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The Beacon

THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, editor

Beacon staff are full of hope that this issue - with its ruthless deadline - will get to our readers a lot sooner than our past 2 efforts.

We do appreciate the notes that some people enclose when sending in their subscription money. When appropriate, I include excerpts as I have this month.

I hope that more of our readers will write the Beacon a bit about themselves and what they are doing particularly if they are in a foreign country.

Thanks to James Ross Cochrane who sent me family tree information from California. Please contact me if you have any corrections or additions to the Tom Cochrane & Mary Dundas family information.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well this month to Emily Tugwell and Rick Bedford, who both had minor surgery recently; to Crystal Bedford; and to Helen Bulch, who is recovering from pneumonia.

Condolences to John McGinn and family & extended Island family, on the passing of John's wife, June.

Congratulations to Chris Maleska (son of Rob and Heather Wemp) and Jen Ruttan, who were married mid-



Front Road, January '05

Judith Harrower

January in Cuba. Chris and Jen celebrated their marriage at the end of January with a reception for family and friends at the Community Centre.

Also travelling to Cuba this month was Annette Phillips. Yvonne McGinn chose Panama as the place to go to escape our cold beginning to 2005.

Welcome home to Allan Miller, who finally got to come home from the hospital with mom and dad (Barb & Adam) on January 21st.

Baby showers were held 2 weekends in a row at St. Paul's Church Hall for

Barb Miller and for Angela Fleming.

The Amherst Island Rec Associations Friday night Euchres are off to a great start, with a good crowd out for the first two weeks.

Well, the ice is in, we have had some snow as well as some really frigid temperatures - it is actually looking and feeling like January in Canada! I think we were all so tired of the mud and freezing rain, and relieved that we weren't living on the east coast (with one blizzard after another), that we are if not enjoying, at least accepting our winter weather!! The kids on the school yard sure have a ball when there is some snow to play in!



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Freda Youell

On January 19th eleven members and one guest braved the bad weather and met at the home of Joyce Reid who had kindly offered her large living room and TV for our meeting. Our guest speaker Peter Trueman joined us and showed a video from his Great Canadian Parks series.

Anyone who has seen any of Peter's presentations knows how great they are and this time he chose "Saguenay Marine Park" which in-



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cludes a lot of whales and ma-
rine life. We had previously seen
his "Ellesmere Island" at one of
our meetings - incredibly beauti-
ful - and I hope that we shall have
more of these enjoyable evenings
- Peter being willing.

We had a tasty lunch supplied
by Helen Lamb, Judith Harrower
and myself. We then settled into
our meeting. Institute matters,
reports, correspondence, discus-
sions of ongoing projects and
new business were quickly dealt
with and the meeting ended with
"A Brown Bag Auction" led by
Stella O'Bryne who proved to be
a humourous and persuasive auc-
tioneer. Monies raised by these events are added
to our Pennies for Friendship collection for fresh
water for overseas countries.

As there are no meetings in February, we hope
to see you all on March 16th at 7 P.M. at St. Paul's
Church Hall when we will be presenting another
of our Rose programs with a presentation on the
Environment. Light refreshments will be served.

February is Heart and Stroke month and, as in
previous years, we will be sponsoring an Island
mailing instead of door to door canvassing. Even
though you may receive other requests in the mail,



Curious!

Janet Scott

by using the ones we distribute you will help us
to get an idea of the response our effort brings as
the envelopes we send have an identification mark.

All for now and, as there will be no report in
February please mark your calendar - March 16th
- 7 P.M. - at St. Paul's Church Hall. Join us for our
"Presentation on the Environment".

See you there.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

The Gray Gentleman

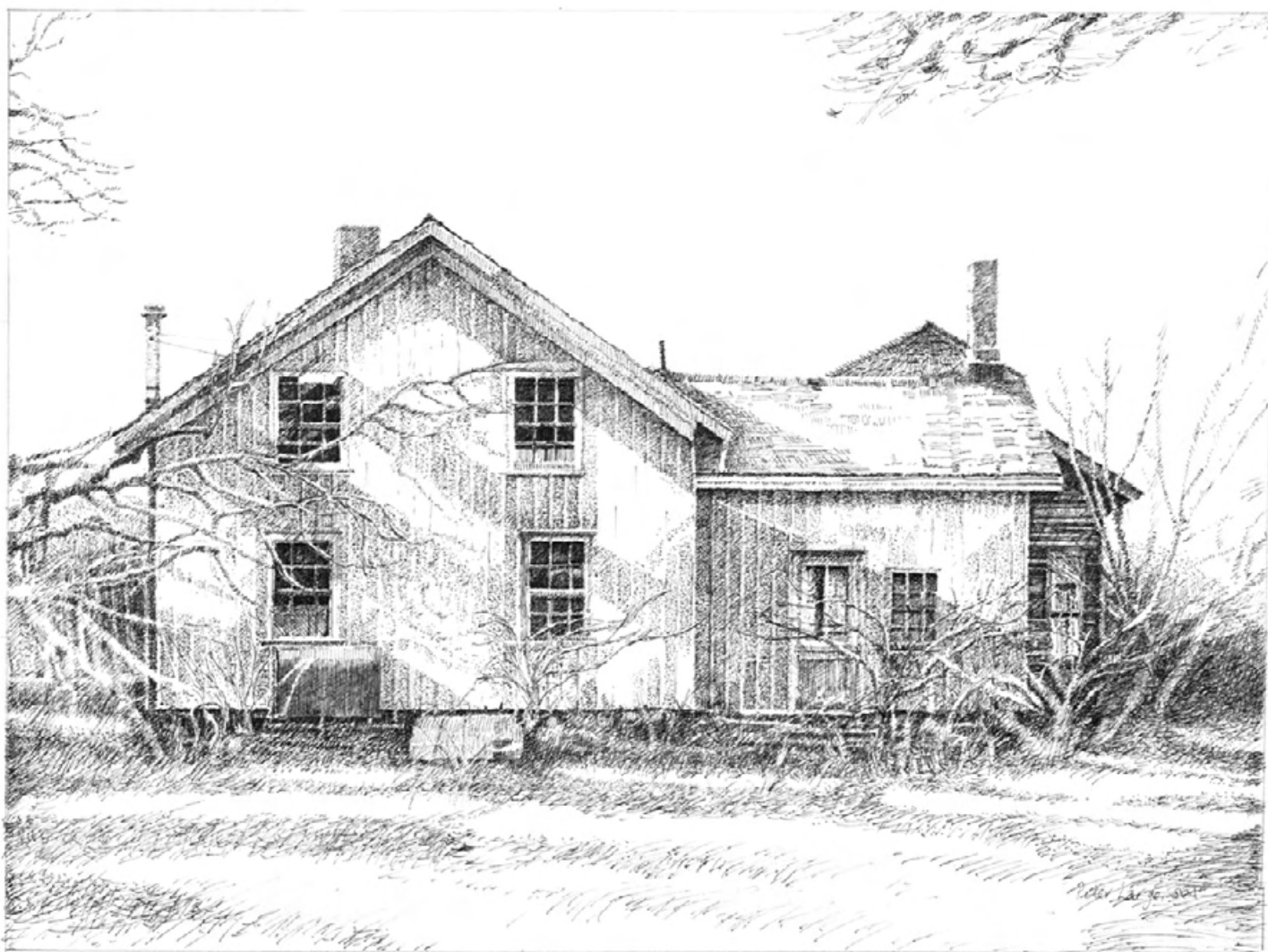


Hello!

Janet Scott

Every few years depending on
winter conditions in the far
northwest and on the availabil-
ity of voles the giant grays are
forced out and south for the win-
ter. They are on the move in large
numbers ahead of that Alberta
Clipper and down into Southern
Ontario. If you chance to meet
one of these Great Gray Owls you
are in for an experience.

Jim Whitton met his 2005 en-
counter at Inverary. My first
meeting this year was at Clarence
Kennedy's farm just outside of
Enterprise. The first Great Gray
spotted on Amherst Island this
year was on January 7th in the



Board and Batten - Second Concession

Board and Batten, Second Concession

Owl Woods area. He was still here on January 15th along the Marshall Forty Foot. At Enterprise Public School one of these owls sat overlooking the dumpster in the parking lot while a departing teacher got wonderful pictures and then she could make me drool the next day when I got to school. In 1994 Alex and I walked from St. Paul's to the Owl Woods and saw 23 of these magnificent birds sitting quietly in the deciduous trees along that route. Note: Don't try this walk unless the ground is frozen (because this is a very swampy area).

The Great Gray is the largest of our owls. It stands 69cm. tall or 27

inches. When it spreads those wings it has a 60 inch wingspan, that's wider than I am tall. This is a BIG bird! Because of its far north habitat it has lots of feathers and doesn't weigh as much as our Snowy Owls do. They are very quiet and being northern owls appear extremely tame. They have little contact with humans and don't recognize them as an enemy but we've noticed over the years that birding with a dog and the owls get agitated and watch the dog constantly. Four legged animals are seen as a threat whereas a two-legged creature is ignored.

In the historic invasion of Great Grays in 1979 Amherst Island led the area in

Peter Large, SCA

sightings with 34 reported by the late Art Bell. After that eruption two Great Grays stayed on the Main Duck Island in August and September. In 1980 there were six there and in 1981 there was still one there. Birders do not think nesting occurred.

On the bird front Chris Kennedy has made several sightings of a Bald Eagle along the north shore. Peggy Coulter reported one by their place and then Doug Martin phoned Saturday, January 15th with one harassing ducks by their place. I caught up with some birders from New Jersey on the Front Road just before the Dump Road and

they had their scopes on one that had just taken a Goldeneye and was eating it on a perch. I've watched one eat a fish sitting on the ice near Stewart Reed's but had never seen it actually get a duck. Plucking it must make it harder to eat but they will even eat carrion in winter. If you're hungry enough "Road Kill" even looks good.

We still, as I write, have a Boreal and a Long-eared Owl being seen in the Owl Woods and I spotted two Short-eared Owls between Dave Willard's and Hubbards' Place on Friday, January 21st. At my feeder I'm seeing Cardinals, Blue Jays, Juncoes, Tree Sparrows, one Song Sparrow, a Downy Woodpecker, a Pheasant and Mourning Doves. Carol Morgan has the Redwings and Rusty Blackbirds by their house. Along the Stella Forty Foot are Horned Larks and in the fields you'll see Snow Buntings. There's a Snowy Owl near the foot.

Enjoy the winter! Good Birding

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

"Moved by Councillor Ashley . . . that \$25,000 be included in each of the Recreation and Ferry Service Capital Budgets as seed money towards the development of a facility(s) to accommodate Ferry and Library Services on Amherst Island. Motion carried."

Council agreed to budget \$1000 for soffit repairs for the Neilson Store Museum.



Frigid waves pound the South Shore

Brian Little

AIMS MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2005

- Terry Culbert, Recording Secretary

Twenty-eight AIMS members and one guest attended the 8am breakfast at St. Paul's Church Hall. The guest was American Wayne Gulden of Ohio who owns a home on Front Road.

Chairman Allan Kidd brought the meeting to order at 8:37am, Saturday, January 8th by thanking Lyn Fleming and Debbie Scott, the ISLE team that prepared breakfast.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Jim Whitton told the morning meeting that the AIMS bank account is in good shape. AIMS donation for use of St. Paul's Church Hall was discussed and felt we should increase the amount by ten dollars per month. All agreed.

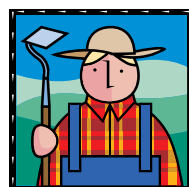
Brian Little has accepted the position of AIMS Social Convenor.

AIMS February Winter Bash was dis-

cussed. It will be a get together for AIMS members, their significant others plus their children, grandchildren and if they don't have either, a neighbourhood child. It will take place at Paul and Gwen Lauret's farm on Front Road East on Sunday, the 13th of February. Brian Little will co-ordinate the children's activities. There will be horse drawn sleigh rides depending on snow availability. In the event of a lack of snow horse drawn wagon rides will be offered. Allan Caughey noted the wagon would hold 12 to 15 people at a time.

Chairman Alan Kidd talked about the following new business: AIMS to form an Amherst Island Liaison Committee for the purpose of taking Island issues to our Loyalist Township representative Duncan Ashley. It will be made up of a cross section of Islanders.

The refurbishing of the ice rink behind the school was once again brought up for discussion. Ross Haines said it was fraught with prob-



lems. Gary McDonald claims it would cost twelve thousand dollars to rebuild. Ross Haines suggested Stella Bay on a good cold winter would make a much better rink and would cost very little to maintain. It would just require organizing shovellers to keep it clear, periodically flooding it. There's an electric outlet on the dock if a floodlight was required for night skating.

The Neilson Store Project is moving along well. The new windows have been installed. Insulation has been installed in the second floor area. A furnace for the building will be the next step in making the Museum building usable twelve months of the year. The Federal Government has given the Neilson Store an eight thousand dollar grant.

John Schutzbach invited the AIMS members who haven't seen David Brady and John Munro's film to come to his home with their spouse(s) for a movie party on Saturday, January 22nd at 6pm. BYOB and an appetizer would be appreciated.

Ross Haines reported the Amherst Island Public School and Community Centre desperately require a new pro-



Deer at the Head

Don Tubb

jection screen. It also needs a portable stage. The screen will be purchased by another local organization. It was agreed to provide up to \$600.00 towards the materials for the stage.

Hugh Jenney suggested a must read for the men of AIMS: "A SHORT HISTORY OF PROGRESS" by Ronald Wright, which was part of the Massey Lectures series. Each time history repeats itself, so it's said, the price goes up. The twentieth century was a time of runaway growth in human popula-

tion, consumption, and technology, placing a colossal load on all natural systems, especially earth, air, and water—the very elements of life.

The most urgent questions of the twenty-first century are: where will this growth lead? Can it be consolidated or sustained? What kind of world is our present bequeathing to our future?

Ken Albertan gave a report on the New Years Dinner Dance. Ken thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

136 tickets were sold. The raffle worked well with over forty prizes. Ken thanked Brian Little for his hard work photographing the dinner guests and delivering the photos inside a thank you card from AIMS.

Duncan Ashley, Loyalist Township Councillor for Amherst Island addressed AIMS. He began by saying: "Sitting through your business meeting, I realize this is very similar to a council meeting except you guys have a sense of humour!"



A Silver Fox

Don Tubb

Duncan was born in Kingston during Canada's Centennial Year, 1967. His mother was a teacher and his dad, who had emigrated from England, worked in the lab at Alcan. Living north of Bath, Duncan attended Napanee Secondary School. There he met a group of teenagers called 'The Islanders.' "They were different from the other students. I thought they were great." In 1983, he visited Amherst Island for the first time. "It was a wonderful place and although I was only sixteen, I knew I wanted to live there."

After graduating high school, Duncan went to Queens University obtaining a degree in history in 1991. "My grandfather had a successful law practice in Kingston and my family suggested I go on to law school. I had a different idea! I wanted a career working with my hands, getting dirt under my nails. I met a wonderful Island girl called Kim deHaan. We got married and moved to Amherst Island. I had the good fortune to be hired by Ken Albertan as a labourer. "I eventually left residential construction and went into the roofing business. Being a roofer is great and the people I work with are terrific."

Ten years ago, Duncan entered politics becoming the last Reeve of the old Township of Amherst Island. "As your Councillor for the Loyalist Township, there are lots of positives but lots of negatives as well. You



Judith Harrower

sometimes get thinned-skin during a council meeting if things don't seem to be going well towards our Island. I also receive a lot of complaints: usually in regards to our ferry service or cost of land severance. One of my big frustrations is how we're tied to the Wolfe Island and Glenora ferries. We are still party to a Ministry of Transport agreement that if either of those two areas need the Frontenac II, we lose it."

AIMS members asked Councillor Ashley questions pertaining to garbage, road maintenance, wind turbines, the bubble system and other issues that affect our Island.

Allen Glenn stated "We are extremely fortunate to have you Duncan and your dedication to the Islanders as our

council representative." Peter Trueman added: "You've been an outstanding representative!"

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Chairman Kidd adjourned the meeting.

Next AIMS breakfast meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 12th. Guest speaker: Jim Gould. After an electronic career in the Royal Canadian Navy, Jim took on a second career as a computer teacher in civilian life.

MARRIAGE

- Zander of DUNN INN

Believe it or not, marriage is a big subject. I limit this column to legal weddings in Ontario.

As it stands now every minister or priest in good standing within a recognized Church must have a marriage licence, issued by the Province of Ontario, to legally perform weddings in this province. That licence entitles the officiant to

fill out forms, get the couple and their witnesses to sign the licence, the certificate and the Church register and to mail the documents to the keeper of such records in Thunder Bay. In other words, every priest or minister acts as an unpaid civil servant.

I suggest all licences should be withdrawn from all religious officials. All weddings should be legalized by a civil servant, trained for that job. (The state is only concerned about the legality of marriage anyway - never about the emotional, spiritual, ethical side of marriage). Then, if the couple, legally married, wanted to have their marriage blessed by a representative of God through the Church, that could be done - in the way religious leaders pre-

side at weddings today.

This is how weddings happen in France, for example. All weddings are legalized by a ceremony at the City Hall (usually on a Friday). Then, if the couple want to do so, they may have their marriage blessed by another ceremony in the church (usually on a Saturday).

This suggestion would not only take much tedious paper work away from ministers and priests, it would also relieve them of all those requests for weddings by couples who know they can get a wedding done cheaper in a church or by a religious leader.

This would also deal with an issue which is stressing the church and society - homosexual marriages. Churches would never legally marry any couple - homosexual or heterosexual - but only bless their union.

I have also learned that the Province of Ontario is withdrawing marriage licences from all clergy who are retired. That means that clergy, who no longer have a church on a part-time basis, cannot perform weddings. And, I am told, no temporary marriage permit will be issued to anybody. This makes it very difficult for a retired clergy person to preside at the wedding of a relative or friend. Perhaps a retired priest or minister could participate in the service but only a licensed officiant could sign the documents in order to make them legal.

All this could be avoided if clergy were removed from the legal side of marriage and were left free to perform their spiritual function, without state control and interference. And, it would certainly save people like me much time and trouble.



Life Boat - Barry Point

Judith Harrower



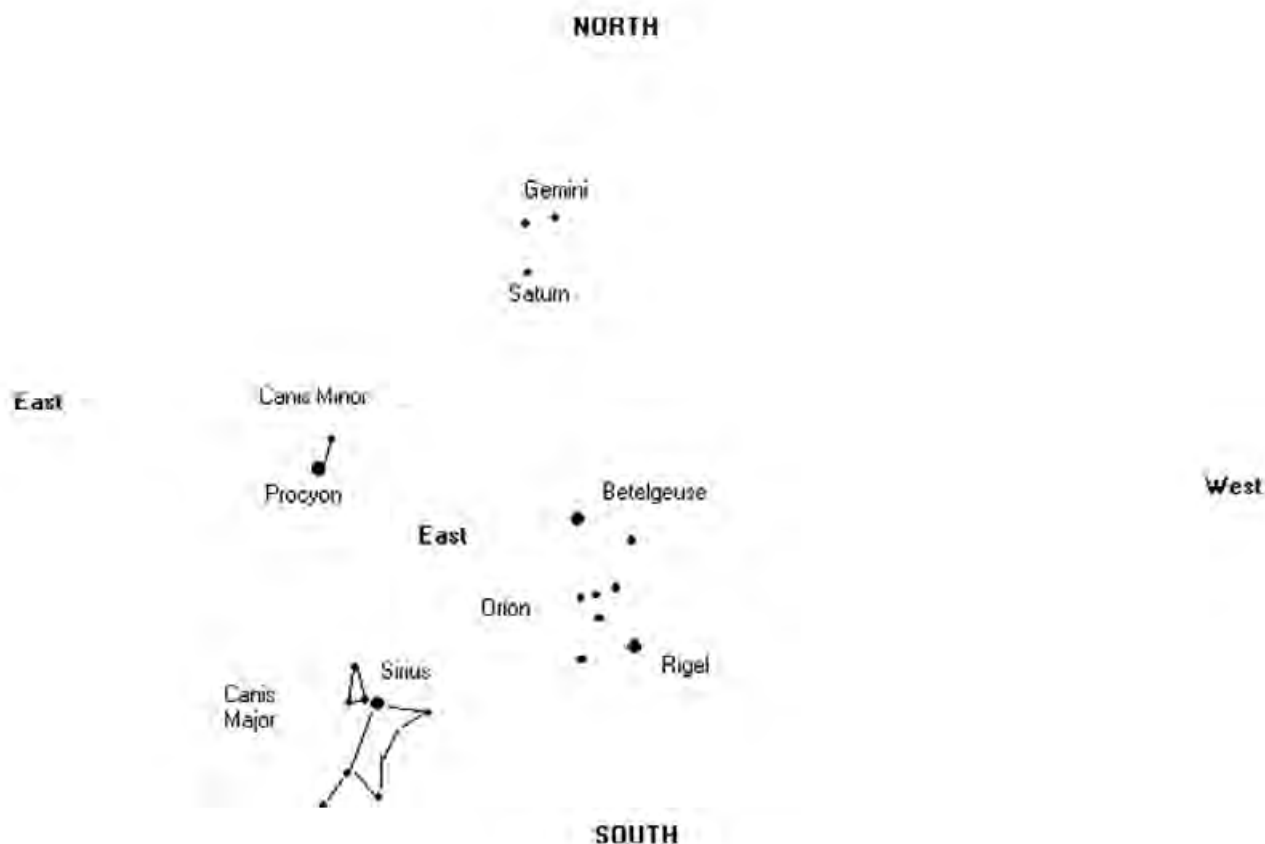
FEBRUARY SKIES

- Alan Kidd

The brightest star we can see in the Northern Hemisphere is on full display this month. This is Sirius, also known

as the Dog Star because its part of Canis Major. Canis Major, or the big dog, and Canis Minor (the small dog) are the hunting dogs that follow Orion around the skies. Hopefully we will get a break from the cold weather some we can get out and look at the stars without becoming icicles in the process.

These constellations are the reason why the winter skies are said to be the brightest of the year. Four of the



Ten brightest stars in the skies are located in Orion and the “Dogs”. Besides Sirius these are Rigel and Betelgeuse in Orion (7th and 9th brightest) and Procyon in Canis Minor (8th brightest). Orion is probably the most recognizable constellation in the sky, primarily because of its belt, three 2nd magnitude stars in a short row, located between Betelgeuse and Rigel. Coming off the belt is Orion’s Sword, a little line of stars of lesser brightness. Here can be found the Orion Nebulae, a spectacular sight in a small telescope.

Sirius is a spectacular sight itself, shining low in the southern skies. In fact it is the brightest object in the sky except for the Moon and the brightest planets. When it is low in the sky, or the atmosphere is unusually turbulent, it gives off glints of many colours. When I was an astronomy grad student at Queen’s

(many years ago now) it would be common to get calls from people asking what was that weird light giving off all those colours. It was Sirius.

The planets are all visible at one time or another this month. Saturn is high in the sky all evening, making a nice triangle with the Gemini twins. Mercury might be visible just above the western horizon late in the month – about 30 minutes after sunset. Jupiter rises about 11 P.M. at the beginning of February, but as early as 9 P.M. by the end of the month. Mars and Venus are both visible just before sunrise early in the month, but Venus will disappear into the sun’s glow by month’s end.

On the chart I’ve added Canis Major and Minor, as well as the positions of some of the planets. The group of Orion, Canis Major and Minor can be found in the south, about one third of the way from the horizon to directly overhead, in the early Evening (about

8 P.M.).

Our readers in Southern Africa can also use the same chart, but they will find the constellations high in their northern skies at about the same time of night.

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray



There was an article in the Whig-Standard on December 26 by Brian Johnson, “Goodbye to the Bittern”, in which the Coast Guard came to the rescue of a sail boat in trouble off Amherst Island. “We wasted no time in getting to shore, where the people of Amherst Island took them [3 adults and a baby] quickly to a house where they spent the night. Those islanders were fantastic. They waded right out as we came ashore.”

Would anyone like to supply more information on this incident?



Fog off Stella dock

Judith Harrower

There were 2 large photos of former Islander Ralph Morrow in the January 25 Whig-Standard.

Ralph was shown with the 4 metre high ice banks along his shoreline in Reddendale.

A SHORT HISTORY OF PROGRESS BY RONALD WRIGHT

- Hugh Jenney

For those of you who missed the Massey Lectures on the CBC last November, this book is for you. Basically Mr. Wright is an historical philosopher with a profound understanding of other cultures who outlines in pretty graphic detail how our culture is destroying our environment. Our short-term thinking governments are supported by even shorter-term thinking corporations and they are committing ecocide. Their suicidally archaic thinking coupled with the evangelical messianism of the red republicans who are rabidly promoting the second coming of Christ (why

bother to protect our environment—the faster we destroy it, the faster Christ will come again to save His True Believers) is destroying the air we breathe, the water we drink and the land we farm.

My hope is that you will read this book and join with other Islanders to develop a sustainable, organic oasis for our children to retreat to as the rest of society slowly disintegrates. We have about fifteen years according to Mr. Wright's research. The Swiss Family Robinson and Robinson Crusoe had a much shorter time to save what they could from their respective shipwrecks. We have the brightest and best people on this Island so we can save ourselves if we start now.

Give me a call at 384-783 after you have read the book and we will have a founding meeting of the "AI Oasis Society."



LETTER HOME

- Christopher Kennedy

Winter has finally arrived here. We have had a few of the cold sunny days that can make an Ontario winter landscape a study in black and white, with just the blue sky above for colour. The lake has frozen over, but so far there has been only an inch or two of snow. Perhaps it has all gone down to the Maritimes

The ferry crews have started to see the coyotes coming over on the ice, so we should have some new blood coming in to replenish the Island population. Their breeding season will be starting soon, so they will be travelling round looking for mates.

There was cautious optimism in the farming world a couple of weeks back, when the U.S. government published its rules for the border opening to Canadian beef and lamb, but the two



recent cases of BSE found in Alberta have put this in jeopardy. Since this is two cases in the 22,000 animals tested in Canada in the last year, and the animals tested have been those most at risk for having the disease, the level is still extremely low. Neither of these animals entered the food

negative farm income in 2003. Since then the grains and oilseed sectors have had a melt-down in price, and the pork industry is facing counter-vail duties from the U.S., so the 2004 figures are likely to be worse. As always in a situation like this the government has launched an inquiry. This is a se-

one doesn't turn up at these meetings it will be a guarantee that nothing will happen. It also makes for an interesting day meeting other farmers..

By next month we should know if the border really is going to open. Keep your fingers crossed



The Shed at Fred and Leonard's

Don Tubb

chain, so the risk to human health is as close to zero as you can get. However some of the American cattle producers are demanding that the border remain closed, but this might be driven by the record high prices they have received since the border closed. We will just have to hold our breath until we find out what the U.S. government decides.

The Canadian government found that Canadian farmers overall had a

ries of twelve meetings across the country to hear the farmers' suggestions about what to do. I went to the one today in Brockville, to put forth the sheep industry's point of view. As with all these travelling road shows a lot of good ideas came forward, but it is hard to believe that it will not end up on the shelf, alongside all the other Royal Commissions and Inquiries that have gone before, however sincere the intentions of the people running it. If





WATERSIDE SUMMER SERIES 2005

Offering quality entertainment in a friendly, rural setting on Amherst Island since 1994, Waterside launches its 2005 season on July 2 with well known comedian singers Nancy White and Roger James. Waterside's five concerts Summer Series includes a variety of musical styles,



Nancy White

highlighted by the internationally acclaimed Quartetto Gelato on July 29th. Our Music Director is Beverley Harris.

All times 7.15 pm at St. Paul's Church

- Saturday July 2 -Humour in Music; Nancy White, guitar & voice with Bob Johnston, keyboard and vocal: Roger James, guitar & voice.

-Saturday July 16 -Canadian Jazz Quartet; Gary Benson, guitar; Frank Wright, vibraphone; Duncan Hopkins, bass; Don Vickery, percussion.

-Friday July 29-Quartetto Gelato; Cynthia Steljes, oboe, English horn; Peter DeSotto, tenor, violin, mandolin; Alexander Sevastian, accordion, piano, bandoneon; Kristina Reiko Cooper, cello.

-Saturday August 6 -Chanteclair; Thomas Davidson, piano; Tracy Davidson, soprano; Gordon Craig, clarinet.

-Saturday August 20 -Donelda Gartshore, baroque flute; Sarah Gartshore soprano; Aurora Dokken, harpsichord; John Edwards, lute/theorbo, performing baroque and early music.

Tickets are \$15 except for July 29th, which is our annual Special Fundraiser,

where the ticket price is \$25. These prices include free Amherst Island Refreshments at intermission.

To reserve tickets, payment by cheque must be received in advance. They go on sale May 1, and may be ordered on the Waterside telephone line at 613-384-2153. Reserved tickets will be mailed if purchased two weeks prior or can be picked up on the day of the performance after 6:30 pm. If available, tickets can be purchased at the door. However, one should check first by telephone on availability as some concerts do sell out.

The Amherst Island ferry leaves half past the hour from the Millhaven dock and on the hour from Amherst Island. St. Paul's church is 2km straight south from the ferry dock on the Island.



Roger James

Our postal address is: Waterside Summer Series, 4 Front Road, Stella, ON K0H2S0 or e-mail us at: bill.harris@sympatico.ca Visit us at www.amherstisland.on.ca



Barn at Hitchins

Don Tubb

From a LETTER FROM GRANT FILSON

[The Beacon] is a worthwhile project and keeps one informed of all the items of interest to residents and non-residents alike. It keeps me up to date with all the things that happen.

The Island has become a very exciting place to live and to visit. Keep up the good work and God Bless you all.

From a CARD FROM DON SMITH

Congratulations on the December issue of the Beacon.

The article on the Schrams was extraordinary. Elena worked with us at Expo 67, Ontario Pavilion.



NOTICES

COUCH FOR SALE

Drastically reduced new price for our eiderdown couch now only \$499.00 or best offer. Drop by any time.

Hugh & Claire Jenney 384-7830

JOB OPPORTUNITY on the Ferry

Loyalist Township, Transportation and Solid Waste Division requires: Temporary Part-Time Deckhands (2 positions) for the Amherst Island Ferry Service.

Hourly rate - \$17.37

Successful candidates must:

- be available to report to work from the Island on short notice
- have or obtain a seamanship book
- have or obtain a marine medical certificate specifying fitness for the posi-

tion.

Please apply in writing on or before Friday, February 4th to:

Diane Pearce, CAO
Box 70, 263 Main St.
Odessa, Ontario
K0H 2H0

A copy of the job description is available at the Ferry Office or on the Township's website at "www.loyalist-township.on.ca".

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, and will only be used for candidate selection.

Loyalist Township is an equal opportunity employer; municipal offices are smoke-free workplaces.

FILMING ON THE ISLAND



Bonnie K Marshall TC

For 5 days between February 12th and 20th (the actual 5 days are not quite determined yet) I and my co-director will be bringing a film crew to the Island to film half of a movie musical. This is an ambitious 4th year York University production, with a large cast and

crew. I wanted to let everyone know so we don't surprise or inconvenience anyone.

One of our filming locations will be in the village, between the General Store and the Ferry Office/Library. Our crew will not obstruct the flow of traffic, so everyone will be able to catch the ferry).

We ARE looking for extras for one scene that takes place in the village. If anyone would like to do us a favour, and volunteer their acting skills as an extra, please contact my mother, Dianne Marshall at 389-0554.

When our schedule is finalized, I will post it on the door at the General Store.

Thanks for your cooperation!

SUBSCRIPTIONS

- Don Tubb

Let it not be said that we are unresponsive to requests from our readers... sometimes it just takes a while like a year! So, here is a summary of our subscribers.

The Beacon has about 120 subscribers who take approximately 130 Beacons per month - that's about 40% of our total print run of 325 copies. (Just a little aside here... [Didn't you know that there would be an aside?] {Okay... let's get back to the aside having now dealt with the comment on the aside so we can eventually get back to the article.} ...you know this 'aside' reminds me of some Amherst



A wintry day on the Second Concession

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Island council meetings when councillors would get so tangled up in motions, points of order, amendments, etc that only the Secretary-treasurer could figure a way out - however, that's not the aside - Darn-it-all, I've forgotten... it had something to do with that book on punctuation: "Eat's, Shoots', and S'core's" ... Now that everyone has read it and become an expert punctationist, let's not get too uptight about our wee miscues 'cause I, for one, just couldn't figure the book out. I kept waiting for the bio on the Rocket to begin so I didn't pay much attention to the ""'s, ""'s, '!', ' ;'s, ' ;'s etc.). And about 40 subscriptions are gifts. Plus there are a couple of complimentary issues given out each month.

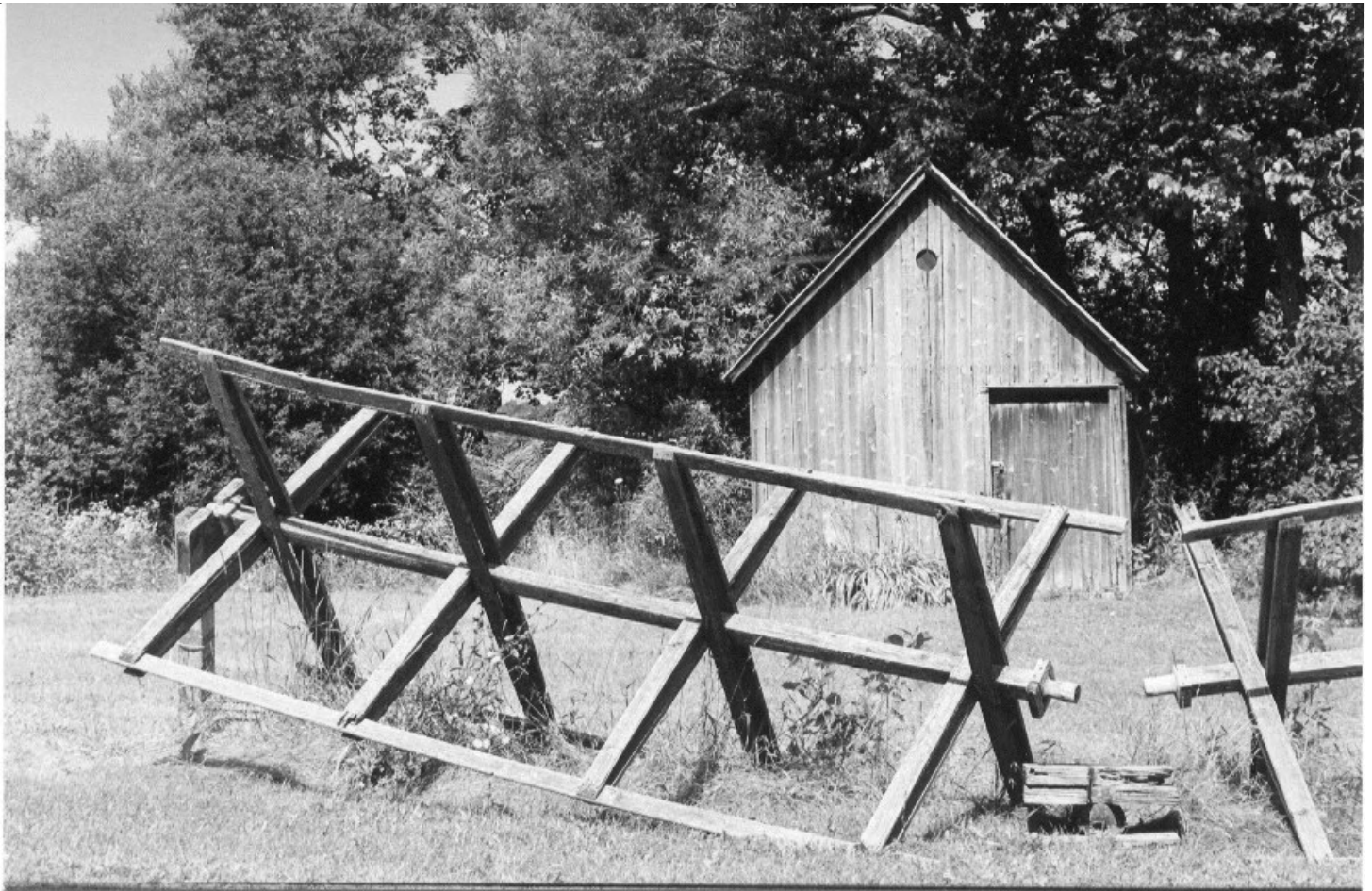
We have expanded our global coverage in the last few years with more countries and more subscribers. The USA has the most subscribers with nine in six states (CA, FL, IL, IN, MI and NY). Australia continues to be our most distant destination with one subscriber. We have acquired a toe-hold in both Scotland and France. Perhaps these folks might run across each other at an international rugby game - just take your Beacon and display it exuberantly - keep your eyes open... you never know.

There are six provinces covered by our newsletter - Ontario and BC pretty much have blanket coverage (99 and 4 copies respectively). Alberta is coming on with two but PQ, NS and Sask have only one each which isn't to say we

don't value these subscribers - we've got to start somewhere.

On a more local level, there are 16 subscribers on the Island and 45 in the immediate area (Kingston, Bath, Amherstview, Odessa and Napanee). Strange is it not that Napanee and Odessa have more subscribers than Toronto (6 as opposed to 5).

In all we send our little newsletter out to 56 places on this globe. At this rate of expansion, we will not soon eclipse the New York Times but the numbers strongly suggest this is only a matter of time. So keep those subscriptions coming and don't forget to renew both for yourself and your gift subscribers.



At the Fishing Village

Don Tubb



Also at the fishing village... in a different season, though!

Don Tubb

ACW BEEF DINNER

Saturday March 19 at Community Centre 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

Advance tickets only

For tickets call: 389-4874 or 389-4327

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Bring your experiences and your struggles to Scripture in this 34 week program.

The first half runs from January to May. The second half runs from September to November.

At the school: Tuesday nights beginning February 1, 7 P.M.- 9 P.M.

Cost is \$30.00 (this covers the cost of the books).

Call Rev. Faun Harriman at 352-3548 for further information and to enroll.



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 whom?
-What was the occasion?*

Thank you! Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS COCHRANE & MARY DUNDAS

I Thomas Cochrane 1792 -
 +Mary Dundas 1807 -
2 William Cochrane 1828 -
 +Elizabeth Cross 1827 -
 3 Cecilia Cochrane 1848 -
 3 Rachel Cochrane 1851 -
 3 Thomas Cochrane 1856 -
 3 William Cochrane 1860 - 1940
 +Annie Fleming 1867 - 1943
 4 James Cross Cochrane 1894 - 1968
 +Minnie Irene Mitchell 1891 - 1973
 5 Murray Cochrane
 +Doris Jones 1921 -
 6 James Cochrane 1951 -
 6 Randall Cochrane 1953 -
 6 Judith Cochrane 1958 -
 5 Margaret Leith Cochrane 1923 - 1990
 +Harold Wells
 6 H. Ross Wells 1949 -
 6 Timothy Wells 1953 -
 *2nd Husband of Margaret Leith Cochrane:
 +Robert Vitt
 5 James Ross Cochrane 1926 -
 +Ada Yvonne Bayles 1933 -
 6 Margaret Ann Cochrane 1954 -
 +Dilley Wayne Carruth 1941 -
 6 Thomas Edward Cochrane 1955 -
 +Linda Jean Stevens 1958 -
 6 David Ross Cochrane 1960 -
 +Kathleen Elizabeth Dunbar 1961 -
 5 Warren Cochrane
 4 Jessie Leith Cochrane 1896 - 1951
 +Arthur W. Kilpatrick 1886 - 1962
 5 Madyln Jean Kilpatrick
 +Jack Kerr
 6 Suzanne Kerr
 +Peter Wallace Wemp 1950 -
 6 David Kerr
 +Carol Hunter
 5 William Robert Kilpatrick - 1978
 +Dorothy McMaster
 6 Warren Kilpatrick
 +Laurene McDonald
 6 Laurie Elaine Kilpatrick
 +John Klimczak
 6 Kevin John Kilpatrick
 6 William Mark Kilpatrick



'Waiting for the ferry home' Terry Culbert



Luciana Garcia-Padin & Jackie Sylvester in Argentina over the holidays for Marcia and Tom Ivison's wedding.
 Photo by Emiliano Deslole

..... 4 Thomas Edward Cochrane 1898 - 1952
 +Marjorie Sliter 1898 -
 4 Samuel Fleming Cochrane 1899 - 1956
 +Edna Henrietta Strain 1901 -
 5 Eleanor Anne Cochrane 1944 -
 4 William Cochrane 1904 -
 +Agnes Sylvester 1903 -
 5 Howard Cochrane
 5 Arah Cochrane
 4 Jean Eliz. Cochrane 1913 -
 +James C. Hall 1919 -
2 Thomas Cochrane 1833 -
 +Elizabeth ?? 1837 -
 3 Mary Jane Cochrane 1855 -
 3 William J. Cochrane 1857 -
 3 Elizabeth Cochrane 1859 -
 +Robert Curran 1852 - 1934
 3 Grace Anna Cochrane 1863 -
 +John Curran 1854 - 1887
 *2nd Husband of Grace Anna Cochrane:
 +John Shaw
 3 Rachel Cochrane 1865 -
 3 Rose Ellen Cochrane 1870 -
2 John Cochrane 1836 -
2 James Cochrane 1839 -
2 Martha Cochrane 1843 -
 +Robert Fleming 1836 -
2 Richard Cochrane 1847 -
2 Mary Ann Cochrane 1848 - 1931
 +Hugh Fleming 1842 - 1900
 3 Richard Fleming 1868 -
 +Rose ??
 4 Ralph Fleming
 4 Everett Fleming
 3 Jane Fleming 1871 -
 3 John Irving Fleming 1873 - 1963
 +Sarah Jane Kilpatrick 1876 - 1951
 3 Henry G. Fleming 1887 -
2 Margaret Cochrane 1850 -
2 Robert Cochrane 1850 -
 +Agnes Taylor 1859 -
 3 Catherine Cochrane 1881 -
 +Wm. J. Johnstone 1872 -
 3 Alfred Cochrane 1883 -
 3 Mary E. Cochrane 1884 -
 +Alexander McCormick 1883 -
 4 Robert J. McCormick 1914 -
 3 Alvah M. Cochrane 1896 - 1973
 +Eldred M. Saunders
 3 Drucilla Long Cochrane 1899 -
 +Burton Nelson Cassada 1898 -



Two sheets of ice forced out of the water have taken on the appearance of ice cubes on O'Drains Bay. Terry Culbert

*In concert at The Lodge,
 Saturday April 2:
 folk singer/songwriters
The Royal Brothers*



As heard live on CFRC FM 101.9 in January '05, these artists have quite a following & a new CD. Titled "A Cold Wind Blowin," it will be available at the show. If you like James Taylor, Bruce Cockburn, or Aengus Finnan, you need to come to this show! Doors Open 6:30pm, Show starts 7:30pm

Details to follow in March via the Beacon & Post.

NEWS From the GENERAL STORE

Just a reminder to everyone that postage rates have increased: Canada - \$0.50 USA - \$0.85 International - \$1.45.

We've got some great new releases in right now:

Collateral - Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx

Anchorman - Will Farrell

King Arthur

The Terminal - Tom Hanks, Catherine Zeta-Jones

Troy - Brad Pitt, Orlando Bloom

Wicker Park - Josh Hartnett

The Village

Dodge Ball - Ben Stiller

The Manchurian Candidate - Denzel Washington

Spiderman 2 - Tobey Maguire

Many more to choose from.

Thank you to everyone for your cards and gifts over the holidays. It was all very much appreciated.

Store hours:

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Sausages on homemade garlic and

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-After school and weekends.

-Responsible & -Red Cross Certified

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Babysitting

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Babysitter



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Ferry fuel-up days are Tuesday and Friday (be prepared for a delay).

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I am collecting used stamps- any kind for the guide dogs, clean used clothing and books for the "Cat's Meow." Used towels, cleaning products, A&P tapes and 12" x 12" knitted squares may be left in my front porch or call for a pick-up. The animals really need our help. Freda 384-4135.

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Windswept Barn, Front Road

Brian Little

MEA CULPA! The Beacon Layout Department reprinted a significant number of photographs in the past two months that should have been attributed to Brian Little - we sincerely regret the error and have put safeguards in place that will (we hope!) prevent it from happening again. TR