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A New Hobby for Amherst Islanders???



PHOTO BY BRIAN LITTLE

Bird watching on Amherst Island is old news....but what about watching the bird watchers???? Thanks, to Amherst Island's unique Owl Woods, we see many bird watchers flock to Amherst Island every year. For more on Amherst Island's Owl Woods, please read Janet's Jottings on page 3.

THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, editor

Loyalist Township held an information night for those concerned about proposed work on the shore roads. Consistent with our policy of avoiding controversial subjects, the Beacon will not print any articles or letters on this subject.

Shore road rehabilitation now joins large wind generators and ferry service complaints as topics not covered in the Beacon.

Council actions regarding any of the foregoing will, however, be reported.

We received a kind note from Andrea Cross complimenting the Beacon staff for 30 continuous years of production. Editors have been Don Tubb and Ian Murray.

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For many years the subscriptions were maintained by Leslie Gavlas, and are now looked after by Don Tubb.

Production has improved drastically from the Gestetner cranked productions by Jack Kerr & Christopher Kennedy, with the entire family, friends and neighbours pressed into collating service.

For a time we had typed printed Gestetner sheets typed Madelyn Kerr, then advanced to computer editions prepared by Don Tubb, then Tom Richmond, then Sean Daly, and now by Sue Frizzell.

Proofreading is done by Sally and various eagle eyed family members.

Irene & Les Glenn and now Laurie Youell have been very supportive in providing space for the Beacon.

My memory has faded on who else has helped keep the Beacon going – please let me know about anyone that I've missed.

We are proud to have been able to restart the Beacon, once begun by Glenn Sheil, and to keep it going for over 30 years now. Its continued success depends on receiving interesting Island contributions. Please send us your stories.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well wishes this month to Lloyd Wolfreys, Susan Filson and Ed Mooney.

Condolences to Puddy Dodds, on the loss of her sister.

Congratulations to Jack and Beth Forester on the arrival of their newest grandson, Devon John Coleman Forester. Proud parents are Jeff and Susan Forester of Yarker. A new little cousin for J.P.

Happy 98th birthday to Vera Hogeboom of Stella.

Leslie Gavlas celebrated her 85th birthday with her extended family.

David Fleming took a break from winter, travelling to Cuba with daughter, Angela (Andy) and friends.

Susan Filson spent a week in Florida with her son and daughter and their families.

Don and Sherry Miller escaped to warmer climates on a cruise.

The community euchres have taken off and are enjoying good turnouts.

March came in like a lamb, with sunshine and no wind, although the winter temps are hanging on. Hopefully, that doesn't mean we will end the month with "the roar of a lion" - especially if the Quinte Loyalist has already arrived by then!!!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Mary Kay Steel

This report will be brief, as we decided to just have a fun afternoon for once and forego our usual business meeting last month.

On February 18, eleven WI members gathered at the home of Joyce Reid for an afternoon of movie-watching and good food. While snow squalls swirled around outside we were cozy and warm, watching The Duchess and eating popcorn. Then we enjoyed a wonderful evening meal, prepared by Kirsten Bennick with lots of help from our hostess, Joyce, followed by a social hour of informal discussion. Kirsten (one of our co-presidents) gave a short presentation highlighting the significance of the date February 19th - WI Day: it is the 112th anniversary of the founding of the first ever Women's Institute branch, in Stoney Creek, Ontario. She noted that our own Amherst Island branch was the fourth established in Ontario, reminding us that our 110th anniversary will be next year.

By way of celebration of WI Day we enjoyed a rather decadent and highly caloric giant chocolate cake. Then home we went, full and happy.

Our next meeting will be held on March 18th at St. Paul's church hall, commencing at 7pm; it will be open to the public and will feature an information session on heating our homes.



JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

A National Treasure

There are no official maps that name The Owl Woods as that! The Owl Woods Road is officially the Marshall Forty Foot when you read maps of Amherst Island and yet all over the continent birders know Amherst Island and The Owl Woods as the place to see owls. It is possible to see eight species of owls in one day on this small island the same size as the island of Manhattan. This is the Holy Grail of birding that draws birders from Mexico to Australia, California to Pennsylvania to our tiny haven in Lake Ontario.

The Owl Woods are a National Treasure.

With the upsets and hard feelings caused by the extreme influx of birders and photographers this past three months, I had almost forgotten the joy the first sight of a small owl can bring. It took a birding couple from New York to restore my enthusiasm. Last Tuesday, February 27th while owling with two friends in the woods we met a couple who had yet to see an owl in the woods.

We suggested that they tag along with us and with extra eyes we might be able to spot one. We soon located a small male Saw-whet posing in a Jack Pine well in the open and placed perfectly for a photo op. This birding photographer set up her tripod and quietly snapped some pictures. No need for flashes and breaking of branches. Needless to say she was thrilled as it was her first sighting of a Saw-whet. In birding circles we call first sightings a "Life Bird".

She was ecstatic and so were we as we watched someone enjoy this tiny little owl for the first time. A passing photographer let us know that further in the Jack Pines along the eastern periphery we would find a Boreal. We left our American birders still gazing at the Saw-whet and promised to return for them if we found the Boreal. As it turned out his directions were out but we did find Chris Lyons on the west side of the Jack Pines enjoying a quiet time with a sleeping Boreal. Back we went and found our new friends and led them back to the place where the Boreal was roosting. Now our New York birder had two life birds in one day and was enchanted with our Owl Woods.

How do people find out about our little Island? Ida Gavlas says that all roads lead to Amherst Island and perhaps she's right when we consider the far flung places that people meet and find connections to Amherst Island. In the birding world at first it was word of mouth, then publications and articles and now with the Internet the birding news is instantaneous.

I'd like to quote a few articles pertaining to Amherst Island for you:

From "Owls-Their Life and Behaviour" by Torre and Wolfe page 118.

"A few years ago voles swarmed over Amherst Island on

Lake Ontario. Short-eareds by the dozen poured in out of the void; more amazingly they brought along a retinue: great gray owls, snowy owls, hawk owls, boreal owls and saw-whet owls in unprecedented numbers festooned the Island.

"The writer recalls the late great ornithologist, Bob Arbib, describing a tree in which half a dozen Short-eared owls, two Snowies, three Great Grays, four Boreals, and a handful of Saw-whet owls sat together groggily digesting a surfeit of the polyprogenitive and delectable meadow mice."

Another quote is taken from an article by Kevin T. Karlson from the July/August 2003 copy of WildBird.

"Owl Capital of North America. In Ontario, Canada, Amherst Island attracts birds of prey with mild winters and abundant food. Memories of our short visit to this special location still carry a sense of disbelief. My photographs are proof that we really saw these hawks and owls, but nothing has come close to duplicating the intensity of that experience. An occasional glance at these "owls in wonderland" always brings a smile to my face."

A more recent article from a writer in the Peterborough Examiner, Drew Monkman describes owling on Amherst as : "Several weeks ago, a friend and I had the pleasure of spending a day on Amherst Island, an internationally known Mecca for winter birding."

Thanks to the Owl Woods' pioneers, Stuart Miller and Alex Scott with their planned paths and Rod Barr with his timely plantation of Jack Pines over 30 years ago, the whole world may come to our door and enjoy this treasure of nature, the Owls of Amherst Island.

[There is also an economic spin-off from the Owl Woods for those providing accommodation on the Island: Foot Flats Cottage, Poplar Dell B&B, Sandy Bay B&B, The Lodge, and Tern Inn. The Topsy Farms Wool Shed has also had some business from the birders. And, the birders help to pay our share of the ferry operation.]

[Note: For photos of a Saw Whet, and of a Boreal Owl (both on Amherst Island), turn to page 5]

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

Council is immersed in budget meetings. I haven't noticed anything affecting our Island. Please let me know if I've missed something important.



AIMS

FEBRUARY 14TH MEETING

- Greg Latiak



Eighteen men sat down to a delicious breakfast prepared by Janet Scott, Debbie Scott, Nicolas Varga, Rachael Scott, and Rebecca Scott.

Greg Latiak has started the process of updating the membership list and requested from the membership updated e-mail addresses. A report of the failed emails from the last distribution was passed around for update and correction. It was asked that the AIMS Exec be advised of any contact information changes.

It was agreed to donate to the Fire and Rescue Feb. 21 bonfire expenses.

The membership was asked for suggestions regarding future breakfast meeting speakers. The membership supports continuing the tradition of having new members speak to how they came to the Island. There was also support for having speakers from the various community services. Planned for the March meeting is a speaker from the Loyalist Township Emergency Services discussing the emergency services setup on Amherst Island.

Greg Latiak initiated a discussion regarding the New Year's Eve Dance by commenting that the executive felt that for AIMS to continue sponsorship of the event broader membership support is needed. Dayle Gowan added that the executive felt the reason for falling numbers needed to be examined if the membership intends to continue the event. The membership was then asked for ideas. A suggestion was made to consider moving the dance to a different date to avoid competition from private New Year's parties and increase the available entertainment. It was felt that we had a bigger problem than worrying about logistical details. Unless there is strong support from the membership to fill these roles AIMS should not consider hosting the event. One way of approaching this issue would be by posting a volunteer sign-up sheet. If AIMS could not generate sufficient volunteers to run the event then obviously AIMS cannot continue with the event. It was suggested that the call for Dance volunteers could be made Island wide with a mailing. The mailing could double as a questionnaire. One possibility could be to approach the Recreation Committee to partner with AIMS. It was commented that the Rec. Committee was already involved in the bar and were likely to not want any further involvement. It was mentioned that being an older bunch we are not up late as much as we used to be and the Dance needs something to keep us up until midnight. The younger crowd tend to go to house parties instead. One comment was that with the changing Island population, we may be losing our sense of the Island's community traditions. The new arrivals bring different traditions and will not necessarily appreciate the relevance of this event.

Dayle Gowan asked Bruce Burnett and Allen Caughey how much time did we have before the band and the caterer needed to be booked for the next year. Allen said we have had a standing booking, but Bruce added that we needed to firm up the booking about 10 months ahead or we could lose the band and the caterer forever.

It was suggested again that AIMS might partner with other organizations. AIMS only intends to keep the event vital and only to break even. A share in the profits might be an incentive for a partner to step up and aid in the management of the Dance. If, for example, the radio station were challenged to produce the music then perhaps the money now spent on the band could be added to the potential profits.

Greg Latiak expressed concerns that there may be deeper issues around declining attendance that organizational changes would not address. Attendees may be more interested in socializing than dancing. Bruce Burnett pointed out that the acoustics of the auditorium are so poor that virtually any music source will interfere with conversation. The venue has a maximum capacity of 160 to allow room for dancing. The regulations involved in hosting the Dance have become progressively more complex. The insurance coverage that comes because of AIMS sponsorship is essential.

It was decided that AIMS commit to the Dance for one more year. Discussion returned to possible partnering organizations. One possibility might be the Fire Department. It was also speculated that maybe we were over reacting to one low attendance year. Perhaps instead of trying to drag the unwilling in we should consider tailoring the Dance to the group that values it.

Dayle Gowan commented that we seem to have about a 2 month dead-line before the band and caterer need to be locked in to see if a new organizing committee and guiding plan can be formed. Allen Caughey said that the committee needs to include younger members of the community. If the older set love and support the event then tailor the event to the older set. Changes that would appeal to the younger set would likely make this older group unhappy. The younger set is our highest risk group as far as insurance liability goes. The older group may want time to talk and enjoy the dinner portion more than the dance portion so adjust the program structure accordingly. Maybe consider some other form of entertainment to bridge the time from the end of the dinner to midnight.

Community Service Award Initiative issues were discussed. The view of the executive is that there were too many potential negatives for this idea to be supported.

Other Business

- Ross Haines offered to donate window scrapers for the market cart.
- Bruce Burnett said we need a sign up sheet for the road clean up.
- Market cart signup time is also approaching.

Amherst Island's Majestic Winter Residents



Left: Saw Whet Owl

Right: Boreal Owl

For article on Amherst Island Owls, read Janet's Jottings on page 3.



BOTH PHOTOS BY BRIAN LITTLE

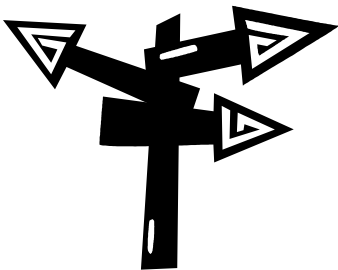
HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

The sheep statistics released by Statistics Canada on February 17, 2009, indicate that the national ewe flock has declined 1.9% in the past year. This follows a 4.8% decrease the preceding year. The Ontario ewe flock has decreased 5% in the past year.

Some in the sheep business find this decline surprising as prices for lamb have continued strong. Predation problems have certainly discouraged many producers and there is the ongoing problem of increasing government regulations.

We, at Topsy Farms, were recently approached to take on an apprentice who wanted to learn about sheep farming. We declined the offer as we feel it is wrong to encourage anyone to get into sheep farming – and perhaps other types of farming as well – without a strong agricultural background and access to a good chunk of money. Raising sheep can be an interesting hobby but it is a dif-



ficult, low-margin, business.

I tried phoning Greg Latiak with a question about the AIMS article. Unfortunately, Greg's phone number in the Island directory is wrong – it should be 384-8367 and not 8637. The 8637 number, it turns out, belongs to Jamie Miller who lived as a boy on Kerr Point Road with his parents Jane & Glen Miller. Jamie works for Scott Wentworth Landscape Group and has done some work with stone on the Island. He told me that he remembered Jacob as a curly-headed little boy and has heard that Jacob has done some interesting rock projects over here.

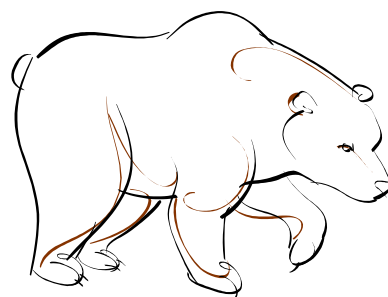
The world-wide recession has resulted in the volume of financial scams coming to me via e-mail increasing from 3 or 4 a week to at least that many every day. "Dear Brother in Christ please help me steal money from this or that poor country and I'll give you half of some outrageous amount of money." My sympathy for anyone caught in one of these schemes is very muted.

Polar Bear Olympics at



Left: Ball Toss,
Below: Tug of War (2 pictures)





*Left: Obstacle Course,
Middle Right: Obstacle Course,
Middle Left: Boot Toss
Bottom: Big Ball Soccer*



ALL PHOTOS BY BRIAN LITTLE

THE POWER OF WORDS

- Zander of DUNN INN

We all know how powerful words can be. Remember the old rhyme we used to chant, “Sticks and Stones May Break My Bones But Names Will Never Hurt Me”? When I was very young and reciting those words, I knew they were wrong. I knew they were wrong because I had been hurt by some older kids who called me names and made fun of me. I’d never had any bones broken by sticks or stones (in fact, I couldn’t imagine any sticks or stones breaking my bones) but I knew the power of words.

All it takes for a person in authority to influence others for bad or good is for that person to say certain words. I remember when a teacher told me I should be ashamed about something I had done. That depressed me for weeks and I wondered if I would ever get back into the good graces of that teacher. I also remember how my whole hockey career was changed by a teacher who said to me, “You shouldn’t be playing defence. You can skate fast and you shoot well. You should be a left winger.” Those words converted me from a defenceman into a left winger. When anybody asks me what position I used to play I reply, “Left wing” because that’s the position I played all through high school.

We’ve just come through the month of February with Valentine’s Day, the day of Love. I am sure many men and women were changed because somebody said to them, “I love you.” My life was changed when Nance told me, “I love you.” My life was changed completely when I heard in the church that God loved me. I had thought of God as Big, Harsh, Tough, Demanding. I had never thought that God could love me. But the preacher from whom I first heard the Gospel (Good News) told me God loved me, even when I was bad or wrong or stupid. Those words made me feel so good I decided I wanted to make others feel better by sharing those words with them. That’s why I went into the ministry - to tell as many people as possible the Good News that they are loved by God.

Now there are many times in the ministry when I wished I were a doctor or a dentist or a plumber. Those people don’t rely only on words to make a difference for good in the lives of the people they treat. A doctor can use several pieces of equipment to bring healing. A dentist can use a drill and some gold to save teeth. A plumber can rescue a family from a water disaster by using his tools to fix a leaky toilet or a faulty pump. But all I had to work with were words.

Words seem so feeble at times. There are occasions when the event is so traumatic we can only confess that words fail us; there are no words worthy of the event. Words still fail me when I have to deal with death, or birth or a great achievement.

On the other hand, words can lift people from depres-

sion into joy, from failure into success, from death to life. One man told me that the best part of our service of worship for him was when I pronounce that we are forgiven by God. Another man told me the most powerful moment in his life involved hearing words of forgiveness from his friend. A woman said she came to life and stopped worrying when a minister told her the most common command in the Bible is “Don’t be afraid” or “Fear Not.”

Many ministers talk too much and too long, of course, but we’ve been called to speak words of faith, healing, hope and joy. We’ve been called to tell stories or interpret stories Jesus told or poems the Psalmists recited or letters Paul wrote to friends. I know some of my words can put people to sleep. But I’ve seen people come alive because of the words I’ve used - words like “grace,” “acceptance,” “compassion,” “new life.”

Those are not words I made up and I claim no originality in using them, but the words and stories I use can do powerful things.

Several have told me that actions speak louder than words. In many cases I would agree with them. But there are times when a word, the right word, a God-given word, makes all the difference. I hope you hear and learn to use the right words, the words that change lives for the better.

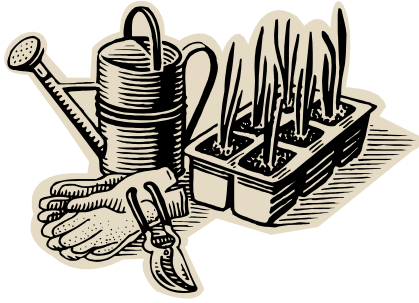


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FROM MY GARDEN

- Doug Green (www.douggreengarden.com)

This is the everything you ever wanted to know about vegetable seeding dates column. I get asked for this info on a regular basis so here it is in one spot, in one column for you to cut out and pin somewhere.



Let's break the plants down into different families with the same kinds of needs. The first and easiest are the cole crops. These would include Brussels sprouts, cabbages, cauliflower and broccoli. To get nice transplants, sow indoors between February 15 until March 15. Any time now is fine for an indoor sowing. You can also sow cauliflower outside at the end of May for a late season crop. Cabbage seed can be planted outside from the middle of May until the middle of June for late crops. Broccoli can be planted outside from the middle of May to the middle of June.

Tomatoes, eggplant and peppers should be started indoors if you want to get maximum yields and the time to do this is from the beginning of March through to the beginning of April. The rough rule of thumb is that you count back 8 to 10 weeks from the time you want to plant them in the ground and that's when you sow the seed indoors. Seeds planted a week or two after April 1 are not going to have enough time to grow and produce a good harvest in our area. Outdoor seeding is not recommended in our region for these plants. If you plant these seeds too early, they'll get long and leggy and will require special handling in the spring.

There are some seeds that thrive on early plantings; for example, as soon as you can work your garden soil you want to start planting peas. Plan on sowing peas in mid-April and then again on August 1 for a fall harvest. Don't plant later than the end of April as the oncoming heat will reduce harvests. The plants will grow well, they just won't give you many peas when compared to earlier plantings. Beets are another seed that thrive on mid-April planting but in this case, you can plant every 10 days until July if you really like beets. Spinach and Swiss Chard are two other plants that really want the early plantings so plan on getting them in the ground at the same time and stopping by mid-May. Both plants do not do well in summer heat so later plantings will tend to bolt and go to seed. Contrary to what many folks believe, lettuce is also an early spring planting and it too can go into the ground in mid-April. The trick with this plant though is to plant a few seeds every week right through to July when the heat gets too intense for lettuce production. Stop for July and start again in late August

for the cooler fall season. Finally, if you're not tucking a few seeds of radish here and there among the rest of the seedlings, you're missing out. Do not grow an entire row of radish as they tend to get bitter very quickly. Grow a few here and there and harvest them as early as you can. Keep on sowing these right through the summer. Just don't let them mature and expect to enjoy them.

Onions are one of the cool season crops as well and if you purchase sets, these can be planted along with the other cool season crops above. If you're starting from seed, the seed can either be started indoors in mid-February to early March or it can be sown outside in mid-April. Transplanted seedlings can go into the ground in late April or early May through to mid-June.

On the other hand, beans can be sown outdoors (never indoors) from the long weekend onwards. Sow a new crop every 10 days until the end of July for an ongoing harvest all summer long. Sweet corn can also be planted from mid-May onwards until mid to late June.



































Plants that want warmer soils include the squash family and melon family along with the cucurbit family. Putting these outside too early is a sentence of death rather than a gardening wish. So your giant pumpkins get started indoors in mid-April and so do the watermelons. Sow cucumber seed indoors from the middle of April to the beginning of May. They are both very fast growers and only require 3 to 4 weeks in their own small pot before you put them outside in the garden. You can plant them directly into the garden but do not do that until early June to give the soil a chance to warm up.

When it comes to the other salad plants, corn salad goes outdoors from mid-April until the beginning of May. Endive is planted in mid-April and then again the first week of July for a fall crop. Turnips can be used as either greens or roots and they're planted in late May. Collards start on June first and are planted weekly until early August. Mesclun, which is simply a mix of lettuce and other greens, can be planted in mid-April and should be resown weekly until early July.

The small specialty root crops such as celeriac and kohlrabi are started early outdoors and can be re-sown every week until the end of June. Parsnips are an early to mid-May outdoor started seed.

I understand there's a lot of information compressed into a few short words, but I hope it helps you sort out when you can plant for maximum harvest. Give the plant what it wants and you'll both be happier.

CJAI 92.1
Amherst Island Public Radio
March Programming Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6am	Canadian Classical	The Udder Morning Show	Tuesday Tracks	Wednesday Morning Fuel Run	Thursday Morning Show	Friday Morning Show	Canadian Folk
7							
8							The Hank Snow Discography Show
9		Island Folk CDN	Bluegrass Café	Island Folk CDN	Folk Album	Live from the Wolf's Den (Replay)	Sally's Books
10	Program Exchange				Island Folk CDN		Vintage AI Beacon
	Canadian Folk						The Green Majority
11	Sally's Books	Down Memory Lane	Whole Jazz Album	Jazz from Jim's Vault	Jazz from Jim's Vault LIVE!		"For the Birds"
	Canadian Jazz		Jazz from Jim's Vault	The Green Majority		Jazz from Jim's Vault	Tea & Serendipity
Noon		OTR: Bing Crosby	OTR: Let George Do It		OTR: Space Patrol	OTR: Lone Ranger!	Community Programming
1PM	Uncle Barry's Canadian Blues	Tea & Serendipity	Vintage AI Beacon	Whitehall 1212	Uncle Don	Sally's Books	Jazz From Jim's Vault
2	Canadian Voices	Program Exchange	Celtic Tuesdays	Live from the Wolf's Den	Two Loons on a Thursday Afternoon	Friday Morning Show (Replay)	Canadian Mellow
3	Live from the Wolf's Den (Replay)	Udder Morning Show (Replay)	The Buffet				Deconstructing Dinner
4				Tea & Serendipity	Music from Away	LIVE ISLAND CONCERT SHOW	LIVE ISLAND CONCERT SHOW
5	Music from Away	Book Reading	Music From Away	Hank Snow Discography Show	Vintage AI Beacon	Chill with Audrey	Down Memory Lane (Replay)
6	Celtic Hour	Sally's Books	Book Reading	Tea & Serendipity	Canadian Spotlight		
7		Uncle Don	Music From Away	Hank Snow Discography Show	Vintage AI Beacon		
8		Jazz from Jim's Vault LIVE! (Replay)	Uncle Barry's Blues	Uncle Barry's Blues	Uncle Barry's Blues	Down the Rabbit Hole	Down the Rabbit Hole
9	Bound for Glory						
10		Radio Moo - CDN	Radio Moo - CDN	Radio Moo - CDN	Radio Moo - CDN		
11	Radio Moo - CDN						
Midnight - 6am	Radio Moo - Intl.	Radio Moo - Intl.	Radio Moo - Intl.	Radio Moo - Intl.	Radio Moo - Intl.	Radio Moo - Intl.	Radio Moo - Intl.

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Note: Some changes to the programming schedule may occur after time of printing. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and encourage you to either visit our website, or call the station for updates and programming changes.



I wish to extend a sincere thanks to AIMS & all helpers who organized & carried out the work that once again gave us a great A.I. New Year's dinner and dance to remember.

The food and the music were excellent – and thanks so much for beautiful corsages presented to the A.I. over-80's – you make us feel so special.

Jean Tugwell

The Amherst Island Emergency Services Association would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the Community Chili and Bonfire Night. All of us really appreciate all the donations we received and it is our aim to use them for a yet to be determined community event. We hope to see you all out next year!

Andrew McDonald

The Women's Institute of Amherst Island wants to thank Islanders very much for their enthusiastic recycling efforts (specifically hazardous waste, paint and batteries). We have collected 55 pounds, of used batteries which you have dropped off at the General Store. Judith Harrower took the batteries to Rona. Both Rona and Home Depot accept used batteries, (except rechargeable and car), and paint, free of charge. It is a very easy process at the two stores.

If you take used paint bought from Rona to them they will give you a five dollar credit to their store.

The W.I. will continue to take in used batteries. The drop off box is a blue box in the foyer of the General Store.

We encourage Islanders to recycle more and more. The W.I. is working with Loyalist Township to start to recycle styrofoam, from the small containers to the large pieces.

Thank you very much again Amherst Islanders.

Judith Harrower and Liz Harrison.

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A note from Loyalist Engineer, David Thompson: The **Frontenac II** will be employed at Wolfe Island when the Wolfe Islander goes in for dry dock inspection. MTO has not provided a schedule yet but it is expected to happen this spring.

IRISH MUSIC NIGHT

Back by popular demand
"Crooked Wood"

Join them for an evening of toe tapping music

Friday, March 13, 7 pm

Amherst Island Community Center

Advanced tickets \$10.00 each

\$12:00 at the door

Refreshments will be served

For tickets call 613-389-5328 or 613-389-2947

Come out for an evening of fun

Proceeds to St Albans' Church

BATH MUSICAL AWARENESS CONCERT SERIES

March 28: Terry Tufts, One of the Best Guitarists, Vocalists & Songwriters of Our Generation

All Concerts 7:45 pm to 11:00 pm
Saint John's Memorial Hall
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Tickets for each performance: \$8 Advance; \$10 Week of Show; \$12 at the door.

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30 Front Road

613-634-8716

Tue – Sat.

10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Peter Bigras

CHIROPRACTOR

Amherst Island Chiropractic,

Dave Meikle D.C.,

11450 Front Rd., Appointments Tuesday and Thursday 8-11 am. 4-6 pm.

For appointments or any questions call Dave at 613-384-5363 or 613-328-8892.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CALENDARS

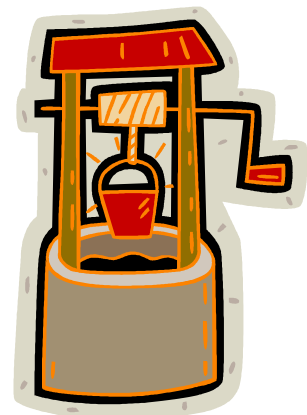
Featuring Brian Little's photographs, are still available. The cost is \$10.00.

They are available from Liz Harrison (613-389-5176), Joyce Reid (613-634-8716) and the General Store.

WELL & SEPTIC WORKSHOP

How to take care of your well and septic system; How to test your water and protect your water resources.

Speakers include a well technician, a public health inspector, a hydrogeologist, staff from the Conservation Authority, and a specialist from Well Aware. Saturday, February 28 – 9 a.m. to noon – South Fredricksburg Hall, Napanee. Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. to noon, Municipal Offices, Odessa. To reserve a seat, please call: Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (613)546-4228 Ext. 221



Pledge Taker Extraordinaire!!



PHOTO BY BRIAN LITTLE

Volunteer pledge taker Ross Haines, talks on the phone to a donor during CJAI 92.1's first ever FunDrive. The goal of raising \$2500 was surpassed by almost \$1000.

Thank you to all who donated time, money, giveaways, and energy to make the FunDrive such a grand success.

- From everyone at CJAI

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