like the Island: "One big family".

Helen Bulch

Many thanks to all the individuals and groups who have contributed to the Ameriks Scholarship Award.

With the new semester starting, tuition needs to be paid and books must be bought. As you can imagine, this money will be put to good use.

Scott Marshall, University of Manitoba

Saturday, November 10, 2007 is an evening I will cherish in my memory and in my heart for many years as my friends and my family gathered together at the Lodge to throw me a surprise 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

Thank you to Molly and Tom and Rosemary for preparing the Lodge for us and helping Wayne with various details. Thank you Whitney and Talia for decorating and all your hard work planning and to Wayne for taking it upon himself to give me a party and then to pull off the "surprise" part beautifully, you three make my life a blessing.

Thank you to Lyn for the beautiful (and delicious) cake.

Lastly, I want to thank all my friends and family for all your thoughtful gifts, but mostly for being there to help me celebrate this milestone. You made it a birthday to remember.

Karen Fleming

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to Yvonne McGinn and staff at Helen Henderson Retirement Home for the wonderful care I received as a resident from August to December. Their care and compassion certainly contributed to my healing. I also want to thank my family; Janice, Eric, Ryan, Brent and especially Ashley who visited often and Doug and Gail.

Their love and support always kept my spirits up.

Thanks also to my many friends and neighbours far and wide who visited, sent flowers, phone calls; my neighbours who took good care of "Meg" my cat, and looked after my mail and flowers.

Thanks to my fellow A.C.W. members, WI members, and PCW members for their flowers and many visits.

I also own a debt of gratitude to Martha Morton who got me to my many appointments at Hotel Dieu.

Thanks also, to my sister Marian, and sister-in-law Barbara, who are always there when I need something or just to talk. I am a very lucky person to be part of such a caring and helpful community. I am now home so come visit.

Elsie Willard

I would like to thank and congratulate the AI Women's Institute for a very successful seniors dinner. The food and the fellowship were wonderful.

Keith Miller

Happy, Healthy and Wealthy New Year!

Thank you all for so many cards, food, food, food and sincere good wishes. I guess I haven't been mean enough to some of you yet.

My heartfelt thank you for being the community you are.  
Ida Gavlas

I would like to thank all the members of the First Responders Team who came so promptly to my assistance in an emergency last month. Their knowledge, efficiency and professional demeanor were very reassuring in that difficult situation. I always felt fortunate in an abstract sense that we have have this group on our island, but when I experienced their care firsthand, I realized in a personal way how lucky we islanders really are. Thank-you to all who assisted that day and to the entire team for your ongoing commitment to this community.

Anne Henderson

# A UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY MILLER

*ALLAN MILLER RECEIVED THIS MINIATURE HORSE, A NEW SADDLE AND BRIDLE, AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM HIS GLENGARRY GRANDPARENTS. IN THIS PHOTO: ALLAN RIDES HIS NEW MINIATURE HORSE WHILE MOM, BARB LOOKS ON AND DAD, ADAM ASSISTS BY LEADING THE HORSE.*



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY MILLER



To all my family and friends of the Beacon Reading Area.

I want to thank you for sending me Season's Greetings for 2007. I was unable to send any to you this year, but I am improving every day and will be able to send you next year's greetings for 2008. Thanks for your kind wishes and concerns, they were very much appreciated.

Best regards,  
Juanita K. Glenn

Best wishes for a prosperous 2008.

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(Jacob, Sue, Kyle, Marty, Andrew and Will)



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*BACK ROW: KATHY STRAIN, \_\_\_\_\_ MCGUINNESS, JOYCE WEMP, JOYCE BIERMA, CATHY WEMP. FRONT ROW: MAUREEN WEMP, DIANA WILLARD, PATTI JO NELSON, JOAN BEIRMA (ABSENT SANDRA WILLARD.)*