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Last day on the job: Ferry Captain Lloyd Wolfreys retired in early July after thirty-one years of service. Here he pilots the Frontenac II with his crew behind him (L-R: George Syllas, Engineer; Brent Wolfreys, Mate; Helen Trotter, Purser; Paul Henshaw, Deckhand. Lloyd took over as Captain after the retirement of Capt. Billy Bulch in 1985, and he is succeeded by Capt. David Fleming.

Photo by Tabytha Trotter

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



- Joyce Haines

The June 16 meeting was held at St Paul's hall with 19 people present for a very inspiring talk by Sister Pauline Lally on Justice or Charity.What is the difference? I'm sure everyone present left with food for thought, and ideas on how they might wish to make some changes in their outlook on justice and charity. Refreshments were served, followed by the president Mary Kay Steel calling the

regular meeting to order. Following the opening of the meeting reports were given on the standing committees. A thank you was received from SOS for the \$75. donation to support the printing of their newsletter. A congratulatory e-mail was shared from the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario regarding our stone fence project....."Your project brings us back to the spirit that made the WI what it is today. Working together as a community is what we are all about. Even more so, your Branch is an excellent example of a Branch who is moving ahead with the times-and still meeting the needs of your community..... I have no doubt in my mind that Amherst Island will be (and is) a trend-setter for the future of WI and the ROSE

Program." We have completed as far as planned, the Pentland fences and hope to bring Bill Hedges and volunteers together for a few more days this summer.

The phone directories are selling well, please remind your summer neighbours that they are available at the General Store & Tea Room. A motion was made and carried to donate a frame and print of the Daniel Fowler watercolour to the Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre. A committee was formed to plan a float for the Canada Day parade. So we will see you there. Next meeting is a Picnic on the South Shore, July 21, to which the Wilton Women's Institute has been invited. All members are to bring a friend.

Please call Joyce Haines for any questions on membership or WI: 634- 7894

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

"To Sally who cares enough to play an oriole singing at a niece's wedding"



Most of the migrants have come and gone and now our resident birds have settled into domestic bliss and are frantically trying to raise, feed and care for a wide variety of eggs and nestlings.

There have been frequent reports of Orioles this year. These colourful birds have always been nesters on our Island but I think the late development of foliage made them more apparent. The late flowers meant more orioles took advantage of hummingbird or oriole feeders

Heard recently in Stella:

**"You know how those people
on the Mainland are.
They're ALL related!"**



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as they needed that extra nectar to fuel their metabolisms. On a cool day don't you like something sweet and out of the ordinary? Chocolate is my downfall but at least I don't have to hang upside down on a feeder to get the treat! You



will most likely spot the bright orange male as the female of more subdued colour is weaving the hanging nest and sitting on the eggs. She weaves the nest from the inside and fastens it to three twigs as it dangles free in a high tree. Our resident Oriole uses the Weeping Willow in the back yard as her choice of residence. The nest is stronger than it appears and long after the leaves have fallen this beautifully constructed nest will blow in the winter winds. It does not appear that the Oriole uses this nest again but seems to choose a similar place the following year. There may be horse hair woven through the fine grasses that make this nest, which probably gives it stability. I have seen two different orioles here on the Island. The familiar Northern Oriole with black head, bright orange body and black wings and tail was called Baltimore Oriole but has now been merged with the Bullock's Oriole and renamed Northern. It is the more common Oriole on Amherst Island. It's less familiar cousin is the Orchard Oriole with deep almost brick red body and similar black markings as the Northern. The really neat thing about the Orchard Oriole is the first year male. I have seen one of these in my own old apple tree and another down in The Eves small woodlot on the south side of the South Shore Road as you are driving to Long Point. This male is bright yellow-green with a black bib and quite easily distinguished from the Northern Oriole which is paler yellow-orange at this age. Those of us who remember the ever present White Elm in every field will understand why the Oriole chose that tree as its favoured nesting site but as the Elms died off the Orioles have chosen any tree with sufficient height and a drooping branch to suspend their amazing nests which can't help but make one think of "Rock-a-bye Baby". The beautiful orioles belong to the same family as Blackbirds and Bobolinks. When you consider the amount of insects these birds consume and feed to their young you realize how beneficial this family is. Before the installation of strobe lights the lighted towers at Lennox Generating Plant used to kill hundreds of migratory birds during the fall as they flew at night ready to cross Lake Ontario. In one season Sept. 2, 5 and 6th of 1981, 25 Northern Orioles were killed at the Lennox chimneys. These tiny birds fly to tropical America to spend the winters.

Thank-you to the bird-friendly residents who put out oranges and feeders for our Oriole friends. Thank-you to people who leave old apple trees for their favourite nesting sites. And thank-you to bird lovers who lobbied the government twenty years ago to change the lighting on tall structures. Because of these folks we can hear the beautiful singing of an oriole in our garden and watch the bright flash of orange as he darts about feeding on those harmful insect pests.



COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

The WaterSide Summer Series has been made a sub-committee of the Recreation & Property Advisory Committee.

Quote from e-mail from Diane Pearce, CAO: "The advantage of WaterSide becoming a sub-committee includes the availability of charitable donation receipts for donors, insurance coverage, and promotion in the Township's Community Information Brochure. . . . As a sub-committee, WaterSide is now required to present a budget, etc., to Council. The group will not receive public funds unless it applies for a General Assistance Grant."

The latest Council documents contain 20 pages of financial information including the auditor's report. I always found it a challenge to understand the municipal finances of Amherst Island but it was doable; Loyalist's are just too overwhelming. My impression is that things are going along as well as could be expected. Perhaps there is someone reading this capable and willing to critique the Township's financial records.





AIMS' JUNE MEETING

- John Kuti

Zander Dunn was Chairman.

Peter Large spoke about the questionnaire that he had sent out to Island residents having to do with an assisted living facility. He reported that he received back 59 out of 180 questionnaires. With some qualifications three-quarters of those who replied were in favour of such an assisted living facility. He reported that five people have been chosen to be a committee to study whether the idea should go forward and in what manner. A more specific report would follow from that group.

As co-chairman of the Festival of Arts event, Peter Large also reported on the programs and their progress. He reported that 32 artists and artisans from the Island would be taking part in the various venues described in the brochure and passport that was being prepared.

He asked the members to consider removing the five dollars fee that had been a part of the initial conception because of the difficulty in administering the complex number of problems that would come up. Members voted overwhelmingly to remove the fee. There was then some discussion about selling food outside at St. Paul's Church from noon onward while the tour was in process. John Kuti indicated that he was prepared to organize the food preparation, but would need someone to actually operate the barbecue the day of the event. Ken Albertan and Doug Martin volunteered to be chefs, and arrange for a barbecue to be available.

Peter Trueman read a letter of thanks for AIMS assistance in purchasing a device for a disabled Islander.

John Kuti then reported that there was some progress in establishing twin horseshoe pitches in the park beside the old Township sheds. Approvals from the Township were still required, although all the required elements were in place to create them when approval was received.

There was then some discussion about organizing breakfasts, and it was decided that Continental breakfasts might be prepared by members for those months where no group on the Island wished to do it as a fund-raiser. It was agreed that Continental breakfasts be offered when so required but that the fee be reduced from 7 to 5 dollars.

The next month's meeting was set for July 10.



JULY SKIES

- Alan Kidd

Summer has come around once again – along with those twin curses for stargazers: short nights and mosquitoes. July also marks the first anniversary of this column, and the stars are back to where we started.

The brightest star in the summer skies is Vega in the constellation Lyra (the Lyre). This constellation is almost directly overhead at midnight during July. The other stars in the constellation are considerably dimmer



than Vega, but you can usually make out sort of kite shape with about four other stars. There are three double stars near Vega. The most famous of these is Epsilon Vega, which is right next to Vega. Even a small set of binoculars will show Epsilon Vega as a double star. A

medium sized telescope, will reveal that each of the stars in Epsilon is itself a double star. Thus its nickname is "Double Double"

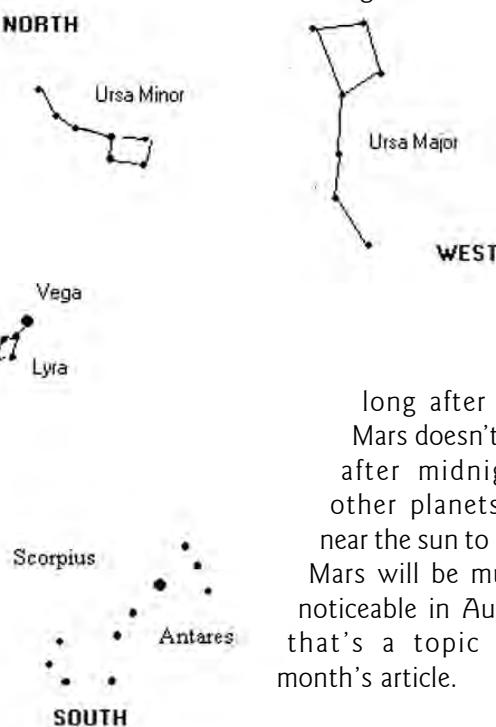
Looking south, another bright constellation is visible. This is Scorpius, the Scorpion. The bright star in this constellation is Antares, which means rival of Mars. Right now, the 1st magnitude orange-gold Antares shines considerably brighter than Mars which can be found low in the west at dusk.

Mercury is also visible for most of July and can also be found low in the west at dusk. On July 10 Mercury and Mars are very close, only about 1/6 of a degree apart. However, spotting these two will be difficult since they are so close to the horizon.

Jupiter is still high enough to be easily seen at twilight, especially early in the month. By month's end it will be too low to be seen. Venus and Saturn are now visible in the dawn's early light, and this time of the year that is early indeed.

The sketch below shows the relationship of Lyra and Cygnus to each other and to the Big and Little Dipper.

The planets are not particularly notable in the skies this month. Jupiter is low in the west at twilight, and thus sets not



long after the sun. Mars doesn't rise until after midnight. The other planets are too near the sun to be visible. Mars will be much more noticeable in August, but that's a topic for next month's article.



Interview: Lloyd and Elaine Wolfreys

- Zander of DUNN INN

Because Lloyd Wolfreys retired on July 2, after 31 years as a member of the Ferry Crew, 19 of those years as Captain of The Amherst Islander and The Frontenac II, it seemed to be a good time to get his, and his wife, Elaine's, story on record.

On January 13, 1931, Lloyd was born to Bert and Mable (Shepherd) Wolfreys of Richmond Hill, north of Toronto. Lloyd was the fourth of eight boys and no girls: Don, Art, Ernest, Lloyd, Howard, Henry, Leonard and Ellis. Bert and Mable gave up trying for a girl just before they had enough boys for their own baseball team.

On March 11, 1933, Elaine was born to Wilfred and Helen (Sylvester) Miller in the house where Adam and Barbara Miller live today at 2545 on the Third Concession. Wilfred often said Elaine was born during the worst storm of the year. He had to get Dr. Burleigh and bring him over the ice to preside at the birth. Elaine came from a big family too. The first born in the family was her sister Jean, followed by Harold. After Elaine came Tom, Keith and Rosemary in that order.

Lloyd spent much of his early life moving around the Toronto suburbs; places like Concord, Thornhill, Hedford etc. His father was a painter and decorator so they were often on the go. Lloyd attended many schools, all of which were one room schools, except for the one at



Lloyd and Elaine at their home on Front Road

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Thornhill which boasted four rooms.

Lloyd's school life was comparatively uneventful but he does remember getting the strap for riding his bike around the basement of the Thornhill School. The basement was for the storage of the bikes, not for the riding of them! While Lloyd left school after grade 7, years later he returned to get his grade 8 at the Jessie Ketchum school in Toronto.

Elaine, on the other hand, attended from the first to the eighth grade at No. 5 School, a one room school house on the island, where Paul and Carol Glenn live today. While Elaine enjoyed school she was a tomboy and remembers fighting with Howard Wolfreys and Milton McCaugherty, jumping through a window with Clinton Kilpatrick, and competing with the boys in many games and races. While she did not get the strap she remembers a teacher throwing a chalk board eraser at her and Clinton and hitting them both on the back of the head. Elaine was surprised at how much dust that colli-

sion produced.

It was usually the teacher who got the stove going in the winter time and the kids would all come into the classroom and stand around the stove in a tight circle warming their hands and bodies. When covered sleighs were introduced as school buses her father, Wilfred Miller, and Bruce Caughey drove those vehicles to pick up the kids. Sometimes the kids deliberately tipped over the sleighs which looked like small houses on runners.



*Lloyd heading to work
Photo by Tabytha Trotter*

The kids often pushed Allan Glenn out of the sleigh because he was so small and they laughed as he ran after them trying to catch up. Sometimes Wilfred Miller, when he saw Allan running, would urge the team forward faster and Allan would have to run that much farther before he got into the sleigh.

Elaine was always busy. There was no end of work on the farm. In the 40's the family did their milking by hand. She was the best milker. Certainly better than Tom who was rather lackadaisical about that important task.

School work kept her busy, as did the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. R.K. Earls was the minister during her time (he baptized her) and he got her involved in many of the plays the church mounted. There was no question about going to Church. Her mother, Helen, played the organ; her father was an elder. The whole family attended en masse. They attended Sunday School in the afternoon and all the children were required to know their catechism. When Elaine got older she attended the social events for the young people at the manse where she and her friends always had good fun.

Lloyd came with his family to the Island in 1945 after his brother, Henry, was killed in a street car accident in Toronto. They came to Amherst Island because Lloyd's uncle, Ernest Wolfreys, a



Lloyd on his last day as Captain of the Frontenac II

Photo by Tabytha Trotter

Bernardo Boy, had arrived on Amherst Island about the same time as Garth and Keith Orchard who came to Canada from England through the same program in the early 1900's.

Elaine remembers asking somebody if there were any boys in the Wolfreys family. There was nothing but boys! Her sister Jean was going out with Lloyd's brother, Ernie, so their families were quickly connected. Lloyd knew Elaine had the reputation of being a tomboy. When he asked if there were any girls on the Island, and his friend told him about Elaine. He replied, "I asked if there were any girls."

Lloyd and Elaine met in No. 5 school when he was in grade 8 and she was in

grade 7 in 1946. Elaine sat ahead of Lloyd. Lloyd left school to help his father at his various jobs painting and decorating around the Island. Lloyd also worked at some of the farms on the Island. When he was 18 he went west on a harvesting excursion which proved to be good, hard work. He worked near Cardale, Manitoba, and Tisdale, Saskatchewan. Neither of the farms is functioning today. When he was 19 he moved to Toronto where he did a little of everything. He served as an attendant at a service station in North York and then served with Superior Pro-

pane. That work place exploded while Lloyd was visiting on the Island. He often returned to the Island because his family still lived here, and he had a chance to visit around and keep in touch with Elaine.

Elaine did her High School work at the Continuation School. She remembers Dave Harwood, Ruth Gibson and Mr. Truscott as her favourite teachers. Elaine had a good school life. Howard Wolfreys and Milton McCaugherty went through the classes with her. She laughs when she remembers how Howard Wolfreys would lean up against the outside wall of the school. Somehow his feet always went out from under him and he would

end up on the ground. It was an amusing sight to see over and over again. Milton McCaugherty, who lived near the Caughey farm on the Third Concession, was, for some reason, deathly afraid of chickens. He didn't even like to collect chicken eggs! Of course, the other kids would terrorize him with chickens.

When talking about unusual things, Lloyd remembers how his brother, Howard, bought some matches at the store for his mother. He brought them to school and nonchalantly threw them on the step under the coat rack. That action set the whole box on fire which caused some excitement.

After she graduated from High School, Elaine went to study nursing in Stratford. She went there because all her mother's people were involved in medicine and came from that area. She studied diligently for 2 years but gave it all up before she graduated to get married. In those days no student could continue in the course if he or she were married.

Lloyd and Elaine were married on July 24, 1953, in the home of the minister, The Rev. Cyril Leach, of the Downsview United Church. They lived all over Northern Toronto. Lloyd worked for the North York Township on the roads. Elaine began her career with Bell Canada. Their son, Brent, was born on January 16, 1962 in Willowdale. His was the first baptism by St. Paul's new minister, The Rev. Zander Dunn, on May 20, 1962.

The Wolfreys came to Amherst Island almost every weekend to enjoy the cottage they had purchased years before. They felt they belonged on Amherst Island but they ran into a series of weekly mishaps one summer. For example, one weekend they lost Brent near the water. The next weekend their car caught fire by the propane tank. The following weekend they almost died from the fumes of the gas fridge. Had it not been for Brent's cries they might never have wakened up. It took Elaine many days to get over that poisoning. The next weekend Elaine al-

several steps down when they moved to Kingston but she discovered the Bell group in Kingston were not as well managed or as business-like as the operation which she had left in Toronto. The Kingston group must have realized this because they presented her with a diploma, on her retirement years later, which read, "It's hard to soar with the Eagles when you have to work with a bunch of Turkeys."

Lloyd spent several months working on building a house in Violet. But the need for more money forced him to try taxi driv-

ing for three weeks before he got a job with Doyle's Bakery. Elaine liked him in that job because he was able to bring home pies, bread and buns at no cost. They decided to try living in



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most drowned while swimming. The neighbours said to them, half jokingly, "Don't come back again."

Lloyd and Elaine were undeterred. They moved to the Kingston area in 1968. Lloyd was tired of the Toronto rat race. Elaine transferred to the Bell Canada operation in Kingston. That move was difficult for her. She liked Toronto and she liked the people she worked with and the way the business was run. In Toronto she had been steadily promoted from Teller to Senior Teller to Chief Teller to Chief Supervisor. Not only did she have to take

Florida. Before six months had transpired - the length of Elaine's leave of absence from Bell - they moved back to Canada and Elaine had her old job back. They never felt at home in Florida. Elaine was especially upset by the derogatory way in which Americans spoke about Canadians. One Floridian woman told her the first thing she would have to do was to learn to speak English!

When they returned home Lloyd got a job working for his brother, Ellis, installing gas services. In 1973 The Wolfreys moved to the island. They decided to reno-

vate their cottage so they could live in it year-round. That's where Brent lives today - at 9060E Front Road. Elaine continued to work at Bell, Kingston, while living on Amherst Island. And Lloyd got a job as a deck hand on the old Amherst Islander ferry in 1973. Lloyd continued to work to advance himself. He took courses to become Captain. He studied long and hard. He virtually educated himself. He went to Toronto to write the exam which he passed with flying colours. Lloyd finally became Captain when he took over from Billy Bulch when Billy retired from that position in 1985. There were three crews then. The bubble system, which had been installed in 1970, was working well. The Amherst Islander was a good ship, certainly sea-worthy and Lloyd enjoyed working on her.

After Elaine retired from Bell Canada on October 22, 1984, she came to pre-
side over the home on Amherst Island. In 1987 they began to build their present house on land they purchased from Gwen Robertson. They finished the house in 1988 and moved into their new home in April of that year. Elaine found no difficulty in filling her time. She joined The Eastern Star. She played a role in the Bell Pioneers. She worked in The Legion. Just before the Legion folded, when places in which they could meet were hard to find, The Legion met in the Wolfreys' garage.

For 15 years Lloyd and Elaine have been the caretakers of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, cleaning the inside and beautifying the outside with flowers. Thanks to them, the Church is an oasis to those who seek to glorify God in the beauty of holiness.

Elaine took over as treasurer of the congregation when Bruce Caghey Sr. was no longer able to do the work. That was about 10 years ago. Nobody does a more thorough and meticulous job. She is also one of the five elders of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and serves as secretary for the Board of Managers. For relaxation Elaine likes to hook rugs and wall hangings. She did a huge picture of The Last Supper by Leonardo Da Vinci

which was donated to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in memory of Marshall Glenn by his wife, Marian, and which covers the wall in the entrance to the church hall.

Lloyd laughs when asked if he can live on his pension. He gets none as a member of the ferry crew. But he applied for, and is now the proud recipient of, a pension from the Township of North York. It amounts to \$98 a year! Lloyd is not afraid he won't have anything to do in retirement. He continues to enjoy keeping St. Paul's Church looking it's best. He has many jobs at which to putter, plenty of wood to cut and 2 acres of lawn to mow. And Lloyd will enjoy playing ("tinkering" he calls it) with his guitar at which he is very adept.

Lloyd has enjoyed his time on the ferry. But he will not miss the shift work or the many stairs he has had to climb up to the control room. Both Lloyd and Elaine are glad to live on Amherst Island. They have no plans to leave. They are at home and plan to stay here until they "have to go up the hill" to the Glenwood Cemetery.

Besides, the lights of their lives - their son, Brent, his wife, Roxanne (Shetler of Odessa) and their grandson, Dakota, (who spends much of his time with Grampie

and Grammie) - continue to live near them.

We are grateful to the Wolfreys for all they have done for the island and are pleased they will be with us for many years to come. We need their talents and their commitment to this great place.

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray



Comments on the recent federal election:

Most of the coverage that I heard on CBC radio was interesting and informative. It was particularly good when a panel of 2 or 3 people from different parties spoke with knowledge and mutual respect. Responses to questions such as "What are the other parties doing right so far in the campaign?" were quite interesting.

On the other hand, the leaders' debate was a disgrace. I suspect the fault may lie with TV people who think that this event has to be raucous to be entertaining. The reactions of those I've talked to about the debate ranged from disgust to outrage. I cannot imagine any all-candidates event anywhere in this country degenerating into such a squabble. The



Alan Kidd and Judy Roberts renew their vows after 20 years with the help of Rev. Zander Dunn, family, and many friends on May 30th.

4 leaders are all men of intelligence and knowledge but the format reduced their conduct to that of 2 year-olds in a sand-box.

Overheard somewhere (CBC? Farmers' Market?): "You wouldn't know it was the same country if you read the Globe and then the Post."

This was the most interesting election since the first Stanfield/Trudeau battle: scandals, fearmongering, ideology, polls, greens, and lots of passion from candidates and voters; and in the end about 40% of the electorate stayed home. Perhaps its time to re-think the way we select our rulers.

LETTER HOME

- Christopher Kennedy

Although it is the end of June I don't feel that summer has really arrived. June has been cool, and with a wind and showers many days, though we missed some of the very heavy rains they had in western Ontario. Bonnie tried the lake last week and said that Dianne and I should not try it for at least a month.

This weather has been good for the pasture growth and the hay crop. The ewes and lambs are all out on grass, and growing well. This would be the easiest time for keeping the sheep if it was not for the coyotes. When I go to look at the flocks each morning I have to search each pasture to check for kills. We have been switching the guard dogs around between the flocks, and that seems to work for a few days, then the coyotes figure out the most vulnerable flock and strike again. Up this end of the Island our trapper believes we have a coyote bitch who is feeding pups, and it takes a lot to stop her from hunting. "The female of the species is more deadly than the male" was truly written.

We keep on with the haying, between the showers. There seems to be a lot of trefoil, clover and purple vetch this year, all of which make excellent feed for winter, if we can get it dry enough to bale. The fields are a gorgeous colour when they are in flower. I wish someone could

manufacture a carpet with colours this glowing.

The Red-tailed hawk is back on Lot 4 at her nest from last year. She flies off and screeches at me every morning as I drive through the field under her. I can't be much of a threat to her though, as her nest is thirty feet up in an ash tree.

Earlier this month I was at Queen's Park for a day of lobbying. The Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency, the Ontario Cattlemen, and the Dairy Farmers of Ontario, with support from Steve Peters, the Minister of Agriculture, hosted a barbeque and reception for the members and staff at the Legislature. This was both to thank them for the support we have received so far during the wreck of the livestock industries caused by BSE and to emphasize that the problems are far from over. We managed to talk with about sixty MPPs to put our points across. Nothing like some free food and drink to help get your message out, and an excellent chance to sit down and talk one on one with the Members. Steve Peters announced that the province is putting money up to help packers deal with the backlog of cull cows that has been building up on farms across the country for the last year. I feel this is a better use of money, trying to find a long-term solution, rather than short term compensation to farmers (not that short term support is not also needed).

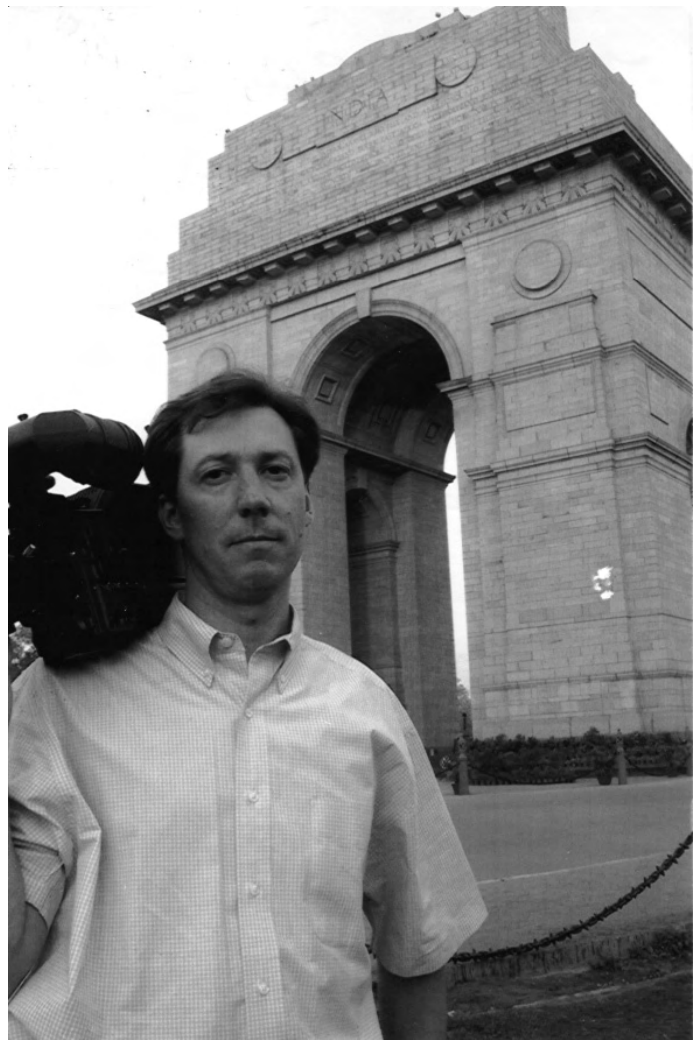
Now that July is coming and the elec-

tion is over perhaps we will get some real summer weather. I also hope that the farm meetings will slow down for a bit and we can get some hay made.

CTV NEWS SOUTH EAST ASIA CORRESPONDENT SPEAKS TO AMHERST ISLANDERS

- Terrence Patrick Culbert

On the evening of June 24th, Matthew McClure, South Asia Correspondent for CTV News graciously gave of his time to inform and entertain a large audience at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The 41-year old foreign correspondent with his wife Diana Coulter and their three sons



Matt McClure, South East Asia CTV correspondent at "India Gate" new Delhi, India, his home base.
Peggy Coulter- Burke photo

vacationed on Amherst Island with Diana's mother, Peggy Coulter and her husband Stanley Burke.

The subject of discussion was Iraq – a Journalist's Perspective. McClure, currently residing in New Delhi, India, spent 6-weeks in Baghdad during the bloodiest period in the Iraqi war. He talked about life as experienced by ordinary Iraqis and by foreign journalists covering the events in that conflict-plagued country.

"As we flew towards Baghdad on the fourth of April, I knew I was going to a different place," said McClure. "I have lived and worked in Pakistan and Afghanistan where risk and danger was often present, but Baghdad was quite different. As we flew in at 25,000 feet, the plane took a sharp turn and plunged down very quickly. It felt like a military flight: hitting a passenger airliner with lots of foreigners on board would have been an easy target for the insurgents!

"Working in that war torn country certainly had its challenges. One day, while shooting an interview, a mortar landed half a kilometre from where we were standing. My natural instinct as a reporter was to pack my gear into our vehicle and advance towards the situation. As we got closer, bystanders quickly realized that we were foreigners and open hostility was directed towards us. We immediately recognized that we would become targets if we were to exit our vehicle and start photographing the situation.

"The images we see in Canada via Associated Press and Reuters are shot entirely by local cameramen. They are the only people even remotely safe to go out to these events. It was often very frustrating as a journalist to make a report and give appropriate insight when you haven't actually experienced anything first hand. I made a daily point of getting onto the streets and talking to the Iraqi people personally. However, Iraq is, was and remains a rather difficult place for foreign journalists.

"That said, each day my job provides me with interesting and varied experi-

ences to a much greater extent than I ever encountered in Canada. Something eventful always happens. I have met many interesting people with different cultural viewpoints on life and I have seen some amazing places. It might sound crazy, but I really like Afghanistan. I've spent eight months there over the past three years. For our family, living in New Delhi, India has been a very pleasant experience. The people are generally welcoming and hospitable. There's a whole community of expatriots made up of diplomats, business people and fellow journalists. Our children go to French school, which they enjoy but sometimes I think they'd rather be back in Canada playing minor hockey and going to McDonalds.

"People often have the image of foreign correspondents leading a fantastic life. The reality however is somewhat different. For example, if the phone rings, you always have to answer it and you know that there is a good chance you'll be assigned to work that night regardless of plans you might have. You often have to catch a plane

b e c a u s e something important is happening farther afield. You may end up not sleeping for two to three nights, as you have to file your stories under stringent deadlines. You're so busy that you virtually become a prisoner of your own hotel room or compound. I think it may have been better during the days when Stan

(Burke) was a foreign correspondent. He could disappear for a couple of days and without the use of cell phones, he was unreachable. When Stan was assigned overseas, a cameraman always accompanied him. The stories were shot on film and shipped back to Canada in a tin canister for developing and editing. These days, I not only shoot most of my own stories but edit them as well. I'm convinced the quality of stories submitted in Stan's day were far superior because the reporter had more time to be a reporter. It's not uncommon to be standing on the roof of our compound late at night doing a television satellite 'on camera', then getting into bed at six in the morning. Five hours later, you're at it again, being 'on camera' to the audience of Canada AM. That's the 24-hour news world we live in."

Thank you Matthew for sharing a slice of your very interesting life with us.

ONTARIO'S MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT VISITS AMHERST ISLAND

- Terrence Patrick Culbert

Leona Dombrowsky came to Amherst Island on June the 11th. She was escorted to the Community Centre in Stella by her long time Island Liberal party worker Dorothy McGinn. The Minister of the Environment had offered to speak at the AIMS Open Meeting and regardless of one's political leanings, it was a pleasure to listen to her. Our MPP represents the newly amalgamated 12,000 kilometres riding of Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington, one of the largest ridings in the



Local MPP & Minister of the Environment Leona Dombrowsky at AIPS

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Canada Day 2004



Bobbi Shaw & granddaughter



John Munro, parade marshall in left jeep, wife Vicki Keith in right jeep.
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Mosquito netting for Malawi float by the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.
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Stella Bella the Clown
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A large crowd, hot dogs, pop, strawberry shortcake, coffee and tea, games, fireworks at 9:30pm-how much better does it get than a Canada Day celebration on Amherst Island, courtesy of the fundraising and organizational skills of the A I Recreation Committee.



Caroline Ackerman and friends in front of her home.



The AIWI Stone Fence float

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Carol Glenn as a Mosquito for the St. Paul's netting float

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The Little family parade float

JH



Garry Filson and Allen Caughey with Garry's team of horses and wedding carriage.

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*Barb Hogenauer & Gian Frontini
at The Lodge* JH

REPORT ON THE AIMS ARTIST AND ARTISANS TOUR

Saturday, July 3rd was the first Artists & Artisans Tour sponsored by the Amerst Island Men's Society (AIMS). The turnout was fantastic and it's hoped that it can become an annual event. Coordinators Peter Large and Terry Culbert would like to thank all the creative Islanders that participated and all those great people who volun-

teered their time and talents helping

Thanks to Molly Stroyman of The Lodge, Bernice Gould and Neil Johnston of The Victoria Hall Tea Room for opening their doors as venues on the tour. Thanks also to the administration of St. Paul's Church and the Neilson Store Museum for allowing the artists to set up in their buildings.



The home of Ross and Joyce Haines, a stop on the tour

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On display at the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre TC



Andrea Graham, Fabric Artist, felting at the Wool Shed, Topsy Farms TC



At the home of Caroline Ackerman (R) with Eleanor Trueman (L) and Shirley Miller (C). TC



Visitors at the tour stop at St Paul's Church TC



Gwen Lauret, Peggie Coulter, Ellie Gowan JH





The audience at the meeting with our MPP

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province.

As she spoke to an audience of thirty Islanders, she stressed the importance of exercising our right to vote. She recalled the first time she ran as a trustee for the Hastings and Prince Edward Roman Catholic School Board. "I only won by one vote," she said. That was 1985. Dombrowsky went on to serve as board chair from 1991 to 1996, becoming the first chair of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic School Board. She was first elected to the Ontario legislature in 1999 and re-elected in 2003.

Known as the 'Walking Woman', Leona Dombrowsky believes that the best way to represent people is to listen to them. She has been recognized for her commitment to the people and communities that make up her riding. The University of Toronto graduate and married mother of four has been active on many issues. They range from education, health care, hydro, physician shortages, social services, children's issues, agriculture, water-taking permits and alternatives to landfill.

"We created the big box store and then we created big boxes and big packages to go in them. This is waste! We can take an example of good management from my hometown of Tweed and its surrounding townships - they divert

60% of their waste," she said proudly. "My number one priority is water. This government does not want another Walkerton. When we turn on our taps, we insist that our water be safe! We also need to take climate change seriously. I can remember looking up at the sky in the fall of the year and watching the Canada geese fly south. They don't anymore!" said Dombrowsky.

THE ART MCGINN MEMORIAL . . .

- Sally Bowen

Art McGinn was a committed family man. He was happiest when as many as possible of his 9 children and their families could get together at his and Susan's home at O'Drain's Point (near Back Beach). Art and Susan now have 21 grandchildren and 26 grandchildren.

For many years the family would gather the night before bass season opened - the last Saturday of June. At daybreak they'd head out to their favourite fishing holes. The weigh-in at day's end was back at Art and Susan's and winners declared.

Art died in April 1997. This long standing fishing tradition has been called the Art McGinn Memorial ever since. Family members pay \$10 a ticket (made up by Andy's wife, Mary) and all the money goes into a pot to buy prizes - mainly hunting and fishing related. The winner gets to

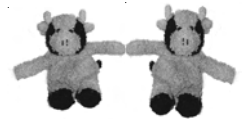
choose first, then the runner-up, and so on.

Susan's home is still the centre of the activity and everyone celebrates together, having a great day on the water, and remembering a good guy.

This year over 70 tickets were sold. Twenty-seven prizes and a trophy were awarded. The trophy winner was Lucas McGinn, Andy's oldest son, who landed a 4.8 lb. small mouth bass. The youngest fisherman was Quinten Scott, Sarah's son, who will be 3 in August.

Luckily the afternoon's brief downpour didn't spoil the good times - just soaked Myles on his way back to Stella.

Feasting, fishing and family together - just as Art would want it.



AMHERST ISLAND RADIO: THE SAGA CONTINUES!

-Tom Richmond

The Board of Directors of Amherst Island Radio has been meeting about every three weeks since mid-April to create our own Community Radio Station. Now we are preparing our proposal for site-plan approval to Loyalist Township. We need the OK of the municipality to install an antenna tower on the Island for the purposes of broadcasting, and we need to include that approval with our applications to the CRTC, Industry Canada and Nav Canada. The standard fee to file this application is \$1500 (in advance), plus the cost of a building permit if approved.

Another item we are proceeding on is incorporation as a not-for-profit organization, a CRTC requirement. We have our name search back (amazingly, there were no competing claims on the name "Amherst Island Radio Incorporated" but it cost us \$40 to prove it). Now paperwork will be forwarded to the province for processing.

One important note: At least the federal govern-



ment forms for programming, transmitter approval and aircraft clearance are free to file!

What can everyone do to help? Well, if you haven't joined A.I.R. yet, then please do so! Your \$10 annual membership fee will help us process all this paperwork, and put us on the road to reality! We have passed the \$2000 mark at this time in memberships, donations and pledges, so join the crowd! If things go well, by next summer we will be through the red tape portion and building an actual radio station for use by Islanders (If you can believe it, we've been working on this since last December 03!)



The long section of repaired fence on the west side of Pentland Cemetery.

photo by Leslie Gavlas

Send your contributions to: Amherst Island Radio, RRI, Stella, ON K0H2S0. Thank You!

THANK YOU NOTES

On behalf of the Senior Class Students of Amherst Island Public School I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you who supported our fundraising efforts this year. As a result of your generosity our students enjoyed three fun filled days in Toronto going to the CN Tower, Canada's Wonderland, Mama Mia, and The Second City. They had a fantastic time and a very memorable experience. We could not have done this without your support. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Sincerely, Jennifer VanDyke



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joyce Haines and her volunteer fence builders. Over a period of two weeks they have done a wonderful piece of work replacing and repairing the stone fences at the Pentland Cemetery. A

total of 350 volunteer hours were used to build and repair 400 feet of fence using 18 volunteers and 400 tons of rock. As I write a time capsule is being assembled for insertion in the fence and a commemorative plaque is to be installed over



Southeast corner, was buried in brush and was badly broken.

photo by Leslie Gavlas

the summer.

These are the volunteers: Lynn A'Court, Laura Gartner, Joyce Haines, Ross Haines, Emily Hedges, Dan Hedges, Judy Harrower, Katie Jeffery, Hugh Jenney, Vicki Keith, Alan Kidd, Laurie Kilpatrick, Gwen Laurett, Paul Laurett, Doug Martin, John Moolenbeek, Stella O'Byrne and Ralph Woods. Freda Youell and Susie Caughey provided refreshments, and Leslie Gavlas took pictures.

If you have not been up to see the work, I suggest you make a visit. Brush has been cleaned to make the work more visible, and the cemetery is in good shape.

Later this summer 3 or 4 days are anticipated to make use of the skills learned for another project suggested on the Island.

Leslie Gavlas

THANK YOU

The Gooch-Thompson-Nichols family on South Shore Road would like to convey a rather belated thank-you to the First Response Team on the Island for their promptness, efficiency and care when our grandson, Sam, suffered an allergic response late Saturday night on last Thanksgiving Weekend.

Several weeks after that weekend, Sam was able to see a pediatric allergy specialist who confirmed that Sam had indeed a severe allergy to cashews and to peanuts. A subsequent visit revealed that he also had an allergy to mustard (less severe). So he told us that Sam had to stay away from all nuts and all seeds, even trace elements. A follow-up blood test indicated that, although Sam could still have a severe reaction, there was a better than average chance that he might outgrow these allergies. In the meantime, we are all being scrupulously careful (it makes grocery shopping a slow and tedious process!) and are hopeful that one day this may all pass. But we will never forget the kindness and concern of the First Response Team last Thanksgiving Weekend!

Pauline Thompson and Paul Gooch

NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE WATERSIDE SUMMER SERIES 2004:

We are looking forward to a special concert on July 22, a joint recital by pianist Gloria Saarinen and lyric tenor Mark DuBois. This will be an extraordinary performance of Opera and Broadway music, and Baroque and Romantic songs. Gloria Saarinen will also perform brilliant piano music by Liszt, Chopin, Debussy and others. The concert season will start on July 8 with a performance by two talented Russian musicians. Arkady Yanivker, violin, and Olga Tcherniak, piano, will offer a program of favourites from Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Strauss and Gershwin. All concerts this year will take place at St. Paul's church at 7.30 pm. Please call (613) 384-2153 to reserve tickets.

BATH TUB

Perfect condition, white corner bathtub for sale. It is 5'x5'x5' including spacious ledge and safety grip handle. Interior tub space is 54" long x 33" wide x 15"-19" deep. \$100. Call to see 634-8716. Joyce Reid, 30 Front Road.

ODESSA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Odessa Fair board - chaired by Dennis' brother Mike McGinn - has been working very hard this year to make our annual fair bigger and our facilities better.

This summer's events include:

Horse and Pony Show Days, July 11 and 25;

Antique Show weekend, Aug. 7 & 8;

Odessa Fair, Aug. 12-15; and, a new event, a Guitar Festival, Aug. 27 & 28.

We will place several of our Odessa Fair books at the Amherst Island General Store as soon as they become available in July.

All Amherst Islanders are invited to make entries into our fair in any of the categories outlined in the fair book. Indeed we welcome participation from Islanders as you are an integral part of Loyalist Township. Furthermore, we would

appreciate any interested party to attend our monthly fair board meetings as a liaison. We meet at the Odessa Fairgrounds on the last Thursday of each month at 7 pm. See you soon and have a great summer.

56th Annual Garden Party , St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, July 31st from 11-3, Auction at 2:00

Come one and all to the 56th Annual Garden Party, Saturday July 31st from 11-3. We will have a great selection of baked goods and candies, a flea market/plant/produce table, barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers, and an auction of all things wonderful at 2:00. There will also be an Island history exhibit and tea room - plus lots of games for the kids to enjoy and a half-hour of free babysitting for the little ones!

NOTICES

FOR SALE

Amherst Island T-Shirts and Sweatshirts are available for sale from Beth Forester 389-5582 or Nancy Henshaw 384-0799.

AMHERST ISLAND WEBSITE ANNUAL FUNDING APPEAL.

Each May, the "lease" for our internet website comes due. In the past we have seen the community support this service with donations to pay a portion of the website expenses. What you get for your money is a website that works well, provides current information on the community, and, for Island-based organizations and businesses, an inexpensive alternative for website hosting on the www.amherstisland.on.ca domain.

If you find the website useful, or have a business that advertises there, please take a moment to drop \$20 in an envelope to help us "pay the rent" for the upcoming year. If you have a website hosted there, if you could add about \$4 per page hosted to help cover storage space that would be a help. Until dona-

tions are received, the payments sit on someone's personal VISA card (not a pleasant experience) so please act now!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH from your website managers, Alex Scott & Tom Richmond.

Please address all mailed donations, cheques, etc. to: Rosemary Richmond, RRI, Stella, ON K0H2S0

AMHERST ISLAND POLL

- Ian Murray

I phoned Dorothy McGinn and got the following results on the June 30 federal election:

Liberal, 128; Conservative, 79; NDP, 40; Green, 11; Marijuana, 1. Dorothy believes that there was about an 80% turnout from the Island. I know at least one person voted in the advance poll in Amherstview and there were likely others.

Arts at The Lodge on Amherst Island Summer 2004

Landscapes in Oil w/ Lucy Manley - Aug. 23rd to Aug. 27th
www.amherstisland.on.ca/thelodge

For information contact Molly Stroyman:

Toll Free- 1-866-552-3535, ms@mollystroyman.com



It's not too late to register! We still have openings!

From an article in the ST. THOMAS TIMES-JOURNAL

[Submitted by Ardis Shurtleff and Ida Gavlas]

The 19-car, side-loading MV Amherst Islander has been docked for the past month in Port Stanley, undergoing a refurbishment.

But when the 49-year-old former Ontario government ferry sets sail on Wednesday or Thursday, she'll be headed . . . to Port Dover — her next port of call as a floating salesroom for Tillsonburg, Ont., lumber merchant David Townsend.

Townsend bought her at auction in February, 2003.

Already an avid boater and the owner of a 50-foot cruiser, Townsend said, "I had a vision of a floating store and office."

Townsend Lumber Inc. operates three sawmills fed by five crews logging throughout southwestern Ontario, and established a flooring and trim division five years ago. The company was established in 1959 by Townsend's late father, Bob. Townsend bought it in '79. Townsend said he plans to pilot the Islander to community festivals along Lake Erie and the western part of Lake Ontario, showing off his company's product to holiday-makers.

"It's a good time to talk to people, on their leisure time." He declined to reveal cost of the project.

[Editor: The Beacon Staff and a lot of its readers wish Mr. Townsend the best of luck with this project. The Amherst Islander served us well for many years and deserved better than to be scrapped. We hope someone will send us a photo of the refurbished boat for us print.]

If you have more information on any of the older photographs appearing in this or any other issue of the Beacon, please write or phone us at our Global Headquarters.

**Ian's number is (613) 389-3802
Tom is at (613) 634-1855**

**-Who is in the photo?
-Where was it taken & by who?
-What was the occasion?**

Thank you! Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

FOR SALE

Queen size wood frame for water bed with 6 drawers. Matching futon. Best offer. Sally at 389-3802.

CONGRATULATIONS

Lyn and Larry Fleming celebrated 30 years of marriage.

CORRECTION

Tom and Jackie Sylvester have been married for 30 years NOT 25 as reported in our last issue.

CORRECTION

Jocelyn Leyton's phone number is wrong in the Amherst Island Directory 2004. The correct number is 384-6488 NOT 634-6488.

Remember this advertisement from the June 2002 Beacon?

Nothing has changed... and everything has changed.



BURNING QUESTIONS!

- Are you between the ages of 19 and 60?
- Are you either male or female?
- Are you breathing?
- Then why aren't you a member of the Fire Department?
- Think it can't happen to you?
- How about your neighbour?
- How about some friend visiting from the mainland who has a medical emergency while here?
- How about the delivery fellow who brought you that new couch?
- Or the service man who fixes your furnace?
- Or your child?
- Have you considered the possibility of a serious accident while driving our quaint rural roads?
- In an emergency would you know what to do?
- Would you know who to call?
- Would it be all over by the time help arrived from the mainland?

WOULD THERE BE ANYONE TO HELP YOU?

This is the annual Fire Department article to remind all island residents of their mutual responsibility to one another. As time does march on, members leave the department and need to be replaced. In big villages like Odessa, there are well over two-dozen firefighters & a waiting list to join. Unlike us, mainland stations have another department only 10-15 minutes away to lend a hand when needed. Out here, we are at the end of a very long and thin lifeline, especially during the daytime. We have 9 firefighters & 6 EFR personnel. DO NOT assume they are all on the island 24/7. Except for 2am to 6am, we are shorthanded all the time, more so when people are lost from the membership, which is the case at this time.

What do you get from getting involved? A warm fuzzy feeling inside. An opportunity to do good. And nearly \$18/hr in pay from the Township. We have no waiting list.

More bluntly put, you get a chance to keep your neighbours barn or house from burning to the ground. You get the chance to learn how to save lives and go to less funerals. You get the chance to get all the proper firefighting training you need to act when the time comes. You get the right to look your friends in the eye and say that you did all you could do.

And that's all anyone can ask.

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If you are interested in joining the Loyalist Township Emergency Services, Amherst Island Station, please submit a letter of application & resume BY AUGUST 3rd:

- E Mail: training@loyalistfire.ca
- By Post: LTES, PO Box 70, 50 Main Street, Odessa, ON K0H2H0
- In Person: Odessa Fire Hall, 50 Main Street, Mon to Fri 8:30am -4:30pm
- Or Call for info: (613) 386-3762.

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL STORE

New Releases available to rent:
 The Cat in the Hat - Mike Myers
 Mambo Italiano - Mary Walsh
 Good Boy
 Looney Tunes - Brendan Fraser, Steve Martin
 Under the Tuscan Sun - Diane Lane
 Mona Lisa Smile - Julia Roberts, Julia Stiles
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 Regular Store Hours:
 Mon.-Sat.: 9AM-6PM.
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Babysitter

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

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Tuesday 7-9PM, Wed 10-Noon
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Developing calmness, understanding, and richness of the present moment.

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