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“Sure Sign of Spring”



This cartoon by Island artist Terry Culbert was conceived by Victoria Cuyler whilst working as a shearing “roustabout” at Topsy Farms in April.

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COUNCIL

GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray
April 14 Meeting:
"Councillor

Ashley noted that he presented Vera Hogeboom with a plaque on Saturday for her 98th birthday. He noted that she wished to convey her thanks to Council and supported the municipality and their endeavours."

April 27 Meeting
From annual report on our Landfill Site:

"No major operational issues were encountered. The disposal site received some 5,250 bags of garbage in 2008 which represented a small increase of 5% over the previous year. . . . All waste is currently being placed in the Phase 1 area of the site which has an estimated capacity to provide for another 23 years of service, to 2031. The Phase 2 area will extend the site's life another 9 years, reaching capacity in 2040."



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JANET SCOTT

Red Tailed Hawk. Please see Janet's Jottings on Page 16 for more info.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Mary Kay Steel

The April meeting of the Institute took place on April 15 at 7pm, at the home of our assistant treasurer, Nancy Pearson. Twelve members were present and the chair was Claire Jenney, one of our two co-presidents. Among the business items discussed was whether to support a provincial-level institute initiative to lobby for revision of proposed federal legislation on Product of Canada labeling of agricultural products. It was decided to obtain additional information before making a decision to support or not. We also reviewed our branch's plan to present an educational program on the topic Buy Ontario, at the District Annual meeting on May 19 in Centreville. Judy Harrower and Liz Harrison reported that our initiative to collect used batteries in the lobby of the store has been quite successful, and that Island school children have made a spectacular effort in this regard. It is expected that collection and recycling of Styrofoam will be our next effort.

It was noted that we have recently made a donation to the school students for their annual trip, which will be to Ottawa this year. We were reminded that the Island Market reopens on Saturday, May 16th, and that we will again be offering refreshments at our WI cart. Also, our first Bake Sale of the year will be held on Friday afternoon May 15th, in front of the store, at 3:45pm. Volunteers were solicited for these and other summer events.

Also, on May 16th we will be donating a second iron bench for use on the grounds of the Neilson Store Museum, and there will be a brief dedication ceremony at the museum that morning. Our May meeting will take place on May 20th, commencing at 7pm; it will be held at the St. Paul's church hall and will be open to the public with a presentation on the Old Testament featuring Queen's professor Bill Morrow.

This meeting was adjourned, and immediately followed by our annual meeting and election of officers for the coming year, 2009-2010. Chaired by Jackie Sylvestor, past president (three times over!), annual reports were received and a new slate of officers endorsed. Kirsten Bennick and Claire Jenney will continue another year as co-presidents; Liz Harrison will be vice-president; Mary Kay Steel will again be secretary; and Marilyn Pilon and Nancy Pearson will share the treasurer duties. Other positions were duly filled, and then the annual meeting was adjourned.

We then enjoyed one of our Brown Bag auctions, in which we bid dollars on odd-shaped brown paper bags with unknown contents, sending the proceeds to our international umbrella organization to assist with projects in developing countries. The evening ended with the usual selection of fine refreshments and the fun of opening our paper bags.

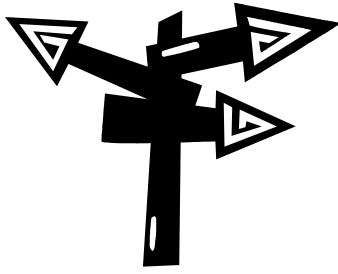


HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

I made a good trade with my son Jacob last Saturday. He worked packing wool bags while the shearers finished shearing; I looked after his 2 sons. Sally and I had just started a walk along the road with the 2 boys when we saw 4 people working in the Roman Catholic Cemetery. We decided to see what they were doing. The workers were from the Eves family – Sheila, Melanie, Lance and Sam. They were removing sod from the top of old grave markers. This was interesting enough but it got more interesting when one of the old stones turned out to have the engraving “MICHAEL MURRAY”. The stone says that he died November 28, 1883 at 39 years of age. “MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE”. I was carrying Michael Murray born 2008 as we watched Melanie brushing the earth off the newly exposed stone.

I suppose that we’ll never know anything about this long dead Michael but it would sure be interesting to learn something about him. Perhaps he is a somewhat distant



cousin of our Michael. The 1851 Agricultural Census of Amherst Island shows a T. Murray on Lot 27, Con. 1. The land that T. Murray farmed is now owned by Peter & Sheila Whiting. Melanie, Scott & Lance also live on this lot. If that is where Michael lived he would have been about 8 at the time of the Census.

The exposure of these forgotten markers will make this well-maintained cemetery even more interesting.

“Too big to fail” = too big.

Congratulations to Doug Green on the success of his new book: “Guide to Vegetable Gardening in Canada”. It has just hit #1 for all gardening books in Canada and #3 for Vegetable Gardening in North America on Amazon.

To purchase a copy of Doug's book, go to a bookstore, Home Depot or Loblaws and check it out.

Congratulations also to Catherine “Kitsy” McMullen who was lead editor for the United Nations Environmental Programme's 2009 Year Book: “New Science and Developments In Our Changing Environment”.

Kitsy will be moving to Paris, France, in June to continue her work with the United Nations.



PHOTO BY DAVE MEIKLE

When she lived in Burlington, Deanne dreamed of cruising in her convertible yellow mustang dressed to the nines...now, a born again Island girl, she test drives her new used lawn tractor (thanks to George Gavlas) in her house coat and fuzzy slippers.



PHOTO BY BRIAN LITTLE

John Schram & Angus Little—well dressed travelers on the Frontenac II.

LYME DISEASE IS ON AMHERST ISLAND

-Sue Frizzell

It has been an exciting couple of weeks in our household. Earlier this month, I had Diego, our dog, to the vet for his annual checkup, and shots. Our veterinary clinic does in house testing for both Heartworm and Lyme disease.

Diego tested positive for exposure to Lyme.

After further blood and urine testing, it would appear that Diego has not been affected by the bacteria at this time; however, we must monitor the situation. He will be re-tested for organ function in another six months (assuming that no clinical symptoms present before then). (Clinical signs for both dogs and people to follow this article).

Three days later, I discovered a tick in my underarm. Thanks to a lovely tool that I had purchased for use on Diego (called the Tick Twister), Jake was able to remove the tick intact.

I called Telehealth who advised me to wash the area with soap and water, apply an antibiotic ointment, and call my doctor within 24 hours unless symptoms presented before then.

After a call to my doctor, and lengthy deliberations since Amherst Island's current infection rate (as per Infectious Diseases) is only 10% (current policy is that if an area has less than 20% infection rate, treatment is only done when symptoms are present), it was decided that I would take antibiotics.

If treated within 72 hours of finding a tick, you can take a single dose of Doxycycline, (an antibiotic derived from tetracycline) to kill any bacteria which may be lingering. This is only possible during the first 72 hours. After this, if symptoms are present, or if you're in an area of higher infection rates, then the same antibiotic Doxycycline is taken for 3 weeks. Fortunately, at this point, it looks like I will not have to do that.

After my experiences over the past couple of weeks, I would strongly recommend that everyone who has a dog on Amherst Island call their vets, and request the test for Lyme. This test is only a test for exposure to the bacteria, and can not detect whether the bacteria is active, however, if your dog has been exposed, then you know to start watching for symptoms.

Also, if you find a tick on your own, or your dog's body, remove it immediately. Tick Twisters are available at most veterinary offices, and are a cheap tool to keep around. In the absence of a Tick Twister, carefully, remove the tick (instructions to follow), and keep it in case your doctor, or vet, would like to send it for testing (double bagged in the freezer is a good way to keep it).

The website for the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation can be found at www.canlyme.com. It is an excellent resource.

SYMPTOMS OF LYME DISEASE

(source: <http://www.canlyme.com/>)

- The Tick Bite (fewer than 50% recall a tick bite or get/see the rash)
- Rash at site of bite
- Rashes on other parts of your body
- Rash basically circular, oval and spreading out (more generalized)
- Raised rash, disappearing and recurring

Head, Face, Neck

- Unexplained hair loss
- Headache, mild or severe, Seizures
- Pressure in head, white matter lesions in brain (MRI)
- Twitching of facial or other muscles
- Facial paralysis (Bell's Palsy, Horner's syndrome)
- Tingling of nose, (tip of) tongue, cheek or facial flushing
- Stiff or painful neck
- Jaw pain or stiffness
- Dental problems (unexplained)
- Sore throat, clearing throat a lot, phlegm, hoarseness, runny nose

Eyes/Vision

- Double or blurry vision
- Increased floating spots
- Pain in eyes, or swelling around eyes
- Oversensitivity to light
- Flashing lights/Peripheral waves/phantom images in corner of eyes



Ears/Hearing

- Decreased hearing in one or both ears, plugged ears
- Buzzing in ears
- Pain in ears, oversensitivity to sounds
- Ringing in one or both ears

Digestive and Excretory Systems

- Diarrhea
- Constipation
- Irritable bladder (trouble starting, stopping) or Interstitial cystitis
- Upset stomach (nausea or pain) or GERD (gastroesophageal reflux disease)

Musculoskeletal System

- Bone pain, joint pain or swelling, carpal tunnel syndrome
- Stiffness of joints, back, neck, tennis elbow
- Muscle pain or cramps, (Fibromyalgia)

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Respiratory and Circulatory Systems

- Shortness of breath, can't get full/satisfying breath, cough
- Chest pain or rib soreness
- Night sweats or unexplained chills
- Heart palpitations or extra beats
- Endocarditis, Heart blockage

Neurologic System

- Tremors or unexplained shaking
- Burning or stabbing sensations in the body
- Fatigue, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Weakness, peripheral neuropathy or partial paralysis
- Pressure in the head
- Numbness in body, tingling, pinpricks
- Poor balance, dizziness, difficulty walking
- Increased motion sickness
- Lightheadedness, wooziness

Psychological well-being

- Mood swings, irritability, bi-polar disorder
- Unusual depression
- Disorientation (getting or feeling lost)
- Feeling as if you are losing your mind
- Over-emotional reactions, crying easily
- Too much sleep, or insomnia
- Difficulty falling or staying asleep
- Narcolepsy, sleep apnea
- Panic attacks, anxiety

Mental Capability

- Memory loss (short or long term)
- Confusion, difficulty in thinking
- Difficulty with concentration or reading
- Going to the wrong place
- Speech difficulty (slurred or slow)
- Stammering speech
- Forgetting how to perform simple tasks

Reproduction and Sexuality

- Loss of sex drive
- Sexual dysfunction
- Unexplained menstrual pain, irregularity
- Unexplained breast pain, discharge
- Testicular or pelvic pain

General Well-being

- Phantom smells
- Unexplained weight gain, loss
- Extreme fatigue
- Swollen glands/lymph nodes
- Unexplained fevers (high or low grade)
- Continual infections (sinus, kidney, eye, etc.)

- Symptoms seem to change, come and go
- Pain migrates (moves) to different body parts
- Early on, experienced a "flu-like" illness, after which you have not since felt well.
- Low body temperature
- Allergies/Chemical sensitivities
- Increased effect from alcohol and possible worse hangover

DOGS

(source: www.canlyme.org)

Symptoms of Lyme disease are fever, loss of appetite, fatigue, abnormal development of the lymph nodes, lameness [arthritis], may be sudden, sometimes with severe pain. Lameness occurs two to five months after tick exposure. This symptom may present as shifting from one leg to another. One or more joints may be swollen, hot and painful on manipulation. 90% of infected animals limp (usually one foreleg that may exhibit a swollen lymph node). This lameness progresses over three to four days, going from mild and barely noticeable to complete disuse of the painful limb. Acute or subacute arthritis may be noticed. The acute form may be transient and may recur in some cases. Lyme disease can move from mild discomfort to a phase where a dog will be in such pain it will refuse to move.

It is possible that the heart muscle and nerve tissue may be damaged at this point. Treatment at this stage will prevent permanent joint and nerve damage.

The chronic stage of humans with systemic disease is rare in dogs. However, those reported have involved heart block, kidney failure, liver or eye disorders and neurological changes (seizures, aggression, confusion, overeating) and obsessive/compulsive behaviors such as chewing fur and or licking legs, lack of coordination or palsy. The Erythema Migrans rash is rarely seen in dogs. Symptoms can be subtle or intermittent and vary in intensity from mild to severe and can mimic many other conditions. With pregnant dogs there have been reports of miscarriage, premature births, still births, birth defects and trans-placental infection of the fetus.

Diagnosis is generally the same as for humans, a combination of clinical signs and tests, including ruling out other possible diseases. Absence of any one symptom does not rule out Lyme disease but it must be noted that misdiagnosis is possible. For example, a diagnosis of a slipped disc, Lupus, Leukemia, Epilepsy, Brucellosis or autoimmune disease, are all conditions that in fact, may actually be Lyme disease.

Prevention of Lyme disease in dogs must bear a cautionary

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note. There are products available to prevent fleas or ticks; they are capsules applied to the scruff of the neck. However, if you use this product, consult your veterinarian before using a preventative spray on the dog's haircoat before hiking or hunting, to ensure the two products are compatible. Although there is a vaccine available not all veterinarians are enthused; there are concerns the vaccine may cause arthritis in some breeds.

If walking on cleared trails, try to avoid having your animal brush up against foliage. One county in New York found that by cutting back the brush and foliage on the sides of trails by 3 feet substantially reduced the infection in that area. Encouraging your pet to walk firmly on a path is a wise precaution.

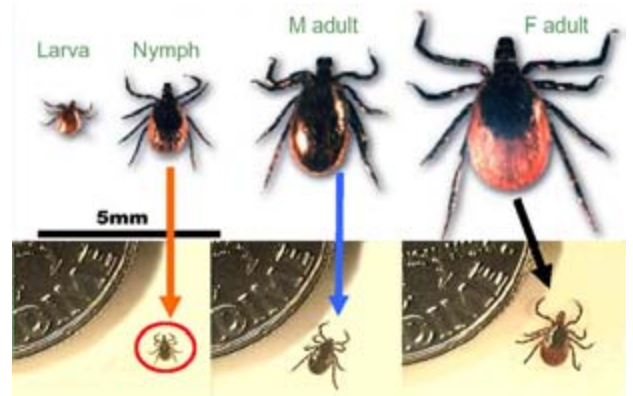
CATS

Lyme disease in cats is rare, though cases have been reported. In a limited study, one third of feline blood samples were found to test positive for Lyme disease. It is

probable that some cats are able to resist the illness.

Of reported cases, symptoms exhibited were: pain and stiffness in limbs and joints, lameness, fever, loss of appetite, fatigue, possible sudden collapse, a "zombie-like" trance and in cases of heavy infestation, severe anemia. Most cases are diagnosed because the owner has actually found a tick; otherwise symptoms tend to be ambiguous or other illnesses are suspected.

Tick control is the best preventative. Providing an appropriate flea/tick collar is a must in endemic areas as there are presently no vaccines available. Outdoor cats should be checked regularly and thoroughly for the presence of ticks. Check carefully, especially around the ears, skull, feet and anus. Again, remember that pets can bring ticks into the home.



Still Bay, Devon Island. 22"x 28" Watercolour

The Lodge on Amherst Island
Presents

New Works from the High Arctic

Pat Fairhead

May 16th to June 22nd, 2009

Please join us to open the show at
The Lodge on Amherst Island
320 McDonalds Lane, Stella, Ontario

Saturday, May 16th, 2009 from 2 to 5 pm
The show opens at 2 pm; sales begin at 2:30 pm
At 3:00 Pat Fairhead will make a few remarks

Please come, enjoy some refreshments
and meet the artist

You may view the exhibition
by appointment until June 22nd, 2009

To make an appointment, please call
Rosemary Richmond at 613-561-0613

ALERT LYME DISEASE ALERT

From the: Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation

A disease we all must learn about.

A bacterial infection resulting from a tick bite

The ticks that carry Lyme disease live in grass, weeds, forest floors, leaf litter, and bushes. They are seldom found higher than 18 inches above the ground. They become active when temperatures are -2C (30F) and above. They can come into your home on your pets. Most disease transmitting bites occur from a tick in the nymph stage, when they are only the size of a poppy seed. Many victims do not recall a tick bite. Only a minority of people will get or recall a rash.

Prevention

New research suggests living by a small patch of woods could increase your chances of contracting Lyme disease. Scientists from several institutions have discovered small forest fragments tend to have more Lyme disease-carrying ticks than larger areas. Although such fragments generally have fewer species than larger wooded areas, some animals actually do better in small forest patches. One such species is the white-footed mouse, which seems to thrive in fragments smaller than 5 acres. This could mean trouble for people living nearby because the mice are one of the main hosts and reservoir of Lyme bacteria, researchers say. The mice, birds, and pets then transport the ticks to your gardens and lawns. **Wear pants tucked into socks and light coloured clothing with long sleeve shirts. Apply products containing DEET as a repellent to clothes and exposed skin.**

Tick Removal

Perform tick checks regularly over the entire body. They prefer warm moist areas. Embedded ticks should be removed using fine-tipped tweezers. DO NOT use fingers to pull out ticks. DO NOT use petroleum jelly, a hot match, nail polish, or other products. Grasp the tick firmly and as closely to the skin as possible with tip of tweezers. With a steady motion, pull the tick's body away from the skin. The bacteria that cause Lyme disease are contained in the tick's midgut or salivary glands. Cleanse the area with an antiseptic. Seek medical attention immediately...do NOT wait for symptoms. Early symptoms are flu-like.

Some of the more common incorrect diagnoses for late stage Lyme disease include:

Fibromyalgia, arthritis of various types, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFIDS), heart disorders, Lupus, Multiple Sclerosis, Bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia and other psychiatric disorders, early ALS, early Alzheimer's Disease, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Crohn's Disease, Interstitial Cystitis, GERD and many other more non-descript illnesses. For a thorough understanding of symptoms visit our web site www.canlyme.org.



A MESSAGE TO MEMBERS, ADHERENTS AND FRIENDS OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

- Andrea Cross

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church needs a new roof. The existing steel shingle roof, estimated to be about one hundred years old, has worn out, and water damage is occurring in the main sanctuary.

We are asking for your support. St. Paul's is an important building, for the service it provides and the heritage it represents, to both the congregation and to our community as a whole.

We will be replacing the roof with galvanized steel shingles of the type that were used on the church hall. This is a local Canadian product with a good warranty that has served well here.

To accomplish this substantial project, we must raise sixty thousand dollars.

All donations will be greatly appreciated. Tax credit receipts will be provided for all contributions. For donations of \$200 or more, you may choose to have your name placed on the back of a new tile to be discovered in another hundred years, and you may have one of the old tiles as a keepsake.

Contributions are to be made payable to St. Paul's (attn. "roof") and sent to St. Paul's Church Treasurer, Elaine Wolfreys at 9060H Front Rd., Stella, Ontario K0H 2S0 or placed on the collection plate.

Include your name, address and phone number if you want a tax receipt or your name on a new roof shingle.

Thank you for any help you can give us for this important project.

For questions or to request further details contact the Chair of the Board of Managers (Bruce Burnett at 613 634-6696).

ROBERT JAMES MCKEE

Robert James McKee was born on Amherst Island on June 2, 1933, the second son of Ross and Kathleen McKee (Brown). He grew up on the family farm on the Second Concession. He completed his public and secondary education on the Island, and as a child attended St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

As a young adult, Robert moved to Kingston to begin his work life. Most of his working career was spent at Dupont Canada, where he worked for 38 years as a shipper/receiver, until he retired in 1993.

Robert married Helen (Drew) in 1958, and, last September, they celebrated 50 happy years of life together. Robert and Helen have three children –Maureen (Brian), Marvin (Deborah) and David (Lisa), and six grandchildren- Shannon, Kate, Drew, Caelan, Michael and Megan. All live in the Kingston area.

Robert took great interest and pride in the activities of his children and grandchildren. He was always involved, and willing to help - whether it was attending hockey or ball games, school events, helping them to fix their vehicles, do home repair projects, or babysitting. He enjoyed many happy times with his family - bike rides, weddings, Christmases, birthdays, summer holidays at the cottage, and sitting down together to watch his favourite team the "Montreal Canadiens" play hockey on TV.

Robert also loved working in his backyard garden. Even though his garden was quite small, he was able to grow abundant crops, including corn, cucumbers, and tomatoes, which he loved to share with his family and friends. Robert passed away suddenly, Apr. 16, while he was preparing his garden for the 2009 season, - doing what he loved on one of this year's first beautiful, sunny spring days.

Family and friends gathered at Robert J. Reid Funeral



home on Apr. 20, to celebrate Robert's life. The service was conducted by Rev. Lincoln Bryant from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and burial followed at Cataraqui Cemetery.

Robert will be missed and lovingly remembered by Helen and family, his brother Ralph (Ruth), his sister Myrle, sisters-in-law Shirley McKee, Catherine MacDonald, Marion Fox (Maurice), as well as many other family members and friends.

Robert was predeceased by his parents, and his older brother Carman.



Terry Culbert at his solo art show at Gallery Raymond in Kingston.

PHOTO BY BRIAN LITTLE

RALPH STIRLING MORROW

Ralph Stirling Morrow passed away peacefully in Kingston with his family at his side, on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. Ralph was in his 81st year, and is predeceased by his loving wife of 47 years, Irene (nee Grant).

Ralph was born on Amherst Island, on his dad's farm on the South Shore (just west of the Truman's home now). His grandfather still farmed the Morrow homestead, now the Finlay residence on the north shore. That stone home was built by his great-grandfather.

Ralph lived a long, interesting life that created lots of stories for him to tell, and kept everyone laughing. He spent his life driving, starting out with driving bus, hauling trailers, and finally driving transport truck for Charlton Motors, which then became MCL, and received an award for one million miles driven accident free. In his spare time he drove his family to the East Coast, West Coast, and down to Florida many times while his kids in the back seat drove him crazy.

After retirement he drove for neighbours and friends and for the Cancer society as well as volunteering at the Marine Museum.

Ralph also had a passion for boating, as well as enjoying many euchre games with friends and family. Ralph was always there to help anyone fix anything. He could generally figure out how to fix anything except when his wife got ill. Then he stepped up and showed his true grit by taking care of Irene with understanding, caring and compassion. After Irene passed, he took on the duties of being both Dad and Mom to his 3 grown children.

He is greatly missed by his son Greg Morrow, daughter Nancy and her husband Ron Watson, his daughter, Linda Ricker and grandson Riley Ricker who was the apple of grandpa's eye. He is also survived by his brother Carl (Pat) Morrow, his sister Wilma (Cliff) Redmond, and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his sister Glenna (late Jack) Leduc and his nephew Allen (Janet) Leduc.

Life will not be the same without you Dad – we miss you.

Thank-you to all the nurses and doctors who have helped make the journey as easy as possible. Special thanks to niece Janet Leduc, who was always there for both Mom and Dad. Donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer society.



A FURTHER NOTE...

- Sally Bowen

Ralph was my neighbour for the four years I spent in town and I was one of the friends he helped with such caring and humour. He'd help clean my feeding machine and syringe my feeding tube, regaling me with wonderful Amherst Island stories. His astonishing memory of his dad's stories gave Beacon readers some fine Island history, with the help and writing skills of Zander Dunn.

His readiness to drive me to appointments, and to the occasional greenhouse, expanded my world. The humble generosity of spirit in which he offered all help, made it easy to accept. I too, will miss him greatly.

TWO GREAT MAINLAND SPEAKERS VISIT AMHERST ISLAND -Terry Culbert



On Friday evening, April 3rd, University of Guelph history professor and award winning author Catharine Anne Wilson spoke to a crowd numbering over seventy at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The venue was moved in advance from the Backroom of the Museum to St. Paul's as a large number of people were expected. Catharine's topic: Amherst Island and Rethinking Ontario's Pioneers Past.

'A new Lease on Life (Landlords, Tenants & Immigrants in Ireland & Canada)' was published in 1994 by McGill-Queen's University Press and told the story of Amherst Islanders immigrating to Upper Canada from the Ards Peninsula of County Down, Northern Ireland in the mid-1800's. Her latest book is: 'Tenants in Time (Family Strategies, Land, and Liberalism in Upper Canada 1799-1871).'

The Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre was pleased Catharine was able to make time in her busy schedule to come back to the Island. The Museum Board also thanks Poplar Dell's Suzie and Bruce Caughey for their generous donation of accommodation to the Backroom Talk speaker.

The following morning, Catharine met with friends Sally Bowen and Ian Murray of Topsy Farms, then a visit to our Island Museum.

On Sunday, April 19th, The Lodge on Amherst Island was the venue for Rick Phillips formerly host and producer of Sound Advice, the weekly guide to classical music and recordings on CBC Radio One and Radio Two. Sound Advice had a weekly national audience of 400,000 listeners.

**** Note: "See Rethinking our Pioneer Past—A Presentation by Catherine Anne Wilson" on April 8 at the Neilson Store Museum, Backroom Talk series by Sally Bowen on Page 12 for a more.



Above: Catharine Anne Wilson speaks to over seventy people at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on April 3rd. Her topic for the Neilson Store Museum Backroom Talk was: "Amherst Island and Rethinking Ontario's Pioneer Past".

Below: Professor Wilson visited the Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre while on the Island. Pictured left to right: Catharine Anne Wilson, Barb Hogenauer, Thomas Sylvester, and Bruce Burnett.



ALL PHOTOS OF SPEAKERS BY TERRY CULBERT.





Left: Rick Phillips, formerly of "Sound Advice" on CBC Radio, autographs a copy of his book: The Essential Classical Recordings—101 CDs, for South Shore Road resident Dorothy Babcock.



Harold Redekopp introduced his CBC Radio friend Rick Phillips at The Lodge on Amherst Island on Sunday, April 19th.

RETHINKING OUR PIONEER PAST – A PRESENTATION BY CATHARINE ANNE WILSON ON APRIL 8 AT THE NEILSON STORE MUSEUM, BACKROOM TALK SERIES.

- Sally Bowen

Catharine worked on Amherst Island in the summer of 1982, with Jan Milligan and Island teenagers Bev Wemp and Polly Bulch. They were hired by Ian and Sally of Topsy Farms to gather oral history from seniors, funded by an Ontario summer works grant. (The originals of these tapes are stored in the L&A County Museum.)

Catharine became interested in seeking the older Island history, wanting to trace the roots of the stories she was hearing. She did her Masters at Queens U, spent a year in Ireland, then completed a PhD, subsequently publishing her findings in her first book: "A New Lease on Life".

She says her work and Amherst Island have helped historians to shift focus from more universal issues to a more intimate, familial and community perspective of immigration.

While discussing the theme of Immigration, Catharine reported a departure from the traditional image of a lone immigrant, isolated and adrift. Here, family and community cushioned the impact of the upheaval. Another stereotype, the urge to evade landlords and immediately to own private land was also challenged.

Although there were some UEL settlers on Amherst Island, most of the land was initially owned by absentee

Irish Landlords. The descendants of one of these, Robert Percival Maxwell, invited Catharine to their home and gave her free access to the boxes of stored papers and records when she was in Ireland. Many of the tenants who came here were Irish Protestants, coming from an area of about 5 square miles in the Ards Peninsula (Northern Ireland, east coast, south of Belfast.) Many came before the terrible famine, motivated by the reduction in fish stocks, the pressure of land, and the desire to improve their lives. Their peninsula-based skills of fishing, sailing, boat-building and farming fitted perfectly in the Island context. Some of these initial family names are still very much part of the Island today: Caughey, Fleming, Filson, Miller, Reid, Glenn and Kilpatrick.

When discussing Settlement, Catharine said that the families quickly established familiar institutions such as the Orange Lodge and the Presbyterian Church. For the early settlers, the landlord-tenant relationship wasn't one to avoid – it was actually very helpful. The usually impoverished immigrant would often work as a labourer until he was able to buy a lease. The cost of a lease in 1835-55 did not increase, although the land values did. The costs on Amherst Island were 1/30th the equivalent cost in the area they'd left. The leasing enabled the land to be worked sooner for the landlord, and for the tenant, it was an advantage too. By British law, the tenant owned any improvements made to the land leased. These could be sold back to the landlord or to a person buying the lease, or bequeathed to the next generation. Sometimes the value of the im-

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provements was about equivalent to the value of the land.

Barley growing was dominant here (again, challenging the stereotype of hay farming) until the prices dropped in the 1880's. Before that, the population on the Island neared 2000. After, many left, and others turned to mixed farming and dairy.

The stores and landlords loaned money and provided credit, the flexibility enabling the economy to survive hard times. The Neilson's store also served as grain merchants, and would take payment in crops or other good produced, constantly seeking more local markets, or reselling items through the store. There are stories of wagons lined up back through Stella, waiting to unload grain at harvest time.

Amherst Island and the Ards Peninsula helped Catharine show historians a more complex understanding of immigration, putting a more human face on the past.



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

- Zander of DUNN INN

Most people know the Bible verse, John 3:16. For some people it's their favourite verse in the Bible. "For God so loved the world he sent his only son that whoever believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Most people focus on the last part of the verse - the part about God sending his Son so that if we believe on him we'll not perish but will enjoy eternal life. Unfortunately they tend to neglect the first part of the verse which tells us God loves the world.

It is good to hear that God loves the world and us in it. Unfortunately too many people believe God is out to punish them because God is angry with them for something they may have done wrong. The Gospel or The Good News is that God loves the whole world - no matter what we have done or have not done.

And our concept of the world is very small. We think about our part of the world - Amherst Island, or the places where we work, or the countries we've visited, or the parts of the planet we've read about or seen pictures of. That's

too small. And the view of the world that God gets is more than the big globe we see going around the sun. The world which God loves involves all of that and everything within the world.

The world God loves involves the clouds, the animals, the plants, the dirt, the sand, the oil, the water, the air, the wind etc. etc. In other words there's nothing in this world which is outside of God's love and God's concern.

God has entrusted all of this world to us. We are the stewards of God's creation. That simply means we are to love all of the world which God loves.

We are not to fill the air with fumes and poisons; we are not to wipe out animal species; we are not to pollute the waters; we are not to misuse the land.

We are to use the oil, the coal, the sunshine and wind in constructive ways which will not cause suffering for anybody. We are to remember we humans are not the only ones who inhabit this planet. We have eradicated various species in the past and have suffered only slightly in some cases, but today, if we were to destroy one species, for example the bees, we would not be able to live because the bees pollinate our fruits and vegetables so we can grow food.

We are to treat every creature as beloved by God and worthy of our love too. It's easy to imagine God loving the mountains, the trees, the horses because they are so majestic and admirable. But so are swamps, insects, mosquitoes.

Swamps are not so attractive and insects are annoying. Mosquitoes, I must confess, are a terrible nuisance and often carry deadly diseases. I suppose the virtue and importance of mosquitoes is that they provide food for birds and reptiles. It is not wrong for us to seek to combat the adverse affects of insects and mosquitoes and to organize wet lands to welcome only helpful creatures, but it is arrogant of us humans to think this world is here only for our benefit.

That means simply that if we love the world as God loves the world, we must keep it clean, tidy, beautiful and productive. Most Amherst Islanders do that well because, as children of farmers, they have learned to respect the land and to work with the animals and plants and not against them.

But some of us think we can throw our garbage along the road or cast all manner of dangerous items into our land fill site without suffering any adverse consequences.

The truth is that when we do that we're hurting ourselves and we're hurting God who is always saddened when God's gifts are misused.

I keep hearing people declare that Amherst Island is a beautiful place. It is the Jewel of Lake Ontario. It is God's country. All of which is true. But unless we love the Island the way God does we'll lose it to pollution and poison.

May God always love Amherst Island, and may we always show our love for the Island too.

A cowboy named Bud was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture in California when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust.

The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, RayBan sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, Will you give me a calf?"

Bud looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, Why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his Cingular RAZR V3 cell phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany.

Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer, turns to the cow-

boy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves." "That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Bud.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car.

Then the Bud says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You're a Congressman for the U..S. Government", says Bud.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required." answered the cowboy. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know a thing about how working people make a living - or about cows, for that matter. This is a herd of sheep. Now give me back my dog.

- Joke submitted by Ida Gavlas

Gourmet Chefs!



Brian Little (Above Left) and Terry Culbert (Above Right) prepare and serve a gourmet dinner for Dayle and Eloise Gowan and their guests Barb Hogenauer and Eva Little as a CJA fundraiser.

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FROM MY GARDEN: BASIC

ORGANIC LAWN CARE

- Doug Green

(www.dougreengarden.com)



Spring is almost here and the new regulations about the use of chemicals are now in force. If you've been used to using a chemical weed and feed on your lawn and other chemical inputs, this is a quick primer on how to have a great organic lawn.

The first thing that many experts recommend is that you rake the lawn to remove any winter debris, dead tufts of grass and anything else that may be trying to live on your lawn. This is a great thing to do with a small lawn for sure but I confess I rarely do it on mine. Perhaps I'm lazy, perhaps I expect the grass to grow up and hide all my previous sins but the bottom line for me is that while this is a great thing to do, it's optional in the practical world. Now, if you have had canine visitors or other visible problems, you're going to find doing a good raking will pay dividends. Everything that's natural with the exception of the animal excreta can go into the compost pile.

To stop this season's weeds from growing, go to your favourite garden shop and purchase a natural weed and feed material containing corn gluten. There are several things you need to know about this material; ignore these facts and you'll be wasting your time and money on this product. The first thing is that the product works by stopping seeds from germinating. So you have to apply it during the time the weeds are germinating. It doesn't kill existing weeds nor stop seeds once they've established themselves. So apply it when you see forsythia (the yellow spring-flowering shrub) blooming around town. This tells you that the soil is warm enough to germinate seeds such as crab grass and dandelion. Corn gluten will kill this year's crop of weeds but not existing weeds. It is a waste of time and money to use it before the forsythia bloom; the material will be active well before the seeds germinate and may miss late germinating weeds. If you apply it too late there will be early seeds that have germinated and this material does not kill established plants. So timing is everything in applying the product and blooming forsythia is your indicator plant.

An important point to understand is that you can't apply the natural weed and feed products and sow grass seed at the same time. Corn gluten stops grass seed from growing just as fast as it stops other small seeds. Depending on weather and soil conditions, corn gluten will work for 60 days or so. This means that applying grass seed is now a fall event in order to get the seed germinated and growing before spring.

Corn gluten will also feed your lawn this spring. At recommended rates, this product contains all the nitrogen your lawn requires for good growth during the spring period. But one thing I always recommend is to add some

organic material in the way of a large bale of peat moss per 1000 square feet of lawn and the equivalent of 2 bags of composted manure or compost in the same area. This provides the lawn with the organic matter it requires as well as feeding the microorganisms that are going to keep your grass plants healthy.

You now have the problem of existing weeds. There are two ways to deal with these without the use of chemicals. The first is to purchase an organic herbicide (there are several kinds coming on the market) to spot spray the weed. This will not kill perennial weeds with deep tap roots but will burn the tops. You'll have to re-spray several times to kill them. Do understand that anything you touch with this spray (including nearby grass plants) will be burned. Without a great deal of care, you'll wind up with a lawn full of dead spots where you try to hit individual weeds. It will look like your lawn has been dog heaven this winter.

The second method is to use one of the manual weed cutters. These cut and/or pull weeds and you'll likely have to repeat this several times to kill off the individual weeds. Yes, it's more work than whacking it with a chemical spray and yes, it takes more time but it does work. If you're looking for a neat lawn, you can rake up the pulled weed debris or if the lawn is a rougher lawn, then the lawn mower will chew them up pretty quickly.

And speaking of lawn mowers, put your lawn mower to its highest setting and leave it there. That's your new setting to give the grass a chance to grow properly and thicken up. It's a thick stand of grass that's going to help you stop new weeds from germinating and why we always leave the grass to grow to a high setting. The healthier the individual grass plants, the better they will look in a mass. So leaving them grow will help their individual health. As a side benefit, taller grass not only shades out and weakens some smaller weeds, it also hides them from view and creates the illusion of a better lawn with absolutely no work on your part.

At this point, you have a natural weed and feed product, your new weed seeds are under control and you're getting ready to kill off existing weeds. You're well on the way to a great looking lawn without the use of chemicals. The other major thing to do is next fall when you're going to sow grass seed in order to thicken up the lawn but we'll deal with that in the fall. The thicker the grass is planted, the harder it is for weeds to become established.

To have an excellent lawn using organic techniques isn't hard; it simply means changing the timing and operation of a few techniques.

Doug says the absolute best time to apply compost is whenever you have the time and inclination to do the work. There is no "rule" - there is only what works for you.

It's pretty funny sometimes when people say there's only one-way to do gardening stuff.

AIMS: APRIL 11TH

- Hugh Jenney

Twenty-three men sat down to a delicious full course breakfast prepared by Shannon McFadden (Kyle and Katelyn too) and Connie Free with help from Murissa, Matthew, and Muranda.



Greg Latiak introduced our guest speaker, Maynard Slack who has been coming over to the Island for a number of past months with his good friend Ralph Woods. Maynard Slack, born in Smiths Falls in 1917, described his early youth in Smiths Falls. One of the things that impressed him with lasting memories was the development of radio. In the mid 1920's his father and oldest brother constructed a large radio which attracted considerable attention and excitement as it was one of only six other radios in Smiths Falls. Enjoyment was greatly enhanced when a large horn speaker was purchased which replaced the individual ear phones and enabled everyone in the room to hear the broadcast. During the depression of the early thirties, his older brother, a wood pattern maker, constructed boats in a shop located behind the family residence. It was a family project through the "lean" years. In 1948 Maynard expressed his surprise in finding five of the sailing boats (snipe class) produced still in service at the Kingston yacht club. When his son Douglas became a junior member of the yacht club, they together constructed an international sailing boat (gull class) in the basement of their home on Mack Street. There was considerable doubt expressed as to whether it would ever come out of the basement. But with careful planning it was brought out with several inches to spare. It was inspected and received international registration.

Following the war, Maynard joined the staff of the Kingston Nylon Plant and contributed to the expansion of the plant to the point where it became independent from its American affiliate. After a number of years in the production operations, he retired on 30th of April 1980, at the age of 63. He set up his own company, conducting seminars on management training. This project kept him fully occupied for two years, at which time he decided it was time to retire and spend some time on his hobbies of tying flies for fly fishing, wood working and stamp collecting. He showed a few unique stamps from his collection.

Maynard became acquainted with Bruce Caughey in 1958 which was the beginning of his association with the Island. He expressed thanks to the members present for the privilege of allowing him to enjoy the fellowship of the monthly meetings of A.I.M.S.

Bruce Burnett passed out the Spring Road Clean-up sheet and was very pleased that all the roads are being cleaned except for one or two down by the McGinns. The roads should be done before Victoria Day. The garbage is

easy to see now and the road cleanup garbage is accepted free at the dump.

Greg chaired the New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance Committee organization meeting attended by Bruce Burnett and Andrea, Paul Lauret, Bonny Caughey (for Allen), Ralph Woods, Steven Schaenfeld and Ross Haines. The hall and caterer have been secured, work is proceeding on the band and bartenders -- we are committed to making this a success.

Greg requested donations for the Market Cart and the Fall Auction.

Greg received a request that AIMS start a Styrofoam recycling system for the Island. He did some research and found that we need to have some place to store the Styrofoam until there is enough to justify a trip to Kingston. Only certain types of Styrofoam are accepted for recycling -- popcorn/peanut packing and some food packages are not. So this has to be pre-sorted. Hauling recycling and hazardous waste for 3rd parties (like other Islanders) is considered a licensed and regulated activity and there are potential liability issues that need to be considered. While not too likely with Styrofoam, it could be an issue with other similar activities. These issues are being investigated further to see if it this request is feasible.

Greg asked for ideas on having interesting and informative speakers. Ross Haines suggested a local speaker from the First Response Team. Gary McDonald was present so he volunteered to have the AI Fire Department arrange to have a demonstration of the equipment the First Response Team uses when you have a problem. Further ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Deb Kimmitt Talks to Herself to Raise Funds for Palliative Care



For more info on Deb's Fundraising Efforts, please visit her website www.kimmitt.ca.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY DEB KIMMETT

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

Everywhere on the Island can be seen the returning birds of Spring. Just like so many older Islanders the warm lands of the South beckoned and off they went to spend the winter in warmer climes. Now is the time of return.

Our school Osprey returned to find their nest devastated by winter winds but they promptly set to work bringing sticks to build it bigger and better. Having children playing soccer below their pole does not seem to faze them one little bit. Perhaps three or four too curious ones who watch right from below the nest might delay building briefly but Lord Amherst just took his specially gathered building material to another pole and waited for his fan club to retreat before returning to the building task. The new Lady Amherst seems content to build on the same site and has settled in once again. By June we will be looking for little heads under her wings and trying to guess how many chicks she successfully hatched.

One of the most exciting visitors has been a white Red-tailed Hawk hanging out on the South Shore west of Frontini's and east of Planks. At first I thought that it might be a Gyrfalcon as this all white bird with a raptor shaped head appeared hunting across from Lorna Willis' home. Later that same week Rachel, Rebecca and I spotted it cruising that area and when it flew up to a tree it displayed a peachy coloured tail. Fortunately, Tom Carralon, a birder and a photographer got an excellent photo which showed this white bird to be an albino Red-tailed Hawk. Peter Good passed on the identification and the mystery was solved. Bonnie Livingstone saw the bird fly up to a nest back against the ridge of trees north of the field and Stewart Reed spotted it hunting north of their place and

behind Krauklis' house. It is strange to see and glows very white in the sunlight.

With the returning swallows come swarms of black midges but they quickly become protein for birds, spiders and frustrated joggers. Your clothes come in from the line with coatings of these tiny creatures, your glasses catch them as you walk through a cloud and you're sure to have spots before your eyes. For such tiny creatures their sheer numbers make them a valuable food source. The Bonaparte Gulls will swim in circles creating an eddy which funnels them into their waiting beaks. Mallard Ducks seem to swim with open beak gently scooping them from the surface of the water and the Tree Swallows swoop madly through the clouds gathering them from the air. The little Chickadees are happy to retrieve them from the spider webs around my window frames. I once thought a tree was on fire when I saw this cloud of smoke circling from the tree top until I realized that it was insects. Fortunately they don't bite.

You may meet two new visitors to the Island's bird world over the next few months. Kristen Keyes, a post-grad from McGill is studying Short-eared Owls and she'll have an assistant with her, Catherine Doucett. If you spot any Short-eared Owls over the next four weeks it would be great to let us know. The Short-eared Owl is now at risk and any information that can be gleaned about its travel and breeding habits will help its survival. They have been known to nest here and they build right on the ground in grassy fields during May and June. Kristen can be reached at my number 613-389-4608.

So far everyone has given them a truly Amherst Island welcome.

Enjoy the Spring Songs.

Good Birding Everyone.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: ISSUE

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ISLAND LOSES RESIDENTS

- A. Bruce Caughey

With the recent sale of their property on "Long Point" to James Herrington, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce S. Robinson have severed a long family connection with Amherst Island. Bruce's mother who resides in Providence Manor, Kingston was a native of Amherst Island, Sarah J. Smith, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith and Bruce Smith Robinson who was born in his grandparents' residence in Stella in November, 1908, son of Allan and Sade, (as she was well known locally) of Kingston, where the remaining four members of their family were born.

Allan Robinson was an employee of The Bell Telephone Company of Canada, in its earlier days and before it became "Bell Canada." He was "wire chief" in their Kingston Plant, located on Clarence St., Kingston where the



switching equipment, operating staff, maintenance staff and office staff were all accommodate before construction of the present "Bell Building" at 449 Princess St.

The Robinson family resided on King St., in the area, presently the site of the Ronald Burr Cancer Clinic of Kingston General Hospital and it was there that tragedy struck twice for this young family. In 1916, when Bruce was 8 years old, during the evening meal, a dog fight erupted in the street near their home. Allan Robinson rushed out to separate the dogs and unfortunately was bitten - - blood poison developed, medical science was not possessed of the "wonder drugs," so well known today and the young husband succumbed as a result.

The following year tragedy struck again, when the second eldest son, Allan, was drowned while fishing from a dock where the Queens' heating plant now stands. Mrs. Robinson was now left with a very young family and certainly there was not the provision of Government assistance that flows so freely today, but there was certainly a deep devotion among families who willingly accepted re-

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sponsibility for their own members' misfortunes and such was the case with the Robinson family. The Smith grandparents moved the family to Amherst Island in 1918, where, with the meagre insurance money left from the death of her husband. Mrs. Robinson purchased her parents' home in Stella Village, the Smith family having purchased and moved to Mrs. Smiths' parents' home, the Luzzcan Beaubien farm at "Long Point".

In the family home in Stella the young family grew and developed in happy surroundings, under the sympathetic and understanding influence of Mrs. Robinson's family and with the ever helping hand of Allan Robinson's brother, Capt. Robt. J. Robinson, then Chief of Police in the City of Kingston. At the time of Allan Robinson's untimely death, executives of The Bell Telephone Co. promised his family that as soon as the oldest boy, Bruce, was ready for employment there would be a job for him with the Company - - their promise was kept and as soon as Bruce had completed his "Lower School" (now Grade 10), at the age of 17, in 1925 he started with the Company in their Clarence St. Office in Kingston, working in the stock room.

There was to follow 43 years of employment with the Bell organization, during which time Bruce occupied many positions of responsibility and carried out these responsibilities with the greatest of diligence, integrity and dedication. Two years of experience in the stock room was followed by assignment as an "installer", then as a "cable splicer", he then became what was then known as a "combination man" and had responsibility for the Napanee and Gananoque areas. This was followed by assignment to responsibility for the Wolfe Island, Harrowsmith and Sydenham areas and in 1940 he was transferred to the Town of Trenton, where he was in the position of "wire chief." Our country was at war and there was tremendous activity in the Trenton Area - if there was ever a time that Bruce was ready to "pack it in", it was in this period, activity in construction was at its' peak, carelessness in the course of this construction, broke cable, interrupted telephone service, so vital to the country's war effort and in general created bedlam - - Bruce carried on in spite of countless problems and displayed qualities of leadership and competence through a difficult period.

Following the close of the war, in 1945, he was transferred to a similar position in Belleville, where he spent four years, followed by five years in Smiths Falls before being assigned to head office in Montreal and work in the Province of Quebec. In 1956, Bruce was transferred to the City of Brockville where he lived and served the Bell system until his retirement in 1966.

Through this long period, Bruce maintained connections with Amherst Island. Invariably his vacations were spent here at his maternal grandparents home on Long Point and upon the passing of members of this family, he purchased the Long Point property which had been his great-

grandfathers' farm. In 1956, in preparation for his eventual retirement here, he commenced the building of a new home and upon completion of this fine home, his great-grandparents' home was torn down. In 1936 Bruce married Madeline (Madge) Bajus of Kingston who had been an employee of the Gredyes Millinery Firm for many years and with his chosen partner they carried out practically all of the construction of their home together.

Following his retirement, he and his wife travelled extensively on the North American continent and spent many winters in Florida, California, Texas and the Canadian West Coast - - his splendid collection of pictures and slides, records these trips in a very memorable way.

At the time that building restrictions and a zoning by-law was introduced to Amherst Island, Bruce served in the capacity of building inspector and also worked closely with the County appointed health inspectors, who supervised installations of septic systems on Amherst Island.

Bruce and Madge have taken up residence in a Kingston apartment and promise that their summers will still hold frequent visits to the Island that they both loved so well.

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DEC15/78 AMHERST ISLAND RECREATION

COMMITTEE

- Howard Pearce

Most readers are aware that the major accomplishment of this committee to date has been the construction of our new community hall attached to the public school. Since the hall was completed just over a year ago, it has hosted many programs and events providing island residents with recreational and social programs. Night school classes, men's basketball, ladies' physical fitness, community dances, concerts and church suppers have all been held, verifying that the design of the hall lends itself to practically any community event.

The financing of our hall was a truly remarkable feat for a community the size of Amherst Island: grants from the provincial government of \$135,000 through Wintario and the Community Centres Act; a grant from the Lennox and Addington County Board of Education of \$22,500; and, a very successful fund-raising campaign by the Island that brought in another \$22,500. Thus, the \$180,000 required to build the hall.































However, the Committee's work has continued beyond the hall project. Although it has not been actively engaged in organizing programs lately, it has applied for additional grants for floodlighting the ball diamond and recently the committee made a \$300.00 donation to the I.S.L.E. Committee's creative playground project.

Our new Council is requesting that all members of the recreation committee serve for another term and we look forward to a productive year. Any new programs or projects will be reported in the Beacon. Also, the members of the committee would appreciate any suggestions for programs from the readers of the Beacon.

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May Programming Schedule



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6PM	Canadian Classical	The Udder Morning Show	Tuesday Tracks	Wednesday Morning Fuel Run	Thursday Morning Show	Friday Morning Show	Canadian Folk
7							
8							The Recordings of Hank Snow
9		Island Folk CDN	Bluegrass Café	Island Folk CDN	Island Folk CDN	Live from the Wolf's Den (Replay)	Sally's Books
10	Island Folk	Down Memory Lane					Vintage AI Beacon
	Canadian Folk						The Green Majority
11	Sally's Books		Whole Jazz Album	Jazz from Jim's Vault	Jazz from Jim's Vault LIVE!		"For the Birds"
	Canadian Jazz	OTR: Bing Crosby	Jazz from Jim's Vault			Jazz from Jim's Vault	Tea & Serendipity
Noon			OTR: Let George Do it	The Green Majority			Movie & Book Reviews
1PM				OTR: Secrets of Scotland Yard	OTR: Space Patrol	OTR: Lone Ranger!	Jazz From Jim's Vault
	Uncle Barry's Canadian Blues	Tea & Serendipity	Vintage AI Beacon		Uncle Don	Sally's Books	
2		Movie & Book reviews	Celtic Tuesdays	Live from the Wolf's Den	Two Loons on a Thursday Afternoon	Friday Morning Show (Replay)	Canadian Mellow
3	Canadian Voices	Udder Morning Show (Replay)	The Teen Show				Deconstructing Dinner
4	Live from the Wolf's Den (Replay)			The Recordings of Hank Snow	Bluegrass from the Barn	Friday afternoon CONCERT SHOW	LIVE ISLAND CONCERT SHOW
5			Music From Away	Tea & Serendipity	Vintage AI Beacon		Down Memory Lane (Replay)
6		Book Reading	Book Reading	Book Reading	Book Reading	Book Reading	
7	Celtic Hour	Sally's Books	Two Loons: Replay	Two Loons: Replay	Two Loons : Replay	Bluegrass Café	
		Uncle Don					
8		Jazz from Jim's Vault LIVE! (Replay)	Uncle Barry's Blues	Uncle Barry's Blues	Uncle Barry's Blues		
9	Bound for Glory					Down the Rabbit Hole	Down the Rabbit Hole
10		Radio Moo - CDN	Radio Moo - CDN	Radio Moo - CDN	Radio Moo - CDN		
11	Radio Moo - CDN						
Midnight	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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We would like to thank the church members of St. Alban's and any non-members who helped set up tables Friday evening and putting them and the chairs away after the beef dinner. To those who helped clear tables and reset them and for washing dishes when the dish washer broke. This was all very much appreciated. Also to the community for supporting our dinner and for any donations. A special thank-you to Elsie Willard for saying the Grace in the absence of our minister.

We couldn't put this dinner on without everyone's help and support.

Thanking you again,

The Wardens of St. Alban's Church

AIMS would appreciate donations of items for the Market Cart and Fall Auction fundraising activities. Please contact Hugh Jenney (384-7830) or Dayle Gowan (634-3815) or Woody Woodiwiss (384-0887) to arrange for pickup.



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If anyone has any photographs of past years ice travel, I would like to know about them for a museum project.

Please call me at 613-389-2588.
Thank you. Keith Miller

CHIMNEY CLEANER WANTED

Does anyone know a reliable chimney cleaner here on the Island? I have phoned the following: Jackson at \$200, Rideau at \$139 + GST, Renewable Energy at Plum Hollow at \$160, Fireplace on Dalton Ave. at \$124 and Cookies at \$140 but would take \$10 off if there were four of more chimneys to be cleaned. Is there anyone who would like to have their wood stove/furnace chimneys cleaned in May/June (off season period)?
Call Judith at 384-0435

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