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THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, editor

I am seriously considering making the Beacon available only by subscription: paper or e-mail. I have become increasingly discouraged by having to

guess how many Beacons to put in the General Store or in the red box. It is disheartening to find up to 20 Beacons left when a new issue is out.

This will likely take place in the New Year unless I get some persuasive arguments to continue the present arrangement of putting non-subscription Beacons in the Store, Stella Café and red box in the hope that most of them will sell.

A householder mail will be sent out if it is decided to go the all-subscription route.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Some belated get well wishes, as I missed last month's deadline!

Hoping all are feeling "up to snuff" now - Jean Tugwell, Lianne Bush, Nancy Dunn, Ross Haines, Dylan Mayman, Gary McDonald, Father Don Bailey, Sandra Reid, and Kay Wolfreys.

Belated condolences also to Bev Harris

and family following the passing of her husband Bill.

Our sympathy to Helen & Doug Lamb on the passing of Helen's brother.

Congratulations to Earle and Donna Willard on the birth of their newest grandson,



LOWEST WATER LEVEL SINCE 1964.

St. Lawrence River Board of Control reports that the Lake Ontario water level is 12-inches lower than last year during the month of October, the lowest it has been in 48-years. In this photograph, Beacon correspondent Terry Culbert stands on limestone where normally the water would be up to his knees.

Photo: Barb Hogenauer

Simon Earle. First son for their son Steven and his wife Diana. New baby brother for big sister Madeleine.

Congratulations to Leslie Gavlas on the birth of her first great grandson, Darren Francis, son of grandson Ray and his wife Carol. Up to this point Leslie only had 3 great granddaughters.

My mom, Kay Wolfreys, headed back home to Orlando in mid-September as the temperatures here started to drop, followed soon after by Joe and Doris Crackle, who

spend the summers with Barb Filson. They have headed back to their home in south east Florida.

Island snow birds are starting to make plans for their winter escapes to warmer climes as well.

The 9th annual Harvest Festival was held on a perfect fall afternoon at Reidview Farms. Lots of livestock exhibits and machinery to look at, as well as exhibitors under the tents, horse drawn wagon rides, great music (the Islanders), food and the popular bale rolling, cross cut saw and nail driving competitions!

St. Alban's Church held another successful Turkey Supper in October.

Congratulations to the students at Amherst Island Public School, who raised \$2075.25 for the Terry Fox Foundation, through pledges raised for the annual Terry Fox School Run, held in late September.

A.I. Emergency Services Association hosted the annual Masquerade again this year, where young and old(er) enjoyed some very interesting costumes, games and refreshments.

Fall is settling in and the leaves that were still on the trees, were beautiful this fall and seemed to last a little longer with minimal wind and rain. With the low water levels in the Great Lakes (Lake Ontario is apparently at a 48 year low), there is exposed shoreline I have never seen before.

The sheep are cleaning off far flung pastures around the Island before heading closer to home for the winter and the cattle are being shipped off Island from the Quinte pasture. The last couple of days of October has seen temperatures in the low 20's - but it will end

quickly as the next week forecast is for wind, rain and much cooler temperatures. Daylight savings time ends on November 4th, don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Liz Harrison

The regular meeting of A.I.W.I. is a week later than usual this month because of a conflict with the Kingston Area annual meeting so in order to meet the Beacon submission date I thought I would write a paragraph or two about the Kingston AGM which I attended with Leslie Gavlas and Claire Jenney last Wednesday (August 17).

Sunshine and fall colours made for a pleasant drive to Sandhill Presbyterian Church where the AGM took place. Fifty-six representatives from W.I. branches in the Kingston Area received a warm welcome from Kingston Councillor Jeff Scott and Rev. Marian Maynard before getting down to business.

Elsie Stephenson, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, was the Guest Speaker and spoke of concerns about declining membership in the organization. Seven branches have closed in Central Area during the past year. There are currently 344 branches in Ontario with a total membership of 4600. The number of members is declining by 500 a year so introducing new women to the organization is one of our priorities.

On a happier note, Elsie teamed up with Area Chair,

Jane Adamson to present this year's 4H Scholarship to the parents of recipient Jordan Whalen who is currently studying Fitness and Nutrition at Algonquin College. Terry and Becky were justifiably proud of Jordan's achievements and clearly moved by this recognition. On the subject of awards, our very own Norma-Lynn Cole was awarded a certificate and FWIO pin in recognition of her outstanding achievement recruiting new members. I was honoured to receive the certificate on Norma-Lynn's behalf. Just before breaking for a delicious lunch prepared by members of Sandhill church, W.I. Members from the Lennox and Addington District led us in a thoughtful



Happy New Year

AMHERST ISLAND MENS SOCIETY
Presents
NEW YEARS EVE
Monday, December 31, 2012
6:00 PM—Next Year
A. I. Community Centre
\$35.00 / Person

For tickets call Victoria Cuyler at
613-634-0628

memorial service for deceased members.

After lunch the Sandhill Trio treated us to cheery, foot-tapping entertainment which helped us tackle the business of finding officers and other such duties that are part of all AGMs. In keeping with the W.I. aim of sharing information and education we learned that 2012 is the International Year of Co-operatives. The United Nations recognizes “the contribution of co-operatives to socio-economic development particularly their impact on poverty reduction, employment generation and social integration.” It was noted that membership in Co-operative businesses has grown to 1 billion people across 96 countries. A table of Gay Lea dairy products was on display as this company is in fact a co-operative. With the theme of “Co-operative Enterprises Build a Better World,” growth and establishment of co-operatives will be encouraged worldwide. Success is not only defined as profitability but as the improved wellbeing of the members and the communities where they live. The following ten key messages will be emphasized during the year.

Co-operative enterprises build a better world.

Co-operative enterprises are member owned, serving and driven.

Co-operatives empower people

Co-operatives improve livelihoods and strengthen the economy.

Co-operatives enable sustainable development

Co-operatives promote rural development

Co-operatives balance both social and economic demands

Co-operatives promote democratic principles

Co-operatives and gender: a pathway out of poverty

Co-operatives: a sustainable business model for youth

Much of in the information that we received about Co-operatives was new to me. I remember Judy Bierma talking to us about a blind community in the Bahamas last month and the numerous interesting speakers who have shared their knowledge and skills with A.I.W.I at our monthly meetings as well as with Island residents through our R.O.S.E. programmes

(R.O.S.E. standing for Rural Ontario Sharing Education).

At our October meeting, intrepid traveller and A.I.W.I. member Sharen English will tell us all about the Camino Way. Yet more consciousness-raising and education and all thanks to the W.I!

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

“What a Beautiful Day!”

Last October 24th I was so very fortunate as to join my Birding Buddies for a visit to the famous Amherst Island Owl Woods. I did not have to fly from Australia or travel in a bus from Pennsylvania or even catch a

ferry from the mainland. I did not, as many birders do, spend a lot of money or time in order to get here. I LIVE HERE! How fortunate I am to have been blessed with a safe haven on Amherst Island, I had no need to migrate.

We four friends with the help of the internet just decide where and when to meet and can then enjoy the natural world waiting for us, After being fortified with a cup of coffee or tea we “Fearless Four” headed out on our weekly jaunt.

Having become too accustomed now, to

turning left at the Third and Stella Forty Foot, I automatically swung north at the Stop Sign. It was too nice a day for my three BACKSEAT DRIVERS to comment too much but I did get some ribbing from them. Turning the wrong way did allow us to check on the tattered Red-tailed Hawk that hangs out on the Stella Forty-Foot. We’ll never know what really happened to him but he looks like a tousled teen just getting out of bed. The feathers on his head go every which way and one on his shoulder sticks out at right angles but everyday he hangs out in that field and hesitates to fly when a car approaches. He is probably trying not to waste any energy as he attempts to recover from his trauma. He is a mature Red-tail because when he does fly he gives you a good look at his rich red-brown tail.



Photo by Judy Bierma

Janet Scott, Sharen English, and Bonnie Livingston on an outing in the Owl Woods

The juvenile does not have a red tail. We all hoped that he would continue to improve and with the next moult will probably look dapper again .

On our arrival at the Marshall Forty-foot we were thrilled when Sharen spotted a Merlin sitting right over the road entrance. Backing slowly we were able to position the car so that even our backseat birders could see this bird. He posed beautifully so that all could agree that he had yellow feet, buffy streaked breast, dark gray wings and head and barred tail. Merlins are just 1 inch larger than the American Kestrel and perch in the falcon pose watching for flocks of feeding birds to approach.

There is the faintest of eyebrows and a darkish streak below the eye but not as pronounced as the darker sideburns of the Kestrel and the darker tear line of the Peregrine Falcon. We spent a wonderful time observing him as he watched for birds.

It was now time to move south along the Marshall Forty-foot. There appeared to be a large number of flitting LBB's along the sides of the road. It took all four pairs of eyes to try and catch these little brown birds in one's view long enough to ID them. One or other of us would call out the name and using the clock method yell "Junco at two o'clock, Kinglet at 11". It was frantic fun for a while but I think we saw Mourning Doves, Song Sparrows, Dark-eyed Juncos, Tree Sparrows, White-throated Sparrows and both Kinglets, Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned. Watching all this bird activity caused us to focus only on the bushes along the road but fortunately Sharen spotted the larger bird that took off and so we added a Northern Harrier to our list.

We had not said the word "SEED" or mentioned the birdfeeders as we drove slowly south along that road but suddenly our impatient Black-capped Chickadees, unwilling to wait any longer, approached the windows of the car in anticipation, so we stopped and rolled down the windows and hand-fed Chickadees right from the car. Judy even took photos of Sharen feeding our little friends, right from the car window. Just remember we've seen all these great birds and we still haven't even stopped the car and parked yet!

We parked at the corner and started our walk along

the trail into the woods. We noted the new sign that reminds us all that the Owl Woods will be closed to the public during the period, Nov. 19th to December 9th for hunting. Please be safe. Stepping out of the car and feeling the warm sunshine for such a late day in the year, one of us said, "What a beautiful Day!" We agreed. In the first grassy field Goldfinches bobbed and chuckled their ways from weed to weed. They hardly stayed still long enough to let us see them in the binoculars. Gone are the saucy black caps and ebony wings, gone is the bright yellow back and belly. Now our Goldfinch is drab gray yellow with two light bars on a dull black wing.

You would not think that it is the same bird at all. Some Goldfinches stay all winter and hang out at Niger seed feeders or eat the weed seeds showing above the snow. The migrating ones are leaving now hip hopping across the islands to head south to the Gulf of Mexico.

As we walked through the deciduous woods I said, "What a beautiful Day!", as I shuffled through myriads of coloured maple leaves and crunched through crisp Hickory leaves. It was a time of lost autumn memories, enriched with the smells of the Fall.

As we filled and replaced feeders, our Chickadee friends politely supervised and critiqued the results. No sooner had we replaced Doug Martin's feeder than the Downy, a male

as he sported a red patch, came right to that feeder to feed. The White-breasted Nuthatch preferred her older wooden cage feeder but everywhere else the Chickadees bounced and flitted with happy thank yous. By now the Blue Jays were telling the whole woods for miles around that there were strangers present.

As we sat in the warm sunshine sipping tea and enjoying the birds and the amusing antics of a friendly chipmunk on a barn board bench created by Stuart Miller who made these "Owl Woods" possible, we looked around and said "What a Beautiful Day!" A noisy cock Pheasant said Good-bye as we left with peace in our hearts and joy in our souls.

Enjoy the world around you.

Thank you Stuart.



Photo by Judy Bierma
Janet Scotts tends to the feeders while Sharen English looks on.

ALL ISLAND ARTISTS SHOW AT THE LODGE

By Terry Culbert

Saturday, October 6th, Thanksgiving Weekend, saw the opening of the All Island Artists Show at The Lodge on McDonalds Lane. Manager Victoria Cuyler, once again did a marvellous job of hanging the annual show. Amherst Island is very fortunate to have The Lodge owner Molly Stroyman open her door not only to this event, but to all the various attractions she offers to the community.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Viewers and conversationalists.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Attending the art show was
Cathy Sylvester of Sundridge
(near Huntsville), John Schram
and Elsie Willard.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Island artists Barb Hogenauer and Rosy Findlay.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Amherst Island's newest artist Keith Miller with his
first ever painting titled: Summer on Amherst
Island. Keith and the folks at The Lodge put the
painting up for 'silent auction' with all proceeds
(\$230) going to CJAI Island Radio.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Karen Fleming in The Lodge
kitchen producing her
scrumptious goodies.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From 24th Council Meeting - October 9th

“Moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Councillor Ibey that the Director of Planning and Development Services’ report, September 28, 2012 re: Proposed Wind Turbine Near Amherst Island Public School be received and that the following be adopted:

1. That Council express its concern to the Ministry of the Environment and Windlectric Inc. regarding the proposed location of a wind turbine (labelled S06) relative to Amherst Island Public School; and
2. That Council authorize staff to inform the Limestone District School Board of the location of the intended wind turbine relative to Amherst Island Public School; and
3. That staff be directed to obtain a third party opinion on the impact of noise in this location and that costs be covered by the terms of the indemnity agreement with Windlectric.

Motion carried.”

“Moved by Councillor Ibey and seconded by Councillor Ashley that the C.A.O.’s report, October 2, 2012 re: Windlectric/Algonquin Amherst Island Wind Project - Correspondence from Amherst Island Property Owners be received and that the following be adopted:

1. That Council receive the correspondence attached to this report and forward copies of the individual letters and the summary of the form letters to Windlectric/Algonquin Power, to the Minister of the Environment and to the Minister of Energy;
2. That an electronic message be posted on the Township website and forwarded to community associations for and against the wind project on Amherst Island thanking residents and property owners for providing input and advising that Council received and forwarded the correspondence to the proponent and the Ministers of Environment and Energy; and
3. That the information compiled in response to the delegation and enquiries from the Ernestown Wind Concern be included in the package to the above-noted Ministers.

Motion carried.”

From 25th Council Meeting -
October 22nd

The Township will hire an engineering consultant “to complete a number of activities [related to the wind turbine project] on behalf of the Township. Township Council and staff would maintain control over decision making based on recommendations from the consultant.”

Please refer to the Loyalist website for more details.

The wind turbine company will reimburse Loyalist for all monies paid to the engineering consultant.

Please refer to the Loyalist website for more details on the following: “An application for an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) was submitted to the MOE from Lafarge Canada. This pilot project to operate a Waste Disposal Site for a Low Carbon Fuel Demonstration would be based at Lafarge’s Portland cement manufacturing plant in Bath. If the application is approved, it will permit the use of end of life biomass such as asphalt shingles, torrefied biomass and construction and demolition waste that will be sorted, de-magged, shredded and grounded for use as fuel in a cement kiln.”

NEILSON STORE MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE

- Terry Culbert

The Annual General Meeting of the Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre was held on Monday evening, October 22nd. President John Schutzbach gave his museum address. The minutes from 2011’s AGM were read by outgoing secretary Liz Harrison and approved. Dayle Gowan’s treasurers report followed. A number of museum directors retired: Gord Miller, Leslie Gavlas, Keith Miller, Liz Harrison and Anne Adams. President Schutzbach thanked them for their hard work and years of service. Nominations were put forward and a new group of directors were elected for a

three year term. They are: Jim Gould, Bonnie Livingstone, Carol Glenn, Alison MacKeen, Joyce Brown and Anders Bennick. Continuing directors: John Schutzbach, Dayle Gowan, Bruce Burnett, Janet Scott, Terry Culbert, Allen Caughey and Beth Forester.



Photo by Terry Culbert

New museum board members are left to right: Carol Glenn, Alison MacKeen, Jim Gould, Joyce Brown and Bonnie Livingstone. Missing from picture is Anders Bennick.

HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE

All pictures by Brian Little



Marie Ward



Mike Walhout & daughter



Julie & Laird Leeder



Beth Forester/Suzie Caughey



Laura Welbanks



Rebeca Scott / Meaghan Ashely / Taylor Wemp



Rachel Scott / Abby Godden / Lucy Anson



Dana McGinn



Mitchell Morgan-Bursey



A parade of young-uns...



And more young-uns



Angus & Jack Little

FROM STELLA'S CAFÉ

- Judy Bierma

Anthony and I would like to send a warm thank you to all the Islanders that supported the Café this year.

Thanks to the Celebrity Cooks: Janet Scott, Betty Wemp, Shirley Miller, Michelle LeLay, Diane Pearce, Deb Houston, Kent, Nancy and Zander Dunn, Beth and Jack Forester, Shirley and Keith Miller, Linda and Eric Welbanks, Saskia Wagemans and Geoff Jones and Inka Brockhausen and John Schutzbach. I love the Celebrity Chef nights because each Chef brings with them their following of people and a special atmosphere to the Café. I love sharing the kitchen with different chefs and it makes for a good time to come together as a community and share in eating.

Thanks to the musicians at the Friday Night Singalong: Keith Miller on harmonica, Dan Simpson on Bass and Lead Guitar, Keld Jensen on violin and fiddle, Allan Caughey on guitar, Diane Pearce on Ukelele, Shyanne Shurtleff on guitar, Stephen McGinn on harmonica, Laurie LeBlue on guitar. You made the singalong nights very special and it's always fun jamming and sharing music. Thanks to all the wonderful singers. It's great to have singers when there's good music.

Thanks to the Pie Makers of Amherst Island: Ida Gavlas, Karen Fleming, Betty Wemp, Neil Johnston, and Elsie Willard. Through out the summer often people would come in and ask, "What pies do you have?" They were thrilled to see all the varieties and that they were homemade by Island women. Thank you again.

Thanks to Norma-Lynn Cole for her tarts. Thanks to my mom, Helena Bierma for her Apple Crisps. Thanks to Lily Jozkow for bringing in Peek Frean Cookies, etc. Thanks to Perry MacDonald and his children for the Island Honey.

Thanks to my flower ladies, Sally Bowen and Elie Gowan, who delivered fresh garden flowers to me all season, every week, so that I could arrange them around the Café. They were beautiful and I always got compliments on the garden fresh flowers. What a variety, what colours!

Thanks to Shirley Miller, Joan Simpson and Janet Scott for helping me in the kitchen.

Thanks to all the people that gave me pictures to put up on the Amherst Island Slide show at the Café. That was a new venture this year and was very successful with over 500 pictures of people on the Island, places on the Island and the past on the Island. Please feel free to email me more pictures over the winter months and

I'll post them next spring when we hope open May long weekend.

We won't be heading south until January because we want to be here for Christmas and New Years. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, feed you and help create community.

HARVEST FEST

- Lynn Fleming

The Harvest Festival Committee would like to thank everyone who came out to support our event this year.

It was a perfect fall afternoon, where 175-200 people enjoyed exhibits, competitions, food, music, wagon rides, and new this year a brown bag auction!

The bale rolling competition had an added level this year, with smaller bales for the kids to roll. Cross-cut saw and nail driving competitions were a great success as well.

Winners in the pie baking competition were: Pumpkin Pie - Barb Reid 1st; Apple pie - 1st Elsie Willard, and Shirley Miller 2nd. Thanks to our judges for taking on the "thankless" job of pie tasting!

Small Bale Rolling (kids): 1st place, Lucie Amson and friend Adda; 2nd place, Finn Varrette and Ben Cuyler; and, 3rd place, Trent Robinson and Tyler Patterson.

Adult Bale Rolling: 1st place, Jason Fleming and Jeff Wartman; 2nd place, Brandon Reid and Dakota Wolfreys; and, 3rd place, Ryan McGinn and Ashley McGinn.

Cross Cut Sawing: 1st place, Wayne Fleming & Jeff Wartman; 2nd place, Sandy Scott & Jim Reid; and, 3rd place, Jason Fleming and Larry Fleming.

Nail Driving: 1st place, Jim Reid; 2nd place, Barb Reid; and, 3rd place, Gary McDonald.

There are many people we need to thank for helping make the day such a great success. George Gavlas (mechanics), Barb Reid (location), Hartins Pumping Service (washroom facility), Lois's Warehouse (pens), Glen Mack (trailers), The Islanders (music), Ted Welbanks (horse drawn wagon rides), Dan Simpson (tents), Keith Miller (apple press), Laurie Simpson (provided Island grown hamburgers), Mike Walhout & L&A Milk Producers (free milk), Rec. Assoc. (canteen), livestock & machinery & "under the tents" exhibitors, and all who came out and enjoyed the afternoon.

Our newest addition this year, the Brown Bag auction, was a huge success. We would like to thank all of the ladies who put together the brown bags for the

auction - they were filled with baked goods - from pies & cookies to breads, pizza & quiche, preserves of all kinds, homemade wine and so much more! A special thank-you to our auctioneer, Allan Caughey.

All donations from the gate and the brown bag auction will go to the County 4-H group going to the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, to help defray costs and to Amherst Island Public School towards year end class trips.

Congratulations to the winners of the "door (gate) prizes". Basket went to Bob Filson and the potted mum to Bonnie Caughey

We are already looking forward to next year's Harvest Festival - mark your calendars and save the date - Saturday, September 28, 2012.

ISLAND RADIO CJAI 92.1FM

October was a great month for unexpected donations coming into the Amherst Island Public Radio. A special thanks to Cathy Christmas of the Friday Night Radio Show. Cathy held a reunion on her show with some of her old disc jockey friends at the former Kingston CKLC 1380 AM. Scott Jackson, a member of that crew, donated a thousand dollars. Scott is the founder and president of LIFE 100.3 FM, Ontario's Christian Superstation in Barrie. In addition, the proceeds from Keith Miller's first ever painting displayed at the All Island Art Show was donated to CJAI Island Radio as well. Thank you everyone.

On October 21st, the Annual General Meeting of CJAI took place in the Backroom of the Neilson Store Museum. Eric Tremblay, host of Eric's Friday Night



Photo by Judy Bierma

Island Radio's Board of Directors include back row left to right: John Schutzbach (treasurer), Eric Tremblay (new director), Ellis Wolfreys, Susan Filson (new director), Anthony Gifford, Allen Caughey and Dayle Gowan (station manager). Front row seated: Ron Rochester (chair), Mary Lou Wolfreys (secretary), Terry Culbert (assistant station manager) and Mati Kolga.

Radio Show and Susan Filson, co-host of the Udder Morning Show were both elected to the CJAI's Board of Directors.

For those listeners pulling themselves out of bed on Tuesdays to listen to Up Steve's Sleeves at six in the morning ... you still can, but now the morning slot is a repeat of the week before. Steve Kennedy and his co-host Keith Miller were finding that shift a bit too early and as of Tuesday, October 23rd, they are LIVE from 7 to 9pm Tuesday evenings.

A GOOD EXPERIENCE

- Zander of DUNN INN

In early October my wife, Nancy, and I went to Los Angeles for five days. I had been asked by a close friend to officiate at her wedding there. We enjoyed a good time.

We had not been to the United States for several years so we were interested to see how things were going as the country prepared for its presidential election. We arrived in time for the first debate between Obama and Romney and were impressed by the concern expressed by our American hosts and by their knowledge of the issues. It was encouraging to see the political involvement of such people. Mind you, our hosts were well-educated, hard-working, wealthy people who were strong supporters of Obama.

Our hosts, by their hospitality and generosity, reminded us that most American people are kind and friendly. We were given a key to the house, told to make ourselves at home, and were urged to help ourselves to any food in their refrigerator. We were given the use of a bedroom suite far better than our own at home. We felt accepted and welcomed and were impressed at how much our new American friends were willing to share with us.

There were several parties and receptions prior to the wedding at which we were treated like royalty. The couple to be married made sure we were introduced to their many friends and relatives. Everybody seemed so concerned that our visit be an enjoyable one and that we be made to feel at home, even though we were far from home. Various people went out of their way to drive us to the many venues involved in the wedding event.

These were people who were very much into working with computers and mobile phones. In fact, the bride to be was devoted to her Blackberry and hoped that the makers of the Blackberry in Canada never went out of business because she admired their

device so much. I was amused by one woman at a party who, in the middle of music, dancing and conversation and surrounded by people and noise, took out her cell phone and spoke to somebody far away. Even our drivers spoke on their cell phones or sent text messages. Everybody seems concerned to be always in touch.

The wedding itself was a glamorous and glorious event. It was held in a mansion which J. Paul Getty of Standard Oil (Esso), had built many years ago for his mistress. (It is now up for sale for \$12.5 million). The various libraries, meeting rooms, living rooms, sun rooms, all off the central ballroom, were filled with musicians and dancers all changing into their costumes. The wedding service itself, which was orchestrated by two wedding planners, was held on the spacious outside balcony overlooking the ocean. The bride wore a beautiful pink lace gown. The groom was dressed in a white suit but wore no tie. As soon as the ceremony was over the bride and groom literally danced into the ballroom to begin the festivities. Champagne and wine flowed freely and the food was worthy of the best chef.

The next day the bride and groom presided at a brunch at a most unusual house on Malibu beach. We all enjoyed the big waves breaking onto the sand as we drank our orange juice and champagne concoctions and ate smoked salmon on croissants and a host of other delicacies too numerous to mention. I've never before been involved in a wedding like it.

As I reflected on the great experience we enjoyed I thought about the church. After all, most weddings I've performed have been in a church or in the gardens of the homes of the brides.

In the church we want to welcome people as best we can. The welcome we received by all those involved in the wedding event reminded me of the importance of welcoming all who come to the church. We were welcomed, accepted and made to feel at home by our hosts and by virtually everybody else. That's what the church should be doing to everybody who enters our doors. There should never be any barriers to those who come to the church.

The people on computers and cell phones reminded me that the church should also use wisely and well all the devices which help us communicate. We have a great message about God's love and acceptance of everyone that we want to share with the world.

The wedding event, held in an outstanding and impressive building, reminded me that one way in which we express our devotion to God is to erect beautiful buildings. God deserves the best we have to

give. It is true that church buildings, like any other good thing, can be overdone, but they are worthy of our highest work.

All the good things to eat and drink following the wedding reminded me of the food we enjoy after worship. It is over food and drink that we meet and bond and grow in love and understanding. I am grateful for those in our congregation who share good food with us after each Sunday service. They help the church to grow.

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Brian Little was on the front page of the October 12th Whig. He was objecting to pre-construction testing for wind generators.

The next day's Whig had an article about Marc Raymond receiving the Margaret Angus Award from the Frontenac Heritage Foundation. The award recognized Marc's work on restorations in downtown Kingston as well as his work on the Neilson Store Museum.

- Don Tubb
Around The World
On Amherst Island

The atv I use (2004 Suzuki Eiger) has just made it to 40075km (see picture)... which is the circumference of the Earth at the equator (actually, it



**Photo by DonTubb
40,075km on the speed-o-metre...
around the world on Amherst Island in
8½ years.**

has gone further that what is shown because the speedometer cable was broken for a few months and it runs backwards when you go in reverse). All of that distance has been done on Amherst Island except perhaps a kilometre when going into the mainland repair shop from the trailer (and back again).

If you totalled all the on-Island kilometre-age of our atvs (past and present), it would be somewhere around 200,000 kms... We could not farm as we do without these fabulous machines!! Checking sheep, feeding dogs, grain feeding, sheep drives, fence work, weed control, firewood hauling... all made more efficient with our atvs.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Results of Municipal Election November 8, 1982

For Office of Reeve: Allison, Norman, 189. Elected; Matthews, Geoff, 86.

For Office Of Councillor: Clare, Lloyd, 91; Eves, Vincent, 77; Fleming, Larry, 143 Elected: Murray, Ian, 155, Elected; Sylvester, Jacqueline, 131; Tugwell, Chester, 168, Elected; Welbanks, Theodore, 173, Elected.

Total Voter Turnout 276. Total Eligible Voters 467.

Percentage 59%.

Analysis of vote: Resident Voters: Total Eligible 255;

Total voted 224; 88%.

Non-Resident Voters: Total Eligible 212; Total Voted 52; 25%.

Dated this 9th day of November 1982.

Diane Pearce - Clerk-Treasurer.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NOV. 2, 1982

- Ian Murray

1. This year's ferry revenue from fares and passes

appears to adequately meet the Township's share of ferry expenses.

2. Council members expressed considerable dismay at the cost and time involved in painting the Amherst Islander.

3. The Province of Ontario is changing the way in which it subsidizes township roads. Rather than a certain percentage of the road costs, there will be a grant based on something called a "resource index".

Nobody seems to know yet how the township will be affected.

No one thinks it's designed to be an improvement.

4. Council decided to hire a bulldozer to thoroughly push back the dump before winter arrives.

5. Allan Glenn's resignation from the recreation committee was accepted with considerable regret.

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

- Ian Murray

I {couldn't} think of anyone who would do an unbiased write up of the "meet the candidates" night.

CHAPTER 5

- Garth Orchard

The season of 1935 proved a sad one for the Hill family. Becky, who had unselfishly devoted her life to caring for her aged father and retarded sister, developed

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breast cancer, and underwent an operation, which unfortunately proved too late.

Keith and I carried on as best we could during her long hospitalization, taking turns with the household chores. We soon grew tired of 'johnny cake' which was our easiest recipe, and I decided to try my hand at baking bread. I followed all the steps in the book, but didn't realize that our yeast mash, preserved from Becky's last baking was stale and inactive. The dough rose feebly, and even the formed loaves refused to exceed the level of the pans. But I baked them anyway and produced five stunted loaves that would have made handy boat anchors! We tried hard to eat the first one, then consigned the rest to pig feed. I can still see our old sow rooting a loaf around the trough trying to get her teeth into it! Luckily further attempts proved more successful and either Keith or I baked twice a week after that.

On one occasion, Becky's niece, Mildred, came out to visit, and undertook to prepare breakfast for us while we were milking. Our usual starter was a generous helping of cracked wheat porridge, so we dipped into Mildred's preparation with gusto, only to wonder at the strange taste. I asked her where she had taken the ground meal from and she pointed to a sack in the pantry. She had made our porridge from 'chick starter'. We teased her unmercifully by clicking and cheeping like chickens all day.

After much patient suffering, Becky passed away in Kingston hospital and was quietly laid to rest beside Willie. This ended our operations on the Hill farm, as Becky's widowed sister came to look after Sarah and Mr. Hill, and her boys took over the running of the farm. Keith and I hired out to two different farmers for the following season.

That year was a rather grim one for our family, in the terribly depressed economy of Winnipeg, so we persuaded them to move to the Island at least for the winter. We rented part of the old brick house in Stella which also housed the Island high school classes at that time. My sister Chris, then a popular high school graduate, was horrified at the prospect of hibernating in a little country village! However this attitude soon changed after their arrival, when she met a handsome farmer's son, who quickly staked his claim, and they were married the next fall. So Mrs. Bert Glenn has been an Islander ever since!

Keith and I were not content to continue as hired farm help, and investigated every possibility of farming on

our own. Ed Scott owned the prosperous farm beside the village and wished to retire, so had his place up for sale. He was asking \$10,000 including land, good buildings, stock and machinery, which was reasonable even in those days. With bank loans at the 4% level, it would have been a viable proposition. But without collateral or backing it was impossible for us to raise even a nominal down payment, and our hopes of farming were dashed. So we finally decided to join the rest of the family in Winnipeg, bidding a sad farewell to Amherst Island.

Yet whenever we can we return to the Island, as to a first love, or a second home. The blessed peacefulness, and the warm reception of so many friends never changes, and we trust it never will.

[Editor: This concludes the series of Garth's life on the Island, and the Beacon and its readers are most grateful to him for contributing such exceptionally interesting reading.]

REV. EARLS KEEPS IN TOUCH

- R.K. Earls, Renfrew, Nov. 3/82

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Orchard were guests of Rev. Robert and Mrs. Earls in Renfrew, when the recollections of people and events on Amherst Island were foremost in the conversation followed by a delicious repast at a 'local eatery'. We all recalled with fond memories the meals and fellowship of the Island and send greetings.

BELATED CARD OF THANKS

My sincere thanks to my family, relatives and friends for cards, flowers, gifts, and telephone calls during my stay in hospital and since returning home. All care and kindness has been greatly appreciated.

Nessie Welbanks

THANK YOU

The Anglican Church Women wish to say "Thank You" to all the non-members of our group who contributed generously to the success of our Annual Turkey Supper. Special thanks are due to those ladies, not of the Anglican Congregation, who also contributed generously.

Leslie Gavlas

Secretary, Anglican Church Women

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I would like to thank everyone who voted for me, for their support and encouragement.

Larry Fleming

I appreciate the votes that have allowed me to join the 1983-1985 municipal council. I hope to thank you by doing the best job that I can.

Ian Murray

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Lyn Fleming

Volunteers are needed on a daily basis to hear children read. Approximately 30 - 60 minutes per school day. If you are interested, please contact: Mike Flanigan, Amherst Island Public School.

BASEBALL DANCE

The Amherst Island Men's Softball Team is sponsoring a dance on Friday November 19 . The cost is \$20.00 per couple, which will include dinner, dance, and a chance at 24 cash draws of \$10, \$15, and \$25.

Tickets are available by calling Jack Forester at 389-5582 or Doug Shurtliffe at 389-7239.

Live band.

Dinner 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dance 8:45 to 12:45 p.m.

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METRIC COMMENT

- Ian Murray

I recently received a letter from Andre Ouellet, Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada, regarding my "concern about the implementation of the metric system".

I had signed a petition complaining about the way the metric system is being thrust upon us.

One of his sentences particularly caught my attention: "The conversion program is first and foremost a voluntary program." I find this a bit hard to accept.

On the same night as the municipal elections, for example, the evening TV news showed locks and chains on a service station's pumps. Apparently the owner of the gas station had continued to sell gas in Imperial units, so the Federal Government's representatives ordered the police to persuade the owner to "voluntarily" sell in metric units.

SIX YEARS OF PROGRESS

- Jean Tugwell, Jack Kerr, Bert Glenn, John Hall

We, the retiring councillors, feel that some recognition is due Jim Neilson, township employees and firemen for accomplishments during Jim's past six years as Reeve. During his term:

- an addition has been built at the firehall

- an additional firetruck has been acquired

- a new fire pump has been purchased along with several other items of fire-fighting equipment

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- the firehall has been insulated and new steel siding has been purchased
- a township garage/workshop for the roads department has been built
- three miles of development road has been constructed
- the Municipal Office building has been insulated, equipped with some double windows, undergone repairs, and been repainted
- several street lights have been replaced with more efficient ones
- a new plinth has been built in the park
- road signs have been erected
- a petition for a municipal drain has been processed through to its final stages according to the provisions of the Drainage Act
- a union contract has been negotiated with the ferry and road crews
- an agreement has been negotiated with the Minister of Transport and Communications which has enabled the Township to keep fares on the ferry relatively low
- an agreement has also been negotiated with the Minister to forward in advance the ferry subsidy, thereby eliminating costly borrowing to cover these costs
- an agreement has been reached with MTC to subsidize a portion of administration costs under road and ferry budgets
- a Municipal Zoning By-Law has been drafted, revised, and completed, and has received the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board
- through council's committees, additional land has been purchased for the cemetery and the grounds have been fenced
- the baseball field has been floodlighted, and a hard-fought battle with the School Board to allow banquet permits came to a successful conclusion
- an Ontario Home Renewal Program has been instituted
- township employees have received regular wage increases

Meanwhile services have been well maintained, finances are in good shape.

We would like to say "Well done, Jim!"
[Editor's note in 2012: prior to MTC agreeing to "advance the ferry subsidy", a significant portion of the Township's budget went into interest payments. Also, getting MTC to "subsidize a portion of administration costs under road and ferry budgets" made a big difference. Both of these accomplishments were due to

the efforts of Councillor Hall who had considerable experience in the strange world of accounting.]

THE AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Thelma Howard

The Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Eveline Coulson on Wed. Oct. 20, at 8 p.m. The meeting opened with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect followed by O Canada.

Correspondence and financial statements were read by the sec.-treas. Mrs. Phyllis Strain.

Mrs. Jane Miller, convenor for the evening, introduced Mr. Doug Helliwell, school principal of Odessa Public School, who gave us an interesting talk as well as slides of TV in Ontario, and his aim is to try to introduce Television Ontario Service into our community and district. This service would travel through air like our normal television. It would mean that we would get some more channels on our television and some of them would be on education.

Some of the taxes go toward TV Ontario. This began in Ontario in 1970. They don't have a transmitter in Lennox and Addington. There is one in Toronto. There would have to be one in Belleville and one in Kingston contributing to funds. Hopefully it will be ready by 1984, but it is one million dollars for a transmitter and they have to have a license also. These extra stations would be on our television from 8:30 to 11:00 p.m.

The roll call was discussion about Ontario TV and each one seemed anxious for it.

The euchre for the blind canvas brought \$160.00.

Some discussion was made as to the Senior Citizens' supper on Dec. 4. We were also asked to cater to Ena Baker's cat club banquet on Dec. 11.

The ladies decided to present Mrs. Nellie Neilson with a book of poems as she is now living at the Lenadco Home in Napanee.

The meeting closed with the Grace and Queen and a lovely lunch was served.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Marian Glenn instead of at Mrs. Jane Miller's on Wed Nov. 17 at 8 p.m.

CARDS OF THANKS

During the fifteen winters I worked on the ferry, I was late for work only three times due to snow on our roads. I think this is a bit of a record as we live five miles from the dock. Therefore I would like to thank everyone who was involved with snow removal in the

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past fifteen years.

Earle Tugwell

I wish to thank all my friends, relatives and members of the Presbyterian Church Women, the Anglican Church Women and the Women's Institute for the lovely flowers, cards, gifts and visitations during my illness.

Kathleen Wemp

The support and encouragement of the electors of Amherst Island have been most gratifying and I would take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation and thanks to all for the confidence shown in electing me as your Reeve.

It is my hope to provide you with a sound, honest and efficient administration over the next three years.

Norman J. Allison

VOTERS OF AMHERST ISLAND TOWNSHIP

Thank you for your support in the recent municipal election. Since I was unable to attend the candidates' meeting I would like to say now that my reason for running was basically the same as most of the other candidates, and that being because I care about Amherst Island and its residents.

I ask you for your continued support over the next three years, especially that of the previous reeve and council, whom I think have done a good job in dealing with some difficult issues.

Fortunately Amherst Islanders have an excellent reputation for being good neighbours and pulling together and I hope no issue will ever be strong enough

to cause that reputation to deteriorate.

Thank you,

Ted Welbanks

The family of the late Jadine Sedore would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for the flowers, donations gifts of food, cards and acts of kindness in the loss of our mother and wife.

A special thank you to the two men who went to Calabogie for Ted.

The Sedore Family, Heather and Ted Welbanks

SCHOOL NEWS

- Trudy Strain & Steven Viau

In October the school has been doing such things as: reading for a Multiple Score Read-a-thon and our "I Love to Read Week". This week brought the true enjoyment of reading. In that week we had a poster contest. Jeff Forester won in the K-3 group, Kirk Collins for the 4-6 and Paula Collins for the 7-8. The prize was a free book from this month's book order.

We had a White Elephant Sale. The Students' Council raised \$30.00 for the school's use.

On Thursday the 29th, we had our Hallowe'en masquerade. We had such games as Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin, Touch and Tell. We also had a costume contest. The judging was done by Mr. Flanigan and Miss Agnes. The winners were Mike Strain for scariest, Leah Murray for most original and Paula Collins for funniest.

On Oct. 19th, the students of Mr. Flanigan's room travelled to Tamworth for a soccer tournament. It was great fun. The scores were 4-0, 4-0, 4-1 for the other teams. Oh well, better luck next time. Centreville,

October 21 we travelled to Queen's University for a lesson on Africa. We did cooking, crafts, dancing and talking. It was very interesting.

THE END OF THIS BEACON ISSUE

Just a wee note from the production staff... we had more pictures that could have gone into this issue (pretty good ones at that) but not 4 pages worth... the newsletter is printed in 4 page segments so a couple more pages of content would leave us with some blank pages. None of the pictures are thrown out... a digital file is kept with each issue with all the pictures that we received. Some of those pictures may show up in future issues.