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I'D RATHER BE FISHING

THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, editor

For those saving Beacons, note that both the Feb 2006 and the March 2006 Beacons had Issue 336 on the front page. I suggest that you change March to Issue 336A.

I expect historians of the future have more important things to worry about.

I had expected to be busy cutting hay this morning – July 3 – but the weather continues to be hay-unfriendly, so I can spend more time on this issue than usual for this time of year.

I hope Sue can find some time amidst garden, jam-making, child care, Turvy and Topsy book work to do her good production work on text and photos.

Sally, Leah and Don will do the proofing as well as any other innocent persons we can persuade to help. There must be some rule that says that no matter how much proofing is done, something usually slips through.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Unfortunately, we have quite a list of get wells for the last month or two. Get well wishes go out to Barbara Reid, Dave Willard, Vera Hogeboom, Phyllis Henderson, Nelly Marshall, Ken Albertan, Donald Hudson and Dale Willard. Our wishes for speedy recoveries and a restful summer.

Congratulations to Bruce and Susie Caughey on the birth of their 4th granddaughter. Daughter Amy and her husband Marcus Bermann became first time parents to Lily, in June.

Peter and Eleanor Trueman spent some time recently in Italy.

Congratulations to the students and staff at A.I.P.S. who put on a wonderful Spring Production again this year. Red vs. the Wolf was a humorous rendition of the tale of Red Riding Hood.

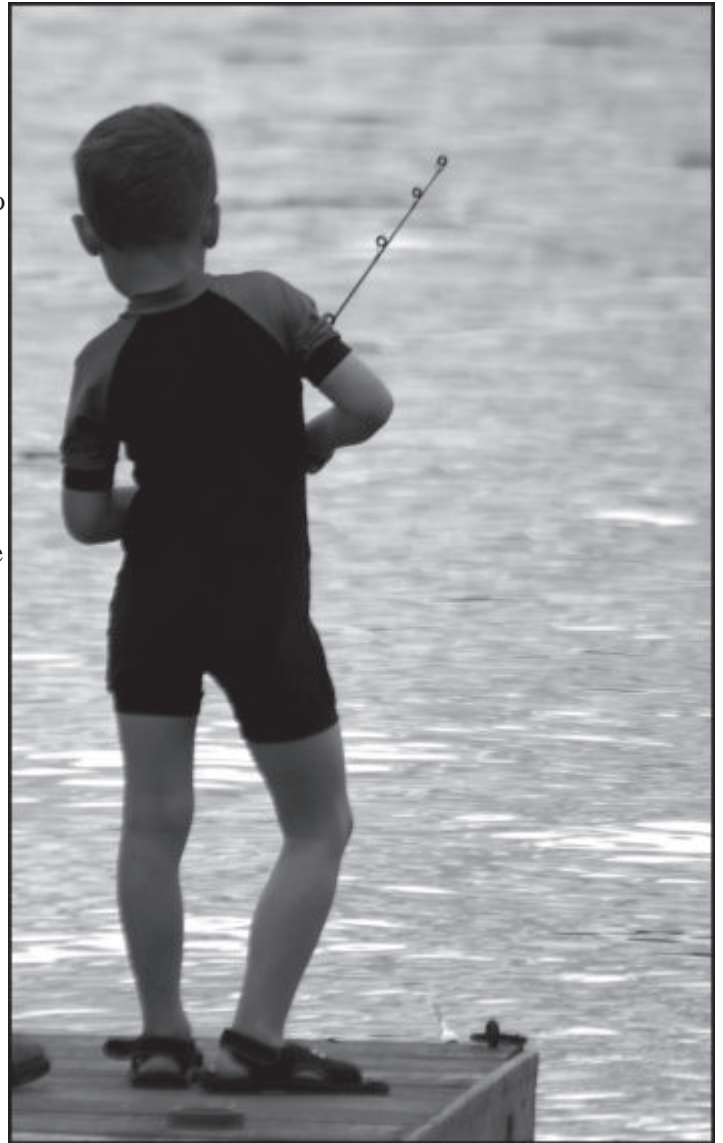


Photo Brian Little

Angus Little catching his supper

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St. Paul's PCW held another well attended Mother's Day Ham Dinner on Mother's Day weekend in May. The Victoria Day weekend in May saw the opening day of the Farmer's Market in Centennial park. The Amherst Island Rec Association held their annual Spring Dance and Fish Fry, the same weekend, for a sold out crowd.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Joyce Reid

The evening meeting in St. Paul's hall started with greetings from the president, Jackie Sylvester, to the mixed audience and an introduction to the guest speaker from the Peony Society, Robert Burch.

He gave an excellent slide presentation showing over 50 varieties ranging in colour from angelic white, through yellows, pinks, reds and dramatic dark burgundy. He commented on the ease of growing peonies which don't require fertilizing even though they keep growing for as many as a hundred years and still produce beautiful scented blooms. He did mention that cuttings and dead-heads should NOT go on the compost because a fungus sometimes found on peonies can be transferred to the soil and redistributed. At the close of his very informative talk, vases containing different specimens were given to some lucky recipients in the audience. He was thanked and presented with a cheque by Coralie Marshall on behalf on the W.I.

Refreshments were served. Guests departed. Judy Greer was welcomed as our newest member.

Joyce Haines reported that the president of

The Dry Stone Wall Association of Canada, along with Bill Hedges, stonemason, visited the cemetery in early June, together. They were very enthusiastic about the beautiful work done and took many pictures. Bill Hedges will be attending at Pentland Cemetery July 11-12-13 from 9 to 5 each day. Anyone interested is welcome during those days, as well as *THURSDAYS* until the job is

finished!

A delegation is formed to attend the Loyalist Council meeting on Monday June 26 re *TREES ON THE ISLAND* and the *STELLA BOAT LAUNCH*.

W.I. Volunteers are organized to prepare strawberries and shortcake to be served from the *NEILSON STORE MUSEUM* on June 24 as part of the *AMHERST*



ISLAND HOUSE TOUR.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Erika Krauklis on July 19 at 7 p.m. Margaret Maloney is our guest speaker. Her topic is children's books. Roll call is to be "My Favourite Childhood Book". This is not an open meeting but visiting ladies are welcome.

August 3 is the A.I.W.I. outing to the Prince Edward District W.I. Art and Craft Sale.

Some items of business were deferred 'till the July meeting. This meeting was adjourned shortly after 10p.m. and closed with the singing of God Save the Queen.

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Well, this year there are no grade 8 graduates from A.I.P.S. as there was no grade 8 class this year! Congratulations to High School Grads, David Albertan and Candace Youell. I am not aware of any College/University grads this year, but please let me know if I have missed someone. Congratulations to Stephanie Raeburn-Gibson, the Science School/Resource teacher at A.I.P.S. Stephanie was awarded a \$2000.00 grant from the Limestone Learning Foundation for her G.P.S. Program proposal for the Amherst Island Science school.

The Village is looking pretty festive with the Rec Association's flags and AIMS flowering baskets. This seems to have been a perfect Spring for flowering bushes and trees as every

one was loaded with blooms this year. It also seems that evergreens are especially loaded with pine cones and the maple trees with "seed keys". I hope this isn't an omen for a bad winter as some people have said. The kids on the bus have again enjoyed the abundance of lambs, calves, goslings and fawns they have seen on our daily route. This year, the bus also seemed to be the ideal incubator for a family of starlings. The mother laid four eggs in an unreachable "pocket" under the hood and for three weeks they rode the route with us 3 times a day. Mother starling was always waiting to feed them when I returned. Unfortunately, the cat was also waiting under the bus when they decided to spread their wings!

Welcome back to all of our summer people and visitors.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

Nests and Neighbours

- Janet Scott

Whenever I think about nests it always brings to mind the P.D. Eastman book called "The Best Nest". Papa Bird keeps picking nests that don't suit Mama Bird until they end up back at the first nest.

Sometimes birds choose the strangest places to build their nests. Recently a very determined Starling chose the warm, secure well behind the light in Lyn's school bus. As the bus remained parked over the weekend this worked well for the bird. First Lyn noticed straggles of grass sticking through her grill. Either she had been taking shortcuts and become an off-road vehicle or something strange was happening. When the straws appeared a second time Lyn checked under the hood and could just make out a rough nest underneath her light and unreachable. She poked at it with a stick and glimpsed an egg so left it for later and proceeded to do her morning routes. When she asked Larry to check, after she got home from her afternoon route, he discovered baby birds. While the bus sat that day at school the eggs had hatched. Not long after that Mama bird flew in through the grill to check on her young. Sometimes the bus goes off the Island for fuel but Lyn has been returning it to her driveway daily so Mama may feed the young. These birds will be well traveled before they fly.

Another traveling nest was a Barn Swallow nest on the old Amherst Islander. Every time the ferry docked the swallows would quickly land on the nest and feed their young. Would you call that regulated feedings rather than feeding on demand? I was not aware of the nest earlier but I would presume that the brooding bird sat on the eggs for every round trip until they hatched.

Almost instantly from the very first visit to Amherst Island I was impressed with your neighbourliness. New folks are greeted, treated and watched over by caring folks. We newcomers had Tom Sylvester's help in getting our pump primed and our well working. Helen McCormick stopped her mail route to assist Ed Bongaard in getting me out of the

ditch on the Ess curve on the South Shore Road.

Another early morning Stuart Miller got me out of a snow-bank so I could get the older

kids to high school on time and promised that he would be back in 20 minutes if I didn't make it to the ferry. Linda Wemp delivered a gift of Whitefish and then stayed to fillet it when I explained that I didn't know how.

That first Spring the Gavlas duo showed up to cut grass when it got as high as an elephant's eye. Over the years time and time again friendly folks stop and help. Susan McGinn and Bonnie stopped to jump start that old 85 Chev I drove, even though it was dark and raining.

More recently, there were John and Laurie rushing out to help when I collided with a deer.

You are never alone here on the Island. Count your blessings and see just how many kindly folks have stopped to help you over the years.

The Birds here too seem to be neighbourly.

Our bird box building friend Chris Lyons thought that because Tree Swallows won't nest in close proximity that putting his boxes in pairs might leave one empty in case a Bluebird wanted to nest. Not on Amherst Island! The Tree Swallows are so neighbourly here that they built nests in both boxes.

The ultimate neighbourliness in nesting can be seen on the east wall of the school. For nearly 20 years Robins have built on the light protruding from that wall.

This year our prolific nest building Cliff Swallows have built also on that ledge right next to the Robin's nest. Now we have a duplex. If I hadn't seen the Robin and the Cliff Swallow both landing on their respective nests I might have thought one was unused. That's unusual bird neighbourliness.

Here's one of my favourite Scottish songs that always makes me think of friendly neighbours here:

"Westering Home"

And it's westering home, and a song in the air,
Light in the eye, and it's goodbye to care.

Laughter o' love, and a welcoming there,
Isle of my heart, my own one.

Tell me o' lands o' the Orient gay,
Speak o' the riches and joys o' Cathay;

Eh, but it's grand to be wakin' ilk day
To find yourself nearer to Isla.

Where are the folk like the folk o' the west?

Canty, and couthy, and kindly, the
best.

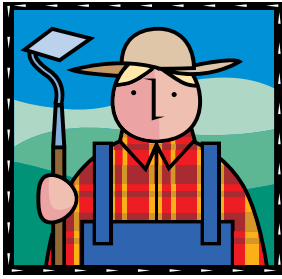
There I would hie me and there I
would rest

At hame wi' my ain folk in Isla.

Good Birding.



All Photos by Dave Youell



AIMS

- Hugh Jenney, Secretary
Thirty men sat down to a delicious breakfast prepared by our president with the able assistance of Caroline Yull and two students.

We were honoured to have three guests: Frank Bailey, John Duvergne and Frank Spears.

Marc Raymond reported on his and Doug Martin's trees project. They will plant a maximum of three trees for now one foot inside the property line abutting the road. Each tree costs \$10 which includes the stake and protective plastic tube. Just sign up at the store. If you have a special request Marc and Doug will buy the tree and plant it for you.

Jackie Sylvester, Pres. of WI, suggested a 9:30 starting time for the Island Market opening as nobody (except the AIMS Wagon crew) came before that time. After much discussion it was decided to keep our original time of 9 – 12, but anybody could set up their booths at any time.

Brian Grace commented that our AI Market was designed as a non-alcoholic, cocktail party of Islanders to see each other and exchange happenings.

Bruce Burnett reported that the road clean-up crews list is

complete and the members were reminded to keep the roads clean all year round.

Bruce also advised that his crew had rebuilt the AIMS Wagon by adding a new canopy. He asked that we not sell the blue tarp which is used to cover the books in storage. He thanked Woody for building the video display rack.

Richard Tkachack volunteered to provide a map of AI for the Kingston tourist bureau.

The question was raised about whether or not we should be encouraging tourism. This was deferred to the Executive.

Brian Little read a letter from Jen VanDyke, Sr. Class Teacher, requesting assistance in sending a male student on an eight day Quest program starting at Gould Lake. It was agreed to support this student.

Dick Dodds reported that Ida Gavlas mentioned to him in passing that we will be losing our ferry to Wolfe Island while theirs is being lengthened. Brian Little volunteered to get more information for us.

John Moolenbeek could not be our speaker so Brian asked Terry Culbert to fill in. Terry brought his Global TV Video in and really gave us a great show of what exactly he did for Global TV. It was a real eye opener and was enjoyed by all.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM JOHN PICKETT (1941-2006)

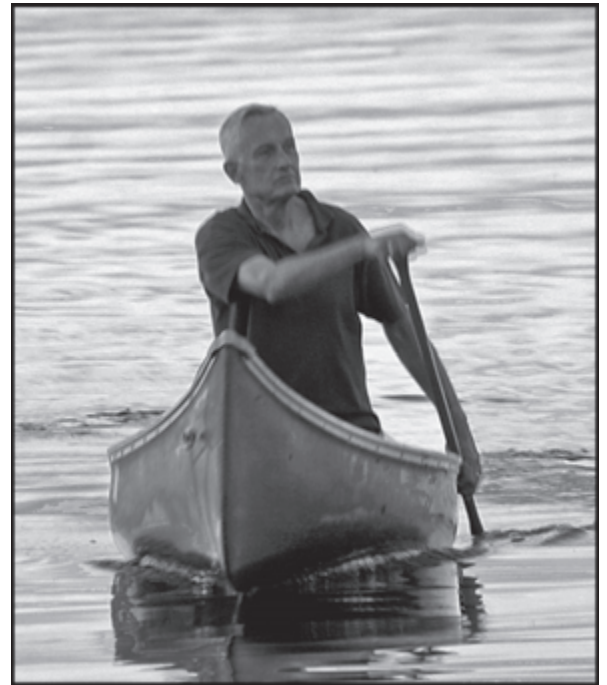
The Honourable William Pickett (Ontario Court of Justice) passed away peacefully on June 12th at Belleville General Hospital. Son of Yolanda Baksa and the late Jack Pickett; husband of Ann Paul; father of Leslie, Laura, Andrea and David. Survived by his sister Theresa Marton and grandson Aidan Tomkinson.

Judge Pickett's family own part of Sand Beach.

JESSIE WILLARD ELLERBECK (1902-2006)

Mrs. Ellerbeck passed away peacefully at Extendicare Kingston in her 104th year. Daughter of Alfred Willard and Charlotte Adair; sister of Claude (father of Eldon), John, Charlie, Dave (these 3 brothers sailed the Great Lakes), Marion (Harvey Eves' mother), Annie (married dairy farmer, Joe Clyde); wife of Melville Ellerbeck; and, mother of Helen, Jean and Leonard. Survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Ralph Morrow, whose family farmed just west of where the Truemans now live, remembers his father John talking about helping the Willard children beach their boat on the sand beach. They sailed over from their home on "Big Island" (aka Nut Island) and then walked to School No.5 where Paul and Carol Glenn now live – a walk of about 2 miles.



*Photo by Brian Little
John Schram enjoys a sunset paddle*

KENT COUNTY STRAINS

- Evelyn Cartwright

It was the year 1832. James Strain and his wife, Sarah McMath, her father, mother and seven of her siblings left the Kircubbin area of Co. Down, Ireland for Amherst Island.

Twelve children were born to James and Sarah on the Island. In 1856 James was drowned at Doyle's wharf in Kingston and Sarah was left to raise the twelve children, ranging in age from twenty-four years to six months.

In the late 1860's, Sarah now a widow, and family left Amherst Island and came to Kent County in Southwestern Ontario. One family, the David Strains, returned to the Island to live.

On February 11, 2006, Evelyn Cartwright, wife of Lyle Cartwright, a Strain descendant, arranged a gathering of the Kent County Strains that she had been in touch with, while researching the Strain family. They met at Swiss Chalet in Chatham with sixteen in attendance. Most had never met each other.

Descendants of the following lines represented were: Mary Ann Strain Lowery, Elizabeth Strain Askin, Hugh Strain, Lucinda Strain Cooper, David Strain and Emma Strain Campbell. Only one person present, Juanita Glenn, had lived on the Island.

All were in favour of meeting again in the future with as many more lines represented as possible.

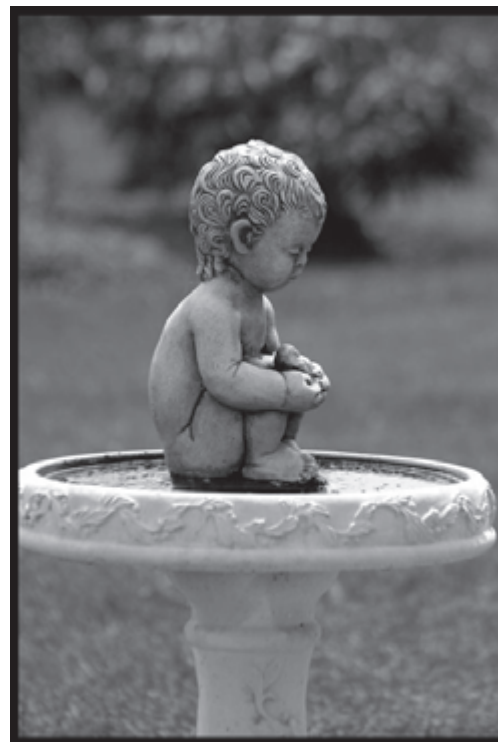


Photo by Brian Little

Bird bath

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

Warning: the following is what I thought was interesting or important out of almost 400 pages of text looked at on my computer screen. I hope I didn't miss anything important for our readers.

Harvey Benn will be supplying gravel to the Island Public Works crew at \$11.34/tonne.

Loyalist appears to have a very open and fair system of deciding who supplies what and at what price: there are pages of quotation summaries for those interested in such things to study. It's actually quite amazing at the differences in quotes for (hopefully) identical goods or services.

Council has authorized spending up to \$16,550 "to engage the services of De Curtis Engineering Limited to develop conceptual designs of the Millhaven and Stella ferry terminals for end loading operations and the concept to be advanced to the point of preparing budget estimates"

This is a pretty exciting event. I suspect that many Islanders have mixed feelings about end-loading docks. On the one hand it would make travel much easier and on the other hand it would make travel much easier. I vacillate between wanting better ferry service making it



easier to do business and to get back and forth to the mainland, and wanting poorer ferry service to discourage people moving here or touring. I think the technical term is cognitive dissonance.

Congratulations to those responsible for developing the 6-page flyer on the Amherst Island Ferry Service. The information appears factual and it is so nice to have facts presented in a way that most people can understand them before the public meeting is held. And congratulations to the elected officials for supporting the project.

\$20,000 is to be spent on ditching and 2 culverts on Art McGinn Road. The work is being done to reduce the amount of mud on the road in spring and fall.

Staff recommended to Council that up to \$2000 in labour and equipment be spent in helping to demolish the house at the north-east corner of the Stella cross-roads – where Doug Wilson lived. Once the house is demolished a sight triangle will be surveyed by the Township. This should considerably improve the safety of this corner.

The Cemetery Committee has raised over \$10,500 for the restoration of headstones, stone fencing and iron works for Pentland Cemetery.

BORN TO LIVE OR TO DIE?

- Zander of DUNN INN

I was struck by these words in the book by Jim Crace, “Being Dead”, and “Our births are just the gateway to our deaths. That’s why a baby screams when it is born.... They who begin to live begin to die. It’s downhill from the womb, from when the sperm locates the egg and latches on.”

It was a Doctor of Zoology who spoke those words. She was speaking as a scientist. In this scientific age in which we live she probably spoke for many of us whether we are scientists or not.

Life is exciting with its challenges and opportunities and relationships. Put me down as somebody who loves life and looks forward to more life.

Those words struck me because they voice such a sad attitude to life: we are born to die. The character who made that statement seemed to know nothing about life.

True, we live a short time and some of us live fewer years than others, but we live and we find meaning in life. Many of us share love, joy, peace, purpose, accomplishment, to name only a few things.

And we live to live. We don’t live to die. We will die but in the meanwhile there is so much, there are so many others, to live for and with. Life is exciting with its challenges and opportunities and relationships. Put me down as somebody who loves life and looks forward to more life. I don’t look forward to death. I don’t long for death; I long for life, real life.

As a Christian, I believe my life has been inspired, enhanced and encouraged by my relationship with God. Other Christians would agree with me because we follow The ONE who said he came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. I am sure Jews and Muslims and adherents of other religions would say the same from their point of view or out of their experiences of God.

Now, there are some Christians who would have you believe that Jesus was born to die. Like The Apostles’ Creed, they skip from Jesus’ birth to his death and think or say nothing about Jesus’ life. That is terrible because Jesus lived out his faith in God; he preached his belief in God; he shared his relationship with God; he modeled his commitment to God while he lived among us.

Moreover Jesus left us with a vision of life beyond or after death. Jesus told us death is not the end of life. It may be the end of life here but he promised us life beyond the grave. We have no idea what that life will be like. But, because we believe God is the God of the living and not the dead, we believe God will be there to give us life, abundant life, life beyond our fondest imaginings.

Of course, I cannot prove that. But the scientist cannot disprove that either. It is a matter of faith. The professor of Zoology in Jim Crace’s book said she believed we are born to die and she based her belief upon what she observed. I believe we are born to live in love and I base my belief on what I’ve observed of life and death. Death can kill the body, but death cannot stop God’s love from going through “the valley of the shadow of death” with us to new life on the other side.

Every funeral should be a joyful celebration of the life of the deceased and a reminder to us all that death cannot have the last word. The last word belongs to God and the last word is life - new life.



PENTLAND CEMETERY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

- Judith Harrower

On Sunday, June 11th a Memorial and Celebration of Life Service was held in Pentland Cemetery. This service was to honour, remember and recognize what these early settlers contributed to Amherst Island. Despite the very cool (actually cold) afternoon, well over a hundred people came out.

On hand were Mr.G.George and Mr.L.Nuttall the two dowsers and they had a large scale map illustrating where the bodies are buried in Pentland, about 330. Also on hand was Mr.B.Hedges, the stone mason who has worked with the many volunteers on the restoration of the stone fences. Mr.J.Miller from Campbell's Monuments also was in attendance to explain how he will tackle each individual broken headstone.



*Reeve Clayton McEwen
speaks at Pentland Cemetery
Service Photo by Brian Little*

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

- Caroline Yull

I attended the Service of Remembrance on Sunday, June 11, at Pentland Cemetery, and was very impressed with all the work that went into the restoration and the ceremony itself. Thanks in huge bunches to all who worked so hard to make that a reality.

The long slog of the Women's Institute and friends to get fences restored, which I understand is to continue, has really paid off, with beautiful stone fences restored to their initial beauty and function. The dowsing of graves and other items, and creation of a directory to the cemetery is also a great addition to preserving memories. The general cleaning-up, repairs to broken monuments (also to continue) and the care and respect shown to our early settlers is evident everywhere, and much appreciated. This tiny fragment of land holds so much of the history of this Island! As Zander said in his homily, it's "the dash" that holds the story, and how sad that in many instances we have so little record of the dash (for those who weren't there, "the dash" refers to what is between the date of birth and the date of death on the headstones, and what it signifies.)

Three of the four major sponsors/donors were also present, The Women's Institute, with many members in attendance, who were recognized for their tremendous work on the stone fences and their financial support as well. The Davies Charitable Foundation, represented by Mrs.Elaine Davies and the community Foundation of Greater Kingston represented by their out-going President, Mrs.J.MacKenzie. These two foundations along with Lafarge Cement Co. have contributed funds enabling the restoration of the headstones to commence this year.

A huge thank you to all the ladies of the Island who made sandwiches or desserts; Candice Youell and Laurel Brady for keeping the plates filled. Servers were Muressa Fabian-Robinson, Fay MacArthur, Anna Robertson, Gavin Ashley, Daniel Little, and Ben Whitton. Thank you especially to Jeff McDonald who by himself directed cars off the road and into Mr.N.Chippendales' property. St.Alban's Women's group, the Recreation Committee and the Road crew also pitched in with the loan of the new coffee urn, tables and 100 chairs and the preparation of the cemetery. THANK YOU ALL for the great community effort.

Over a \$1,000 was raised which will go directly towards repairing the headstones and if you would like to contribute either to a specific headstone or generally, you will receive a tax donation from Loyalist Township for \$10 or over. Cheques may be made payable to Loyalist Township-Restoration of Pentland and left with either Bruce Caughey or Judith Harrower.

For more photos of the Pentland Remembrance Service see page 15.

The service itself was lovely, with a wonderful solo by Bev Harris, accompanied on the clarinet by a fabulous musician named Ron Gilbertson, who blew a fine accompaniment, and clearly would have loved to let loose with his little jazzy interpretations, had it been appropriate for the day. Maybe we should encourage him to move to Amherst Island! We all sang Amazing Grace, always satisfying, and there were nice words from Bruce Caughey and the Reeve and some presentations to grantors, and all in all it was nice (and blessedly short, given the chilly little wind that was blowing up my skirt!)

All followed, in Island style, by trays of sandwiches and desserts borne around by lovely young children (I admit my bias, as one was mine). People visited, walked the grounds, looked at markers, talked to the dowsers, admired the work on the fences and generally had a nice time, and then went home. A perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon, and probably a hurried and worried way for the organisers to spend the week. Thanks to them all, who I won't try to name, so that I can't accidentally leave one out. Well done!

PIECE OF MIND

- Deb Kimmett

(Excerpted from her book *Reality is Over-Rated*)

People from the mainland come up to me and say “oh you must be so peaceful on your island. Isn’t it peaceful over there on your island?”

However peace is what’s going on between your ears.

Just because one is living on an island, doesn’t mean one is peaceful. One has to race for the boat. One has to dodge deer. No, nature is not like Muzak on an elevator. It’s loud. Note the squawking birds that wake up at four in the morning. Why is it only the loud ones get up early and stand outside my window?

Nature is no peaceful matter, as my experience today will attest.

Today I was attacked by a pack of marauding cows.

Whoa! Back up that train city slicker.

I know what the farmers are thinking. This urban cowgirl goes to a few beef dinners, buys a couple of bovine paintings at the Lodge and now she’s trying to pass herself as an expert on cattle.

To my defense I’m not pure city. I lived in Toronto but I grew up in Napanee. Think of me as half and half. I grew up on a farm. Okay, not exactly grew up on one. I visited one, weekly...in the summer if my asthma wasn’t acting up.

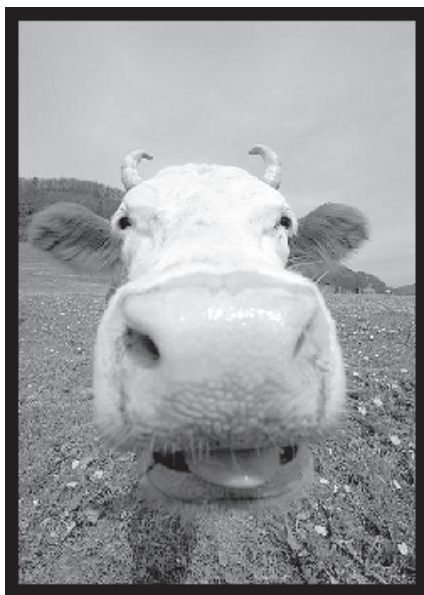
Both sets of grandparents were farmers and one of my grandfathers was a cattleman. I mention this the way I mention to people my sister is a doctor. I feel it gives me authority to diagnose by proxy.

My point is I have watched cows for a lifetime and while some see these beasts of burden in the fields, and define it as part of bucolic landscape, I see all that chewing of cud as a sign of repressed hostility.

I went for my walk mid-afternoon on the South Shore. I don’t want to be specific but if you go up the Stella

Forty Foot, past a certain goat tied up to tree, drive by a newly roofed abode, that houses a long distance lake swimmer, and just past the barking dogs next to a big tree you’ll see on any given day a black Saturn parked there. You will see me walking, and I look like I’m talking to myself. Well I am. I find myself fascinating so don’t stop to chat.

I have a ritual. I let my dog Rascal off the leash and we both do our business. Her business is to chase cars and roll in anything that is rotting on the shore. My business is to wait



for the muse and then yell at her across the sound of the wind: “Get back here you IDIOT.”

Most days, I walk to the end where there is a curve in the road but where I would usually turn right today I turned left.

I maneuvered my creaky bones with ease under the electric fence however the real shock came when I looked up and saw a herd of cows staring at me.

I was pleasant enough, said a hello and walked by them whistling. Then I heard the pitter patter of many hooves. They were tailing me. I walked faster. They walked faster. I slowed down. They slowed down. I edged toward the beach, closer to the beach, hoping that if I didn’t make eye

contact I didn’t exist-however maybe that only works with black bears. Or is it Grizzlies? Suddenly one cow ran toward me and stopped dead in its tracks. This was obviously the ringleader; let’s call her Bossy. The bovine body language said you’re on heifer turf now. She started running toward me backing me into the lake and as I slipped on a rock, soaking my new shoes, Jimmy Reid’s face flashed before my eyes.

Jimmy Reid has on more than one occasion, witnessed me practicing my lines to my show on the verandah. From his vantage point I looked like I was putting on a performance for his cows and this was a great source of amusement for him.

As I struggled for balance I could hear him in my head. “You don’t want to die this way, Deb. As a farmer, it would be tragic but for you, it would make you a laughing stock. Can you see the headlines? ‘Comedienne gored to death by angry heifer.’ Get up. Be an Islander.”

So I stood up and with all the energy I could muster, I yelled what I heard my Grandfather yell at his animals so many times before.

SOOEEY SOOOOEY.

I guess Bossy understood Pig Latin, because she retreated, sauntered back to the rest of herd and began chewing cud acting as if nothing had happened.

As I got back to the Saturn, a car slowed down. Inside it were people with Tilley Hats and Binoculars, asking if I knew where the owls were. It is mid day in mid- June. I sighed and then pointed toward the field and said: “if you shimmy under the electric fence you might find one there.”

There might be a shortage of peace in my mind, but never a shortage of entertainment.

(The editors want you to know that although the writer is mentioning South Shore cattle she in no way is racial profiling. We at The Beacon feel all cows are born equal. And sheep are just a little more equal.)

JULY SKIES

- Alan Kidd

Summer has come around once again – along with those twin curses for stargazers: short nights and mosquitoes.

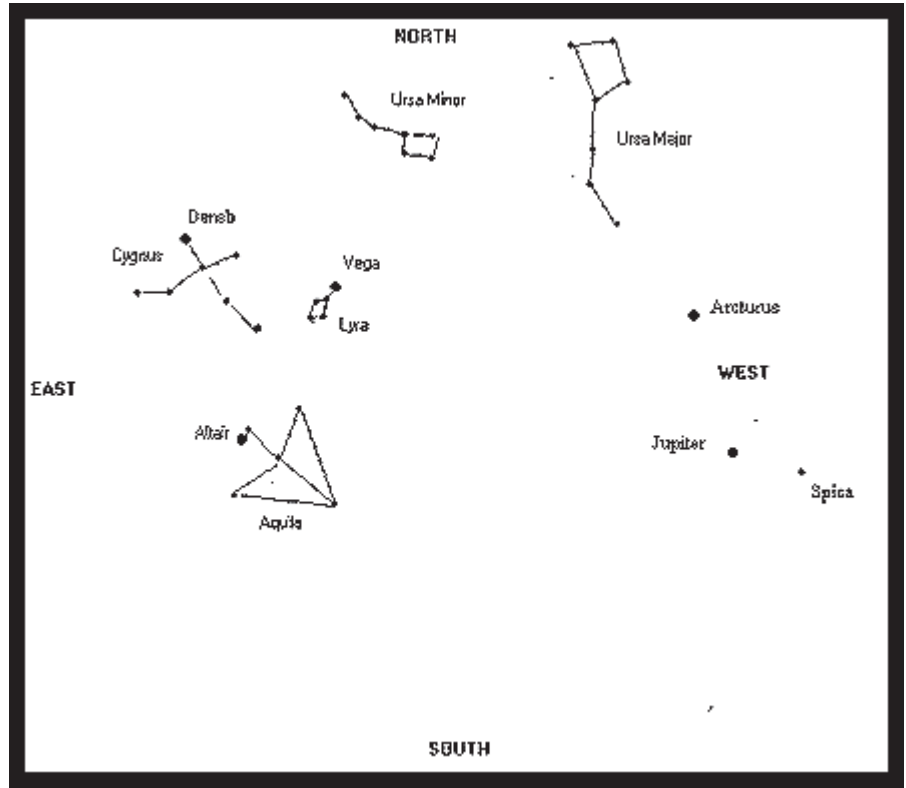
The brightest star in the summer skies is Vega in the constellation Lyra (the Lyre). This constellation is almost directly overhead at midnight during July. The other stars in the constellation are considerably dimmer than Vega, but you can usually make out a sort of kite shape with about four other 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.

Two other stars, Deneb and Altair, along with Vega, make up the “summer triangle of bright stars high in the summer sky”. Deneb is the brightest star in the Northern Cross, officially known as Cygnus. Altair is in the constellation of Aquila, the Eagle.

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.

Saturn will disappear from the evening sky this month, but Mars can still be seen low in the west at dusk. On July 22nd the stars Regulus and Mars are very close, only about 2/3 of a degree apart. However, spotting these two will be difficult since they are so close to the horizon and binoculars will probably be required.

Jupiter dominates the evening sky, shining low in the southwest throughout the night. Venus is visible in the dawn’s early light, and this time of



the year that is early indeed. At dawn on July 22nd the waning crescent moon will make a pretty sight along with Venus in the northeast sky. A couple of days before that, at dawn on July 20th, the crescent Moon will occult (or

pass in front of) the Pleiades.

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



Peter Large, SCA

Happy Canada Day!!!



Note: Due to the large number of people in many of these photos, we were unable to list everyone by name.





All images of Canada Day Parade and Festivities captured by Dave Youell



CJAI COMMUNITY RADIO

-Terry Culbert, CJAI Station Manager

Over the past two months, my travels have taken me to London, Lucan, Campbellford, Lindsay and the Ottawa Valley, where I was either signing or reading from my latest book, "Lucan, Home of the Donnellys". In May, while visiting Campbellford, I learned of a community radio station that has been broadcasting for over two decades. CKOL 93.7 FM, the same frequency as ours, is a 500-watt station, broadcasting from an old bungalow on Raglan Street. The Station Manager and driving force behind the venture is a retired Toronto radio engineer by the name of Dave Lockwood. CKOL in Campbellford can also be heard in Keene, Madoc, Brighton, Marmora, Havelock, Hastings and Norwood.

A few months ago, Ian Murray, sheep farmer and publisher of "The Amherst Island Beacon", told me of a hippy-run radio station in the hill country of the Upper Ottawa Valley. In mid-June, I made time en route to Renfrew to visit Killaloe, population 700. CHCR, 102.9 FM and 104.5 FM is 'Homegrown Community Radio' broadcasting 24-hours a day from the second floor of a pharmacy store. With only 40-watts and two transmitters, it bounces throughout the rolling valley countryside serving Killaloe, Barry's Bay, Wilno, Eganville, Bonnechere, Round Lake Centre, Rockingham, Golden Lake, Kelly's Corner and points between and beyond. As I walked up a flight of outdoor stairs, on-air music blasted from a speaker in an outside smoking area. Station Manager-disc jockey Peter Benner was working in his office. Introducing myself, Peter

graciously gave me an 18-minute interview, aired recently on Amherst Island Public Radio. The radio station's goal is to eventually serve close to 3,000 square miles of the most isolated townships in the upper Bonnechere and Madawaska river valleys.

While in the Upper Ottawa Valley, I also visited the dairy farm of Michael John and Erica Rice, Kemptville Agriculture College classmates of 'Breakfast from the Barn' host Adam Miller. Michael John is a fifth generation valley farmer, milking 36 purebred Holsteins. Erica, mother of three, is a food science graduate, holding down four jobs off the farm. Out in the back forty, standing next to a tractor to block the wind, I interviewed the Rice family. "What was Adam Miller really like at college?" They had nothing but praise for their 34-year old fellow dairy farmer-friend. For some unknown reason though, almost everyone had trouble remembering Adam's first name and he was called and known throughout his college years as 'Waldo'. They had many fond memories and make a point to spend a weekend each summer at the Miller farm.

Back home on Amherst Island, 93.7 FM is humming along as it begins month four of its existence. Operations Manager and CEO Tom Richmond is busy selling memberships, yearly renewals and T-shirts at the Island Market. Peter Large and Margaret Maloney ran a successful "Name the Group of Seven Contest" to coincide with the Toronto Arts and Letters Club visit to Amherst Island. The artists could be seen along



Station Manager Dave Lockwood of CKOL 93.7 FM in Campbellford.



Peter Benner is the Station Manager-disc jockey of CHCR 'Homegrown Community Radio' in Killaloe in the Upper Ottawa Valley.

IS NOT ALONE



The Rice Family of Douglas in Upper Ottawa Valley and good friends of CJAI's Adam Miller

our shorelines and in Stella busy painting and sketching. The winner of a Group of Seven book was announced on June 17th during Peter Trueman's show, 'Saturday Morning - Wednesday Noon'. Brandon Reid won a Group of Seven book with an additional copy presented to the Amherst Island Public School library.

Mr. Trueman's guest that same morning was Ellie Stuart, Canada's first female disc jockey. In 1963, Ellie taught herself how to operate a McCurdy audio board, picked her own music and went on the air from 10 pm until 2 am the next morning. Calling her show: 'Night Sounds with Ellen', she broadcast six days a week from the CFOR studios in Orillia, Ontario.

'Breakfast from the Barn' - the Friday edition, starring Brian Little and Terry Culbert is broadcasted live from the milk house radio station each Friday from 6 am to 9 am. During the 3-hour show, they chat, sing birthday greetings to fellow Islanders and play their favourite music. To their great delight, their fan-base has even started baking for them. It all started the morning of June 9th when Dorothy McGinn showed up shortly after 6am with half a dozen freshly baked muffins. The boys devoured four and offered the remaining two to any Islander who showed up at the radio station. The following week, Ross Haines arrived at the studio with hot



Canada's first female disc-jockey Ellie Stuart was a guest on Peter Trueman's show.

raspberry scones, he had baked single-handedly. Obviously, a precedent had been set. The next Friday, the following took place: 05:40am, Dorothy McGinn flags down Terry as he passes her Second Concession home, handing him six 'Sunny morning' lemon-blueberry muffins. At the same time, as Brian was departing house, his sister Robin, visiting from Montreal, gave him two bags containing homemade oatmeal raisin and chocolate chip cookies. Just before airtime, Elly Gowan, landlady at the radio station brought in a tin full of oatmeal marmalade muffins. Within an hour, Janet Scott appeared in the studio with a plateful of sourdough cinnamon rolls. At 7:30 am, Saskia arrived carrying cranberry-orange tea biscuits with butter and rum flavoured kiwi-dacorie jam. The two svelte hosts can hardly wait for their next Friday show.

British author Frances Hodgson Burnett's "The Secret Garden" started June 27th. CJAI will play all thirty episodes daily at 6:30pm.

Two new live shows began in June. Dan Wolfrey's father Ellis drives down from Sydenham to play bluegrass and country every Wednesday between 2 and 4pm and Dave Youell spins new country Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4pm.

Neil Johnston, regretfully, has resigned from CJAI's Board of Directors. Neil has found that selling radio time, memberships and working on special events conflict with his duties at the Victoria Hall Tea Room. Thank you for everything you have done Neil and you will be missed.

All photos by Terry Culbert

More from CJAI



Above: Terry Culbert with some of the marvelous vittles brought in to CJAI.



Left: Brian Little poses with more delicious treats delivered by Islanders to CJAI.



CJAI Program schedule for July

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thurs	Friday	Saturday
6 am	Classical	Breakfast	from the	Barn with	Adam	Brian &	Canadian
7	"	"	"	"	"	Terry's	Content
8	"	"	"	"	"	Fridays from the Barn	Weekends
9	Can Jazz	Canadian	Only	Folk	Mellow	Mornings	6am-6pm
10	Can Folk	"	"	"	"	"	SAT AM
11	BEST of the Barn	Jazz	From	Jim's	Fault	Show!	SHOW
12 Noon	OldTime Radio show	"	"	SAT AM show	"	"	Canadian
1pm	Can Jazz	Book/ OTR	Book/ OTR	(repeat)	Book/ OTR	Book/ OTR	Content
2	Can Folk	Bluegrass	Dave's Country & Bluegrass	Ellis' live Bluegrass show	Dave's Country & Bluegrass	Bluegrass	Weekends
3	Can Folk & Mellow	CELTC	"	Ellis' live Bluegrass show	"	CELTC	6am-6pm
4	"	Canadian	and	International	Folk;	Mellow	"
5	Live	"	"	"	"	"	Live
6	Concert (Repeat)	6:30 Book reading	6:30 Book reading	6:30 Book reading	6:30 Book reading	6:30 Book reading	Concert
7	Show	BEST of the Barn	BEST of the Barn	BEST of the Barn	BEST of the Barn	CATS	Show
8	Chill	Uncle	Barrys	Blues	Show	SHOW	Uncle barrys Blues Show
9	Show	"	"	CATS	"	"	"
10	"	Canadian Post Modern Nites	Canadian Post Modern Nites	SHOW	Canadian Post Modern Nites	Kyle Show	Kyle Show
11	Canadian Post-Modern Nites	"	"	(repeat)	"	"	"
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to 5:30 am	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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WHERE ALL THE BOYS HAVE GONE - DALA AT THE LODGE

-Kitsy McMullen

Early in June we were treated to a summer preview in the form of song played often on CJAI. The song is called "Where Have All the Boys Gone?" It starts with the statement: "It's poker night. We weren't invited." It's a fun song with delightfully dreadful card puns throughout its jaunty melody. The duo Dala wrote and performed the song and the intense coverage was due to their imminent live performance at The Lodge.

The music was great, the melodies catchy, the voices resplendent in their bright harmonies. Sheila Carabine and Amanda Walther smiled and gleamed as the audience applauded and enjoyed the show.

But then the young ladies tried some amusing onstage banter and things got strange. The temptation is to say "the girls" rather than "the young ladies" because the two were amazingly silly, naïve, and limited in their experiences—to be polite.

It's weird that people from Toronto could be so blithely ignorant about what's going on in the world—how they addressed the war in Iraq, for instance. But they are actually from a part of the Greater Toronto Metropolitan Area which, I am told, adequately explains their type of autism—Scarborough's Syndrome.

Dala sang some neat little medleys, combining Buffalo Springfield's "For What It's Worth" with the Stones' "You Can't Always Get What You Want" and working from a Billie Holiday classic (that I cannot remember the name of right now) into "Hit The Road, Jack". They did a

great cover of "California Dreamin'". But do they know anything about the context of those songs? Does a performer have to appreciate the provenance of their material? I always thought so...

Then they told us that they only know about things if they were parodied on "The Simpsons" (explaining the war reference?). They sang a song about the high point of their lives at age 11. Enduring Amanda's gosh alright giggling and Sheila's stream of consciousness between songs—as well as their cloying mutual admiration—suddenly it all became clear!

They weren't invited to the poker game because they are giggly and babbly people—not because they are female! All the boys just want to get away from the bubbly 11-year old Simpsons jokes and play some low-key cards. Hmmm. Deal me in.

PENTLAND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



Muressa Fabian acting as hostess.



Above: Bev Harris with Accompaniast, Right: Peggie Coulter and Stanley Burke



Bruce Caughey



Candace Youell



Peter Large takes the opportunity to do some sketches.

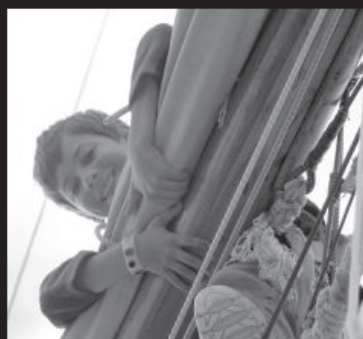
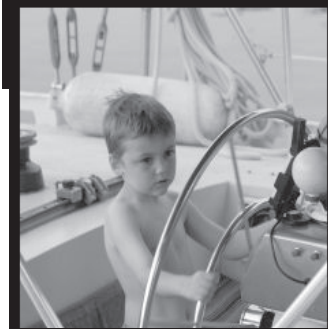
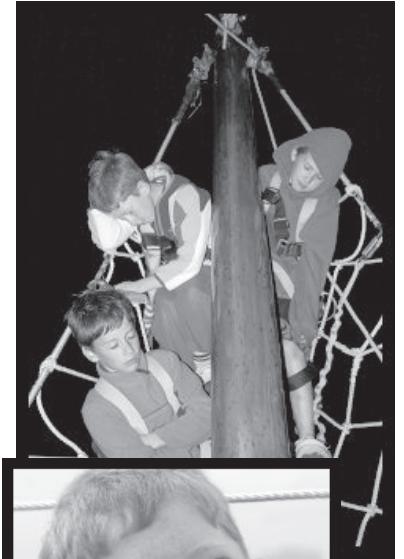


John Schram

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Year End School Trip Aboard the St. Lawrence II (Senior Class)



Primary Class Trip to Upper Canada Village



Peggie Coulter Shares her Art with AIPS



FORTY-SECOND COUSINS

- Joyce Brown

In last month's Beacon, I told the story of Jan Barentse Wemple, the original Wemp immigrant to North America. His death in 1663 in Schenectady, New York, at the young age of forty-three, left his wife Maritie Myndertse Wemple, to carry on the story of this interesting Island family.

The following accounts of her life were found on "USGenealogy.net", excerpted from records (1885-1913) of William Barent Wemple and other sources. Maritie had become a widow at the age of thirty-nine. Her oldest child, Aeltie, was sixteen years old, and her youngest, Barent, was age seven. She and her five children were left moderately wealthy, with farms and the fertile Van Slyck/Wemp Island in the Mohawk River, a house and large property inside the Schenectady Stockade, other business and land assets and sufficient funds to support them in a fine manner.

From all accounts, Maritie appeared fully capable of handling her affairs. Records exist of business transactions she conducted, leases she allotted, money she loaned and goods bought and sold. However, only a year (1664) after Jan's death, Maritie re-married.

Her new husband, Sweer Teunissen Van Velsen was originally a hired hand of our ancestor, Jan Barentse Wemple. Van Velsen's stock rose considerably when he married his former employer's wife, Maritie. The laws of the day concerning inheritance and women's' property rights are interesting.

"On June 12, 1664, as she was about to marry Van Velsen, and before the ceremony was performed, they entered into an agreement with the guardians of the children brought forth between herself and Wemp, concerning the settlement upon them of a portion of their father's estate. On the same day, Maritie and Sweer Theunissen made a pre-nuptial agreement in regards to the contemplated marriage. Stipulations include the conditions that, in the event of the mother's death, the children shall receive \$640.00 from her estate in addition to the portions settled upon them from their father's property."

Maritie tried to make sure her children with Jan Barentse Wemple would be well provided for. However, upon her marriage to Van Velsen, and according to law, her

property and assets passed into his hands. All of the Wemp property was confirmed to the new husband, and he proceeded to sell most of it. In 1682, Van Velsen was sued by the guardians of the Wemp children for an accounting of this property. The guardians won their case; Van Velsen lost his appeal, and the children's inheritance seemed secure.

Nothing else is known of Maritie's married life. Van Velsen appeared to prosper; there were no more children born and we might assume her life was comfortable behind the stockade that was the town of Schenectady. All came to a tragic end on the night of February 8, 1690.

On this day occurred what has become known as The Schenectady Massacre. In "Tales of Old Schenectady" by Larry Hart, accounts of this event are as follows. Count Frontenac, governor to Canada, had been instructed by French King Louis XIV to "build a new Empire in America". The British were attempting to do so as well. British and French troops and their Indian allies were conducting raids on settlements in the northern states and across the border into Canada.

In the middle of January, 1690, 114 French soldiers and 96 Sault and Algonquin Indians left Montreal to attack outposts to the south. The night of February 8, 1690, in the midst of a blizzard, they attacked the unguarded stockade of Schenectady. The townspeople were awakened to the cries of the warriors, and found their homes ablaze. Stumbling into the streets, they were shot or tomahawked and while it was reported many lost their scalps, this may have been an exaggeration. Sixty people were killed, including ten women and twelve children. Forty houses were burned and twenty-two barns filled with cattle destroyed.

Maritie Wemple and her husband, Van Velsen, were shot and burned in their home, along with four black slaves of their household. Her son, Myndert Wemp was murdered, but his wife and children survived.

Robert Livingston, an Englishman writing in his journal in 1689/90, gave many more bloody details, including the dashing of babies' brains against the wall, and seeing residents fleeing into the woods, nearly naked and ultimately freezing to death. It is in his accounts that we read of scalping. His views were

perhaps biased? Atrocities were committed on both sides. Of those who were captured, Livingston wrote that the old, the very young and the women were released by God's grace. The young men of the village were forced to march to Montreal. One of these was John Wemp, a grandson of Maritie and Jan Barentse Wemple. A year or two later, he escaped and made his way back home.

The surviving heirs of Jan Barentse and Maritie Wemp were once more embroiled in a dispute over Jan's property. Left to inherit were the wife and children of Myndert (killed in the massacre), a daughter, Antie, and a son, Barent Janse Wemp (ancestor of our Barnabas Wemp). Van Velsen had left a portion of his estate to the Nether Dutch Reformed Church. The will was destroyed during the massacre, so their claim could not be proven. The Wemp heirs, however, agreed to generously give a portion of their property to the church. Land ownership played a huge role in the story of the early Wemp family, acquiring it, stewardship of it, and ultimately, keeping or losing it.

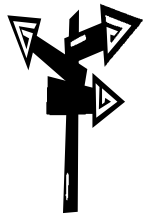
The Wemp family remained in this devastated village that took many decades to be rejuvenated. Several generations later, the American Revolution forced Barnabas Wemp to leave his home in New York state and flee to Canada with other Loyalists, leaving family ties and his land behind...another story.

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

The only line of home care products – dishwashing, shampoo etc. – that Sally's damaged nerve system has been able to tolerate is "Nature Clean". These are now available at the Melon Patch in Bath.

The forage growth in our fields is as good as I've ever seen. There has been enough moisture and heat to produce a good mix of grass and legumes and a few weeds for spice. The problems making hay with almost daily rains in late June and early July is balanced by the great pasture that the grazing animals are enjoying.



KFN Press Release of June 4

The Kingston Field Naturalists (KFN) continues its efforts to steward its 200-acre private nature reserve on Amherst Island. In 1986, the KFN had the foresight to purchase and protect the lakeside property, part of a globally significant Important Bird Area. The nature reserve is an important stopover for thousands of migrating shorebirds and waterfowl, as well as breeding habitat to many grassland and wetland-dependent species like the regionally rare Wilson's Phalarope. Projects

underway for 2006 include an expansion of the Purple Martin nesting structures from two to six colonies, improvements to the solar-powered cattle watering system and the rebuilding of some boundary fencing.

Purple Martins, a declining species, have nested for nearly 20 years in two wooden boxes at the south end of the reserve. Club members replaced the weather-beaten boxes with new ones in 2005. With the addition of four aluminum boxes in the middle and north of the property, martins are now able to expand and colonize those parts of the reserve and the habitat found there. On 28 May 2006, use of the boxes by martins at both the original site and at the northern site was confirmed, indicating the success of this project.

The nature reserve protects several habitat types, including grassland,

wetland with mud flats, an isolated gravel spit, rocky shoreline and Great Lakes coastal marsh. Over 200 species of birds are documented for the reserve. The grassland habitat is maintained through cattle grazing, which also provides a rental income to help with nature reserve expenses. Cattle must be fenced out of the lake and wetlands, so water is provided to them from a well and pumped by solar power. The watering system on this remote site needs monitoring and must



be made as reliable as possible. Improvements to this system will include a concrete water storage trough and an alarm system that will notify the KFN by cell phone of any system failure.

The Club recently received generous funding and support for these projects and would like to thank the organizations and businesses participating in the improvement efforts. The Kingston Field Naturalists gratefully acknowledges the grant of \$700 for the bird boxes from TD-Canada Trust Friends of the Environment Foundation and the grant of \$3000 for the water system improvements from the Community Foundation of Greater Kingston. Further support in terms of materials is anticipated or has been received from Renewable Energy of Plum Hollow, Anchor Concrete and the Lennox and Addington Stewardship Council.

The Kingston Field Naturalists, a nature club established in 1949, is a non-profit charitable organization with the objectives of understanding, recording and preserving nature through nature observation, education and the stimulation of public interest in natural history. The Club also owns and manages nature reserves in the Kingston area.

For more information about The Kingston Field Naturalists, visit "www.kingstonfieldnaturalists.org".

For more information about this news release contact Chris Grooms, Vice President, Kingston Field Naturalists, at 613-386-7969, cgrooms@kingston.net.

BOOK REVIEW

- Hugh Jenney

"Collapse (How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed)" by Jared Diamond, author of "Guns, Germs and Steel".

My rocket scientist son-in-law to be (I hope) gave me this book for Christmas. I just finished it. Very heavy reading in more ways than one. Took me six months to finish.

I am glad to have read it. Great detail about the Greenland Norse people who did not eat fish because their king got sick eating a fish. Overgrazing, failure to adapt Inuit ways (they killed them instead of learning from them) and a mini ice age in the 400's killed them off. But the rich starved last.

Warring factions in all the other societies he documents destroyed their environments and thus themselves.

His hope is that having written this great book our smart, internet-connected world will learn from these mistakes. For anybody who has studied psychology this is more faith than fact. We are not rational beings. Our instincts (band together and reproduce at any cost) saved our lives in the past. Unfortunately these same instincts are now leading us to extinction ie overpopulation.

ARTISTS' VISIT

- Terry Culbert

On the weekend of June 9th through 11th, artists from the Arts & Letters of Toronto set up their easels and painted landscapes all across Amherst Island. The weekend, hosted by Peter Large and Margaret Maloney saw the likes of Toronto professional artists Andrew Sookrah, John Joy and Gwen Jones capturing 'the gem of Lake Ontario' with acrylics and watercolour. This was the second visit for the Arts & Letters Club.



Top: John Joy, Middle: Andrew Sookrah, Below: Gwen Jones. Photos by Terry Culbert



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NOTICES

WATERSIDE SUMMERSERIES

All concerts at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Tuesday July 25 @ 7.15pm

On Wings of Song Tickets \$30
Russell Braun baritone
Norine Burgess mezzo-soprano
Carolyn Maule piano

Thursday August 3 @ 7.15pm

The Celtic Spirit Tickets \$18
Mark Haines fiddle, guitar and voice
Tom Leighton accordion, bodhran,
keyboards and voice

Wednesday August 9 @ 7.15pm

The Gryphon Trio Tickets \$18
Annalee
Patipatanakoon violin
Jamie Parker piano
Roman Borys cello

Ticket Information. To reserve tickets, payment by cheque must be received in advance. They go on sale May 1, and may be ordered by telephone at 613-384-2153, or by mail at Waterside, RR#1 Stella ON K0H 2S0. 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 may be purchased at the door.

BACK KITCHEN NEWS

It is with great sadness that we must let you all know that The Back Kitchen will not be opening for the Summer, 2006 season. We had hoped to be open for at least a short time, but those hopes have fallen by the wayside. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our customers, and we look forward to Summer, 2007!

Sincerely, Susan Toumey and The Back Kitchen Staff.

ST. PAUL'S GARDEN PARTY FLEA MARKET DONATIONS

St. Paul's Garden Party is once again looking for flea market items for donation. So please think of us when spring cleaning or clearing out all of those wonderful treasures! Any and all items welcome - please drop off at the Whitton front porch in the village or call 384-5027 for pick up.

If you're interested in wholesale prices of fall bulbs for spring blooming, give Jackie Sylvester a call at 613-389-1320. She has catalogues and price lists and will be co-ordinating a wholesale priced order for fall delivery to the Island. These are better prices than you'll get on the mainland and the bulb selection is quite extensive.

RAFFLE

The Loyalist Township Cemetery Committee and the Directors of the Neilson Store Museum are holding a raffle for 2 airline tickets good for anywhere in Canada or mainland United States - some restrictions apply.

The tickets are \$20 each and are available at: the Amherst Island General Store; the Victoria Tea Room; and, the Weasel and Easel Gift Shop. Tickets may also be obtained from: Alan Kidd, 389-4334; Judith Harrower, 384-0435; Bruce Burnett; and Bruce Caughey.

The draw will be held on September 23 during the St. Alban's annual Turkey Dinner.

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Brown Leather Recliner \$25.00
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CALL Nancy or Paul 384-0799

CORRECTION

In the June issue of the Beacon the "Doors of Amherst Island" poster was listed for \$16.00, which is incorrect. The price is \$20.00 an increase due to a rise in printing costs and the PST being now added on to the printing costs.

DOORS OF AMHERST ISLAND

The Doors of Amherst Island posters available at the Amherst Island General Store, and Weasel and Easel.

All proceeds go to the restoration of Pentland Cemetery and the Stone Fences on the Island.

Cost is \$20.00, no GST or PST.

Great gifts!

If you would like a poster they are available at the General Store, The Lodge and from Judith Harrower 384-0435.

Also available are Amherst Island brochures, which describe points of interest and historical locations on the Island. Cost is \$2.00, proceeds go to the restoration of Pentland Cemetery.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

Wed 11-2; Sat 10-noon; Sun 2-4.

FERRY OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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WI ISLAND SIGHTS 2006

CALENDAR

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Amherst Island Women's Institute.

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I am collecting the following for the Napanee S.P.C.A. Any kind of used stamps. A&P tapes, Canadian Tire Money. Used towels, etc, and cleaning supplies. Cat and dog food.

Knitted squares & material placemats. (The latter provide comfort to cats and dogs in cages.) The "Cat's Meow" thrift store is always grateful for used clean clothing and paperback books.

Any of the above may be left in my porch or call me regarding any other items. The animals really do need our help. Freda 384-4135

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