

# Amherst Island

# BEACON



*BONA LIBENTER, TRISTIA MAESTITER, MALA NUMQUAM*

*Issue 417*

*April 2013*

**The Amherst Island  
BEACON  
Issue 417  
April 2013**

*Published monthly, the  
Beacon is wholly funded by  
paid subscriptions.*

**Subscription Rates**

Canada. . . . . \$40/yr  
USA. . . . . \$40/yr  
Overseas: . . . . . contact us  
E-mail. . . . . \$20/yr

**April Printing**

130 copies

**Subscription & Editorial**

A.I. Beacon  
14775 Front Rd  
Stella, ON K0H 2S0  
(613) 389-3802  
E-Mail:  
aibeacon@topsyfarms.com

**Editor**

Ian Murray c/o  
aibeacon@topsyfarms.com

**Production**

Don Tubb c/o  
aibeacon@topsyfarms.com

**Submission Deadline**

25th of each month

**Printed By**

Burke's Printing  
457 Advance Ave  
Napanee K7R 3Z5  
dburke@burkeprinting.ca

**Credits**

Corel WordPerfect X6  
Corel PaintShop Pro X4  
Corel After Shot Pro  
FastStone Image Viewer  
Acrobat 10.0  
Family Tree Maker 9.0

## THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, Editor

The March Beacon should have said that the house where Donald Ralph Fleming grew up is now owned and lived in by Donald, Sherry, and Sam Miller and NOT by Donald's father and mother, Donald and Judy Miller..

\*\*\*

As editor, I am always grateful for material - particularly from new contributors. I read everything that comes in and do a preliminary proofing – Sally does the real proofing. Here are the things that I change most often:

-reduce 2 spaces to one at the end of a sentence

-change fonts to Times New Roman 12

-capitalize "island" to Island if island refers to our Island

-move titles to the left margin and remove bold. (We use bold sparingly.)

I sometimes make new paragraphs but, as a policy, I make as few changes as possible. If a clarification is needed, I contact the contributor.

Don takes the edited text that I e-mail him and does the layout and photo placement. We both consider what photos to use - decisions that are often influenced by the fact that the number of Beacon pages has to be a multiple of 4.

\*\*\*

It's a pleasure to welcome Judy Bierma as, I hope, a regular contributor. She and Andrew have certainly made the Island a more interesting place to live. (And so have Dan and Joan Simpson. And so have the folks who keep CJAI going. And so on.)

\*\*\*\*\*



Photo by Don Tubb

Its been a long winter and we look forward to spring... particularly when the ground dries up a bit. The ruts are starting to get a bit out of hand as can be seen above as the Massey Ferguson 7480 chugs up to Lot 64. [Staff: Just in case anybody is confused... the tractor is a toy.]

## EDNA GEORGINA HEFFORD (née CORKE)

- David Willard

The 3<sup>rd</sup> of seven daughters, Edna was born July 29, 1914 on the Second Concession to George Henry Corke and Jessie Edna Reid. Edna's mother Jessie had a fairly normal upbringing on the Reid homestead a few farms west in the newly painted house now owned by Laura Gartner. For Edna's father George, however, life was very difficult and she must have at least once wondered about the hand of fate in her father's earlier years.

George had been raised as an orphan in London, England and then joined the British Army as a cadet at age 12. He was stationed in a Scottish regiment at Aldershot before being sent to Kingston, Ontario. Not long after, he contracted measles which adversely affected his eyesight resulting in an honourable discharge and a pocket watch as a Corporal at only age 16.

Edna's father arrived on Amherst Island by the late 1890s finding work on the McGinnis farm immediately east of Emerald and then later further west where he spent

a number of enjoyable years on the Fowler farm. On the night of December 28, 1906 George barely escaped death when he, Charles Gibson, Robert McFern and Ernest Instant went through the ice with a horse and cutter somewhere west of Barry's Point. Charles and Ernest disappeared quickly in the frigid water but Robert's mitts froze to the solid ice. George managed to drag himself out of the hole and then summoned the will to get to a house on the Island shore. The ensuing rescue party saved Robert McFern but were unable to free the still struggling horse from the cutter and it too drowned.

George and Jessie married near the year 1910. Edna

and her sisters grew up on a farm now owned by the Community Pasture (see photo). Edna attended school in the building which still stands on the Emerald 40'. Edna's childhood was certainly not carefree but the household was a happy one and her parents often mentioned the help they had received from the Fowlers and Heeman Willard and his wife Elizabeth.

By the time Edna was a teenager, one of several "home-boys" who had arrived from England over the past few years was now delivering the mail on Edna's concession. His name was Wally Hefford. According to one of her sisters, Edna could often be seen waiting at the mailbox for Wally's arrival.

After completing school Edna was employed at

Queen's University and she and Wally were married in 1933. They remained off the Island until 1945 when Wally was discharged from the Canadian Forces. They purchased a dairy farm east of Stella where they raised their two boys, Donald and Larry. They would remain there until Vince and Marj Aitken bought the farm from them in the early 1960s.

At that point Edna and Wally moved back to Kingston where they would be close to both sons

and their eventual grandchildren. Little did they know then that one of those grand-kids, Jayna, would someday become a household name in the realms of Olympic Women's hockey.

Edna and Wally were long-time fans of Standard-bred horse racing and could often be seen at "the track" in their retirement years. Although she herself always enjoyed excellent health until the very end, Edna unfortunately had to endure being predeceased by her husband, both sons, a daughter-in-law, and a grandson in a tragic case of mistaken identity. Edna is still survived by two sisters, Emily and Mary.

\*\*\*\*\*



Photo courtesy of Dave Willard

l/r top: George Corke, Gladys, Jessie, Mary, Gertie, Emily  
bottom: Edna

# Elaine Wolfreys

Zander Dunn

On Sunday, March 10, in the afternoon after worship, from 2 to 5, many friends and relatives of Elaine Wolfreys came to help her celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. They gathered in the hall of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church where many kinds of wonderful foods were served. A beautiful cake accented in orange flowers and letters, made by Elaine's daughter-in-law, Roxanne Wolfreys, wife of Brent Wolfreys, was featured and greatly enjoyed. Elaine is, among other things, the wife of former ferry captain, Lloyd Wolfreys, the mother of a present ferry captain, Brent Wolfreys. Elaine is also the custodian, treasurer and an elder of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.



Photo by Zander Dunn

Elaine with her brother, Keith Miller.



Photo by Zander Dunn

Elaine with her husband, Captain Lloyd Wolfreys.



Photo by Zander Dunn

Elaine's daughter-in-law, Roxanne Wolfreys who made the cake



Photo by Zander Dunn

Elaine cutting the cake.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well to Ellis Wolfreys ( CJAI's the Wolf's Den) as he recovers from quadruple by-pass surgery. Get well wishes also to Laurene Kilpatrick

Elaine Wolfreys celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, with family and friends at an open house on March 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Church hall.

Islanders gathered at an open house at the Lodge, to say goodbye to Terry Culbert and Barb Hoegenaeur. We wish them well "on the County".

Earle and Donna Willard spent a month in south-west Florida, missing the worst of our winter weather this year.

Finn and Kevin Varette vacationed with family in Costa Rica, trying out the surfing, in early March.

Kim and Duncan Ashley and family were off to Huntsville, Alabama and the Gulf coast to visit Duncan's parents over March Break.

Alex and Debbie Scott and daughters headed to Quebec City for March Break.

Garry and Susan Filson and Peter and Susanne Wemp spent some time in Florida in March, visiting family and friends

Wayne & Karen Fleming and Jim & Sandra Reid spent a couple of weeks on Florida's west coast in late February.

Eric and Janice McGinn and Peter and Pam McCormick spent a week in Cuba.

Brent, Roxanne and Dakota Wolfreys spent Easter in the Orlando area relaxing, exploring and visiting family.

Elsie Willard and Marion Glenn made their annual trip to Florida's southwest coast.

Paul, Victoria & Ben Cuyler also travelled to Florida in March.

Eric and Linda Welbanks recently returned from a trip to China.

Carl McCrosky and Leah Murray left for Virginia to

launch their sailboat. They will sail to Bermuda, before striking out on their trans-Atlantic voyage and a year-long sailing adventure.

Congratulations to the Loyalist Novice Jets, who made it to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association's finals in Peterborough, finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for all of eastern Ontario. The first year Goalie for the Rep team is Amherst Island's very own Sam Miller, a grade 3 student at A.I.P.S. As goaltender, Sam has been a rock in nets to help his team advance.



Photo by Zander Dunn

**On the left is Gordon Craig, Middle Inka Brockhausen, right, Michel Szczesniak**

**On Sunday, March 10, at the home of Inka Brockhausen and John Schutzbach, Gordon Craig, principal clarinet in the Kingston Symphony Orchestra joined with Michel Szczesniak, pianist with the Kingston Symphony Orchestra to present an exciting concert featuring the music of Brahms, Weber and Gershwin to a full house. A pot luck banquet followed to the delight of everyone. Both Gordon Craig and Michel Szczesniak teach at the Queen's School of Music.**

Although March did come in like a lamb this year, we have had all kinds of weather since then. We saw lots of wet snow and rain and then, mid-March saw another 6-8 inches of snow fall, as temperatures remained lower than normal. The ice is slowly breaking up and moving out and should soon be gone. However, once the ice is gone, the Quinte Loyalist will again rear it's ugly head and Islanders will be at the mercy of the wind and water levels, not to mention ferry line-ups. The days are now getting longer and brighter and you can smell Spring in the air!

\*\*\*\*\*

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Liz Harrison

Fifteen members arrived at Nancy Dunn's home on March 20 for our monthly meeting. Many of us remarked how it is much more pleasant to set out for an evening meeting now that there is daylight at 7 p.m. The inconvenience of changing our clocks had been forgotten by this time, of course.

There were many business matters to be discussed, some relating to our year-end meeting and AGM which takes place in April and the increase in fees that we have to pay to our provincial body, F.W.I.O. It was pointed out that it is this organization that provides us with liability insurance to cover our community activities – an important consideration.

The Directory committee reported that the 2013 edition is well under way with sponsorship revenue coming in well from former contributors and from new ones too. Deb Barrett has volunteered to do the layout for this edition and we are all enthusiastic about the artistic theme. We are aiming to have it for sale on or shortly after the May long weekend.

I have mentioned before that A.I.W.I. is hosting the annual Lennox and Addington W.I. District meeting on May 22 at the Lodge. We expect fifty or sixty people to arrive on the 8:30 a.m. ferry and have plans in place to provide coffee and muffins as well as lunch. As always, supportive island residents have stepped forward to help in all ways. Anthony and Judy will provide music during lunch and Janet Scott assisted by Bonnie Livingstone will talk about international Important Bird Areas (I.B.A s) and why Amherst Island is recognized as one. Our thanks to Molly

who again has been generous in helping us with the accommodation. By mid-May the mud should be a thing of the past and the trees will be sporting their spring time greenery. We'll keep our fingers crossed for sun to show the Island at its best!

After all this business, we were ready for Jackie Sylvester's fact-filled presentation about starting seeds for the garden which many of us are thinking about just now. Jackie told us that tomato seeds should be in their pots and starting to sprout already. She gave a hands-on demonstration accompanied by all kinds of helpful hints and pointers to make the process easier. Ask a W.I. member for the difference between a determinate and an indeterminate variety of tomato and she will be able to help you!

Thanks to Jackie, hostess Nancy Dunn, President Mary Kay Steel and those who provided delicious

refreshments we all enjoyed another productive and companionable monthly meeting.

Please feel free to join us the third Wednesday every month. Contact me at 613-389-5176 or any W.I member.

\*\*\*\*\*

## JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

As I write, the winter cold is still clinging to our fields and woods while the chill is still being felt in my aging bones but somehow Spring is just around the corner. Last year at this time the Spring Peepers had started to sing and dust was blowing off the roads. Judging by the drought that followed that early Spring we should be glad that snow is still lying in the valleys and shadows in the forests.

Ida Gavlas has a whole row of tulips along her west wall just so excited about the promise of Spring that they are unfurling red and green leaves in anticipation of warmth to follow. A friend in Kingston, Isobel, sent me a beautiful picture of Snowdrops pushing and blooming through the snow.

Ida Gavlas, Nancy Pearson and I removed an early awakening snake from St. Paul's on March 17<sup>th</sup> which has to be an early sign of Spring. The Raven in Wayne Fleming's barn is carrying large sticks for nest building and croaking romantically to Mrs. Raven. His love notes leave something to be desired to our musical ears but she seems to appreciate them.

A sure sign of Spring was Ida getting me out to walk in the woods for over an hour and I only needed a fleece pullover and not the bulky winter coat. Don't you remember that joyous freedom with the passing of winter when we were kids and we could finally shed our winter



Photo by Joan Simpson  
Terry Culbert as the Fairwell Get-together.



Photo by Joan Simpson  
Barb Hogenauer

boots. We could conquer the world, we were so light we could fly. We shared the joy of the butterfly released from its chrysalis. Now remember you young ones that are wondering what I am talking about, our snowsuits were wool with quilted linings, our boots were rubber with stiff buckles that froze shut with snow and went over our shoes and our thick woolen mittens were not waterproof. I was a child of the forties, no Velcro, no waterproof snowsuits of lightweight nylon or pull on fleece-lined boots. Just to tantalize your other senses remember the smell in the classroom of drying mittens! Ask your Grandparents!

The willows on the Lower Forty-foot are turning yellow if you've driven that way. The sap is running in the maple woods and the ancient tradition of syrup making has begun. When our aboriginal brothers harvested sap, it was the first fresh taste of Spring and replenished Vitamin C in their diets after long hard winters. What a wonderful and truly Canadian invention is the process of harvesting sap and boiling those 40 gallons down to make 1 gallon of syrup. Years of experiment and production have gone in to this process that so excites the taste buds and adorns our family tables. The Tamaracks on the Lower Forty-foot have also begun to show the buds that will lead to lacy, fern-like branches in a short time. As the Bible song says, "All the trees of the field will clap their hands as we go out with joy"!

Mud, mud, glorious mud is appearing at my house and will be at yours as you thaw out. There are many bird species that depend on this mud for sustenance. Killdeer, Snipe, Woodcock and early Robins will be poking and foraging in that mud for larva and other small creatures to eat. Travelling Shorebirds will forage along the mudflats at the KFN property. Robins, Barn Swallows and Cliff Swallows will be using this mud for nest building as the sun warms our world enough to dry these adobe creations. It may feel cold today, March 27<sup>th</sup> as I write but March 28<sup>th</sup> is the average date of return for Tree Swallows and Bluebirds. The Osprey should be back by April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Orioles by May 4<sup>th</sup>, although some have been known to come back in April.

Grab your binoculars and bird books and get ready to spend some quality time out in our fantastic world because the Warblers and our other brightly coloured

friends are returning. Beautiful Amherst Island will break out in every shade of green you can imagine and every bush and field will be singing with the triumphant return of Spring!

\*\*\*\*\*

## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From the 4<sup>th</sup> Session, March 4th

"That the report from Judith Harrower and Joyce Haines be forwarded through the REA process to the appropriate Ministries and that the Township take into consideration the vibration and stability of the headstones, stone fences at Pentland Cemetery, as part of the road use agreement, including the use of a third party expert to ensure the understanding of the property before, the stability of the property during, and the repair if needed to the property after construction of the wind turbines is appropriate.

"That a condition survey and monitoring be requested for Glenwood Cemetery in addition to Pentland Cemetery to assess the impact of vibrations on the headstones and vault."

\*\*\*\*\*

From the 5<sup>th</sup> Session, March 11th

From a letter by MPP Randy Hillier to Loyalist Township: "Before making a decision [to support a FIT application], you should know some facts about how the FIT program subsidies are devastating small to mid-size businesses in communities like yours across



Chart from Brian Little

My remembrance from years ago is that the Lennox Power Station exhaust stacks are 600' tall. (Don)

Ontario, and are driving up everyone's hydro bills.

\*\*\*

Peter Large, President of APAI, wrote a letter to Council regarding the draft road-use agreement between Algonquin Power and Loyalist Township. He made some suggestions on how to improve the agreement.

There are 4 other letters from Peter Large to various recipients expressing opposition to the wind turbine project.

\*\*\*

Amy Caughey presented petitions to Council from some Islanders requesting "that Council prohibit the use of heavy industrial equipment of the size, frequency and volume posed by wind turbine construction on Front Road in the vicinity of Amherst Island Public School and the village of Stella."

\*\*\*

Footflats Farm and Cottages wrote a letter to NAV Canada regarding wind turbines and air traffic.

\*\*\*\*

From the 7<sup>th</sup> Session, March 25

There were 6 letters and an additional petition to Council regarding construction traffic during the building of the wind generator project and concerns about associated social strife: John Schutzbach as president of the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre; Amy Caughey; FootFlats Farm and Cottage; Sheila Whiting; Anne Henderson; and Deborah and William Barrett. The Barrett letter to our new premier is particularly interesting.

John Harrison, on behalf of APAI & SaveAI, requested Council to pass a by-law limiting shadow flicker from wind turbines.

Elizabeth Barr wrote an 8 page critique of Stantec's Draft Heritage Report's detailing "serious faults and mistakes that I have found".

\*\*\*

From the Heritage Committee: "The recommendation on the Amherst Island Stone Fences Designations will come forward in a separate report to permit all of the



Photo by Don Tubb

**Old Millhaven Fibers continues to come down. As of March 26, the eastern most building looked like this. The decommissioning is very organized... not your tv 'blow it all up and let someone else clean up the mess'.**

details and background of the designations to be included and options for Council action laid out. The Heritage Act requires that Council hold a public meeting before making a decision on the Designations and requires that notice also be provided after the Designations are adopted to permit appeals."

\*\*\*

For any reader interested in the conduct of council meetings that are closed

to the public, I recommend reading the report of Amberly Gavel Ltd involving an in depth investigation of 4 closed meetings of Council. No wrong doing was found but several recommendations were made so that the Township's procedures would be more aligned with Ontario legislation.

\*\*\*

Here's what members of Council were paid in 2012: Mayor Lowry, \$28,746 in remuneration and \$39,321 in total – including benefits, vehicle usage, per diems, and expenses; Deputy Mayor Bresee, \$19,992 remuneration and \$24,191 total; Councillor Ibey, \$16,048 remuneration and \$23,599 total; Councillors Ashley, Daniliunas, Hegadorn and Porter, \$15,548 remuneration and various totals.

\*\*\*\*\*

## AIMS

- Anders Bennick

Breakfast: Thank you to the Little family for a tasty breakfast.

Attendance: 14 members

Convenor: Kevin Archibald

1. Speaker.

Our new member Paul Juniper who has recently moved to Amherst Island spoke on his background and how he came to the Island.

Paul is very interested in family history and he gave a lively and vivid description of his family background, which is English, Irish and Scottish. His family included farmers and others who in the 19<sup>th</sup> century

worked in various trades such as making hoops for barrels, which were in great demand as storage containers for many products. Others worked in industries such as flax mills and foundries or went into service. The living quarters for manual labourers in the cities were often very primitive with no basic facilities and toilets that were shared by many families resulting in frequent outbreaks of disease. Eventually the various branches of his family made their way to Canada.

Paul has over 30 years experience in human resources and association leadership. Seven years ago he accepted a position at Queens University where he is head of the Industrial Relations Centre.

Paul has been looking for some time for a suitable property on Amherst Island and recently bought 4995 South Shore Road. In contrast to Kingston, Paul finds the Island very friendly and he marvels at the strong sense of community. Paul and his dog are looking forward to get closer acquainted with the Island.

#### Agenda:

Kevin opened the meeting by entertaining us with the origin of phrases such as “raining cats and dogs”, “graveyard shift”, “dirt poor” and “upper crust”.

#### 1. Treasurer’s report.

The treasurer reported on the bank balance. The Presbyterian Church has been paid for the use of the hall for breakfast meetings. A grant has been submitted to the township to cover the cost of the flower baskets in the village. Volunteers are needed to water the baskets during the summer.

#### 2. Market.

The market will open on the long week-end in May.

The garage where the wagon is stored needs to be cleaned up.

Members are urged to contact Marc Raymond to sign up for market duty.

The date for the annual auction needs to be set.

#### 3. New Year’s Dance.

There was a discussion on whether AIMS should continue to sponsor the New Years Dance.

A motion was proposed, seconded and approved “that AIMS will not sponsor the New Years Dance this year, but will be pleased to assist any other organization that wants to take over the event”.

The possibility that AIMS may sponsor another social event was discussed.

4. It was approved to donate \$200 to Talia Fleming to partly defray costs of studying a Rhinoceros herd in Africa this summer, with the proviso that she presents a talk to AIMS upon her return.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45. \*\*\*\*\*

## **THE CHEESE MAKER’S DAUGHTER**

**(The oldest one)**

- Judy Bierma

Growing Up on Amherst Island

Now I crave to write. I used to crave to read.

I’m sitting on the big verandah at Hawksbill Yacht Club in the Bahamas. The temperature is around 74 degrees Fahrenheit, subtract 32 then times 5/8 so that makes it around 21 degrees Celsius. There is a slight breeze off the ocean. I have a head ache...a bit of a headache. I rode shotgun with my friend Annie and her dog GiGi today. We went to various places in Freeport picking up prints for her coin collections and paint for my bicycle, etc. She’s really unhappy with her life right now. When you’re 60 or 65 or 70 you really think about whether you’re doing what you want to be doing or if you did what you wanted to do during your life. We only get one life, one that we can remember right now so, are we doing or did we do, what we wanted to do? Her talking about her past and present and what she wishes she had done and what she is glad she did do makes me think back on my life: evaluating my actions or lack of actions.

I started out my life in Havelock/Trent River area, then to Harrowsmith and then to Amherst Island. The life on Amherst Island is what I remember the most. It was the most influential on the rest of my life and on who I am today in 2013 in my sixtieth year. Living on Amherst Island suited me perfectly. I came to the Island in grade five and stayed until I was in grade eleven. On the Island as an eleven year old I drove my Dad’s old GMC pick-up. The floor boards were mostly gone. When you drove over mud puddles you would get your feet all wet. My Dad taught me how to drive. There weren’t a lot of lessons. I can only remember actually riding with him once and then I could drive. Art Drumgoole used to take me out driving in the old truck too when we would go up the Stella Forty-Foot and check on the calves up there by the St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church.

My jobs at home were taking the garbage to the dump in the old truck. Once after a heavy rain I got stuck in the mud up there. Man I didn’t want to walk home and I didn’t want to tell Dad what I had done. I forget some of the details but I know my cousin, Philip Silvers came and helped pull me out with another vehicle, maybe the Whey Truck. I would drive the whey truck too and spread whey from the cheese factory on the road, to cut down the dust on the road. The whey truck was so big

my little sister Joyce would press on the gas pedal and I would steer. We were both too short to reach the steering wheel and the gas pedal at the same time but it worked well when the two of us drove it.

After school we would head out to the cheese factory and scrub the vats down. We were so short that we had to balance on our tummies' on the side of the vats while we scrubbed with a huge stainless steel scrubbies. Sometimes we would lose our balance and roll into the vat. Dad would come along and pull us out and set us on the concrete floor of the factory so that we could again balance ourselves on the vat edge and continue the scrubbing. It wasn't hard work just something that had to be done.

A couple times of the week I would get the job of cleaning the cream separator. I think there were 100 discs that fitted closely together that had to be all separated and cleaned and then put back together. It was used to separate the cream from the whey. Once the cream was separated we would send it to Bellville to be made into butter, but it was called whey butter so did we send the whey or the cream? I know we sent the cream. I'll have to ask someone who worked in the factory why it was called whey butter when we sent cream. Dad passed about 15 years ago now so I can't ask him. Maybe Mom knows. The excess whey would be stored in a big vat at the back of the factory up high so the farmers could go by and fill their empty milk cans, after they had dropped off their milk at the weigh station. They would take it home to the farm to feed to their pigs. A big rubber hose ran down from the vat with a valve on it to put into the cans and let the whey run into them.

Sometimes we would pound the curds down into the cheese press using the huge wooden mallet. I would climb up on the frame of the press and put all of my weight into lifting the mallet and then bringing it down as hard as I could on top of the container full of fresh, salted curds. Once the curds were pounded down enough we would take the stainless steel funnel out and wrap the cheese cloth over the curds, tip the containers filled with curds over on their side, fit the end of the screw device into the first container and then fit all of the containers on their sides into each other and then crank the handle to squish the containers together so that the curds would be pressed and the whey would flow out of the containers into a trough underneath and into a bucket at the end of the press. Then Dad would carry the whey to the back of the factory and pour it into the tall vat outside.

After the chores in the factory I would head into the

house to make supper, I was the oldest. Mom and Dad finished cleaning up in the factory. All I can ever remember making is Kraft Dinner. I'll have to ask my sisters and brother and Mom what they remember if I made anything else. I don't ever remember Joyce cooking. I'll have to ask her if she did. We always call Joan and Robert, the little ones. I'm sure they didn't cook but I'll ask them too.

I loved living on Amherst Island. I loved explaining to people how we lived on the Island and what we did differently. How we crossed the ice in the winter, how we learned to dance at the family dances at Victoria Hall, how we still used an outhouse while most of my friends at Napanee District Secondary School had flush toilets. How we had twelve people on our telephone line, six you could hear their ring and six you couldn't. Our ring was 3 long and 1 short 3R1. We had a button on the side of the phone and we made our own rings by holding the button in and using a little crank on the other side of the big brown, wooden phone box on the wall. The phone was about a foot long and six inches wide and four inches thick. It hung high on the wall in the kitchen. When we first arrived at the Island it had a mouth piece that stuck out the front and an ear piece that hung from a cable on the side of the box. You would hold the ear piece up to your ear and then speak into the mouth piece that was sticking out. We used a stool to stand on in order to reach everything. After a while we got a hand piece that was used for both speaking into and listening at the same time and it hung on the side of the brown box.

Ada Filson was the operator. I would visit her on my way to and home from school. She lived and worked in the little house beside the Victoria Hall. Faraday's own it now. I have a picture of her sitting at her operator's board in my book, "The History of Amherst Island". I'll put it in this story when I get home to Amherst Island.

On summer weekends I would drive the old pick-up to Marshall's beach on the South Shore Road and we would roast hotdogs there and drink Southern Comfort and Coke. Sometimes I would stay out until 2 a.m., wow, much to Mom's chagrin. She would always be waiting up for me. On Monday I would go to secondary school in Napanee, study hard, compete on the Basketball, Volleyball, Gymnastics and Track and Field teams (not all at once) and be a Goodie Goodie. At the age of twelve, on weekends I would drink and party and drive. I don't ever remember getting drunk or having a hangover, I probably didn't drink a much as I thought I did. I loved the flip flop, the contrast in my life. I could

be a good student on the week days and a partier on the weekends. Like a mullet hairdo, business in the front and party in the back.

\*\*\*\*\*

## THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

- Zander of DUNN INN

As I was listening to the music being presented by Gordon Craig on the clarinet and by Michel Szczesniak on the piano at the home of Inka Brockhausen and John Schutzbach, on March 10, I thought about what it meant to me.

Because I am not very musical and have almost no musical training, the music in itself did not mean much to me. I enjoyed the sounds, I marveled at the virtuosity of the musicians and I was amazed by the musical scores they were following. But I could not understand why one particular sound followed another or why the composer had chosen that theme to pursue.

I was asked recently what kind of music I enjoyed the best and I replied, "Classical is my favourite." Of course, I also enjoy other kinds of music. I cannot agree with the woman who told me there were only two kinds of music. When I asked her what those two kinds of music were she replied, "Country and Western." There are, however, many other kinds of music and each one has its followers. Some people, even within the classical tradition, have a favorite composer or performer. For example, Inka Brockhausen and I carry on a friendly disagreement. She lauds Bach as the greatest and I praise Chopin. We are simply declaring

our opinions, our preferences; neither of us can prove that our favourite musician is the best.

When I was 10 years old I bought, with my own money, a 78 record of José Iturbi playing Chopin's Polonaise in A flat Major. That music moved me. I fell in love with Chopin and I especially wanted to hear repeated this great Polonaise. Today I have that Polonaise on vinyl, tape and cd by world famous pianists. I never tire of listening to it. I have often wondered what happened to me that I got excited by Chopin. I have concluded that God spoke to me through his music.

I believe God speaks to everybody through the universal language of music. There are many on

Amherst Island who like Country and Western music. They sing to it. They dance to it. They are excited by it and they are calmed by it. I like Country and Western music also - at least some of it - and I am always amazed at the ability so many people have to make beautiful music with banjos, guitars, basses etc. I also like Boogie Woogie, Jazz, ballads, marches etc.

I fondly remember a violin "battle" between the first violin of the Kitchener Symphony Orchestra and the winner of the Old Time

Fiddlers Contest. Each violinist took turns playing some of the beautiful music from his field of expertise. They pretended to mock each other. One played a polka; the other turned his back; one played a waltz the other went to sleep; one played a lullaby; the other scowled. We all laughed but we all enjoyed the beautiful music we heard. At the end they played against each other for fun and then they concluded by playing with each



Photo by Ralph Kendall via Rosy Findlay  
On Sunday March 17th, 2013 was the last official service held by Zander Dunn in St. Paul's Church. Afterwards a cake was presented to Zander. Susie Caughey read well wishes to Nancy and Zander from their Children.



Photo by Ralph Kendall via Rosy Findlay

other and embracing each other when the music was over. I felt God telling me that there is no bad music, only good music we need to learn and understand.

Music is important in the church (and I must confess there are many pieces by Bach in our hymnals and none by Chopin). We know music can move us to heights of praise and joy and can express our deepest pain and need. I am often told at funerals that people do not cry until we stand to sing the hymns. At a regular hour of worship the minister seeks to choose hymns that express something of what he is trying to say in the sermon. Often the music is more effective than the words. I continue to delight in the experience of Luther who sometimes put his words to the music of the taverns. The people loved the drinking songs and Luther said the devil should not have all the best tunes.

I've been in homes for the aged when musicians have performed and I have seen older people, often imprisoned by Alzheimer's Disease, break free by singing or swaying to the music they hear. Music therapists will tell you that the songs and tunes those people hear will bring them alive to enjoy the moment. Music is the language of God who is able to get past all the barriers and reach those who can't communicate except through melodies.

I said I did not understand the music I heard at the concert I attended but I was moved by it and I enjoyed it. Perhaps God is reminding us through music that there are some things, like love, you cannot put into words, but can only receive and enjoy.

I thank God for the gift of music and for those who play it for us. I am also grateful for those who use music to interpret messages from God to us in ways that strike the chords of our hearts and move us to praise.

\*\*\*\*

## **STELLA'S CAFÉ**

- Judy & Anthony

Isn't it odd that it's always someone else that is insane? If another is doing something that we just can't understand or wouldn't do ourselves, they must be insane, right? I bet that a dozen times this winter we've been told that we must be crazy to run a cafe in the summer, unless, of course, we're getting rich from it. (RIGHT!)

OK. I guess we're crazy, 'cause here we go again, getting all excited about opening up STELLA'S CAFE' on the long week-end in May, looking forward to the mess, fuss, stress and laughter that it brings. New stuff on the menu, things to improve, things to delete that

was too much work for the results, how to urge a few more people to drop in, how to thank the dear folks who make it all worthwhile, how to balance the long hours and work with our own needs for fun and time off.

Sure, we'll be there. One year at a time, like all of life. There's nothing we'd like more to do with our summers than be there with the wonderful people of Amherst Island and the folks who drop in from the mainland for the first time. What's more important? Nothing! Sure, maybe we're a bit crazy but what passes these days for normality is highly over-rated.

Because of the BEACON, e-mail and phone, it seems like we never left this winter. A special thanks to all of you who have kept connected. It's hard to express how much this has meant to us. We have missed you each and every day. It will seem so very right to get back and open up the cafe.

\*\*\*\*\*

## **NEILSON STORE MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTRE**

### **Sea, Sand and Sultans:**

To a full house on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 The Backroom Talks' audience was treated to an entertaining and informative presentation by our own Joyce Reid and Beverley Harris. With a stunning back up of photographs so professionally presented with the help of Brian Little, these ladies took us from Egypt to India. The flowers were stunning, the mosques and their wealth of chandeliers, carpets and mosaics were awesome and the sand formations were like artistic carvings. We laughed with the ladies and their adventures riding on a camel and were amazed at the antiquity of Petra. On behalf of the Museum Board I would like to thank-you Bev and Joyce for your support of our museum.

A Visit to our Maritime Past:

April 12<sup>th</sup>, The Backroom Talks continue with a visit by some of the supporters of The Maritime Museum in Kingston. Come and learn more from some local history buffs about our maritime past in these inland seas, The Great Lakes.

\*\*\*\*\*

## **From The GIBSONS Of The ISLE Of TANTI**

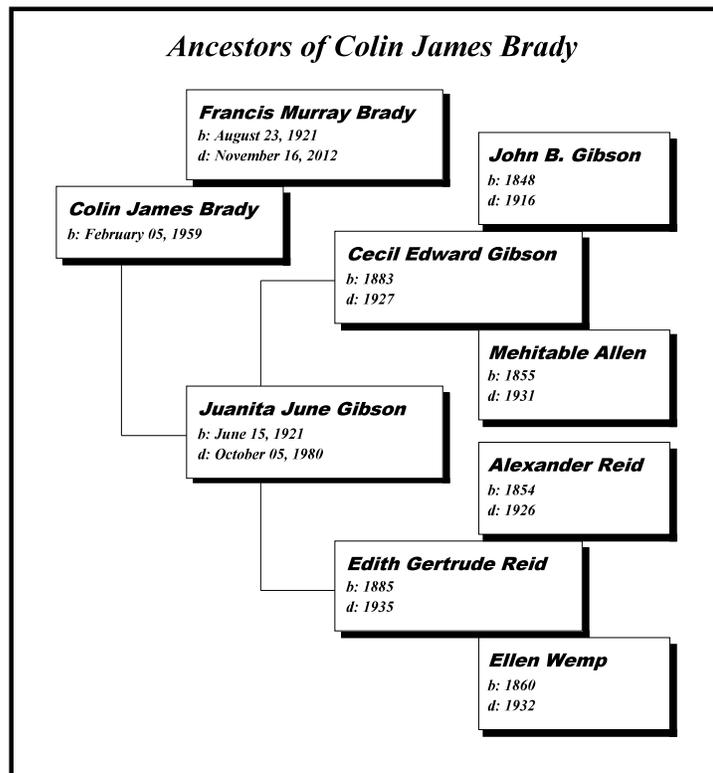
- George F. W. Inrig

[This "incomplete genealogical study of the family of James Gibson" was lent to the Beacon by Colin Brady of Stella.]

The following is recorded in an old geography book: "James Gibson, the owner of this Geography emigrated to America with his family consisting of his wife and two sons in the year A.D. 1819 – set sail from the port of Belfast on the 18<sup>th</sup> May and arrived at St. Andrews, New Brunswick after a passage of 29 ½ Days but having romantic & erroneous impressions of the United States boasted liberty we left the British Territory and arrived next at Philadelphia; here after various wanderings from place to place, it was found after having spent the greater part of our property and having resided 18 months amongst the Yankees, that their Canaan was only an Egypt to a British subject, in other words: their boasted liberty was only that they had a president instead of a King; and that unless we chose to hide ourselves in their back woods there was no prospect of settling within any reasonable distance of a sea port therefore we emigrated to Upper Canada and by the way of the western canal to Oswego and reached Kingston on 19<sup>th</sup> November 1821 and subsequently settled in the Isle of Tanti by obtaining a lease of Lot 21 first Concession known by the Name of Sand Bay, and to be known by the name of Pointfield hereafter and is held by Leases under the Earl of Mount Cashel."

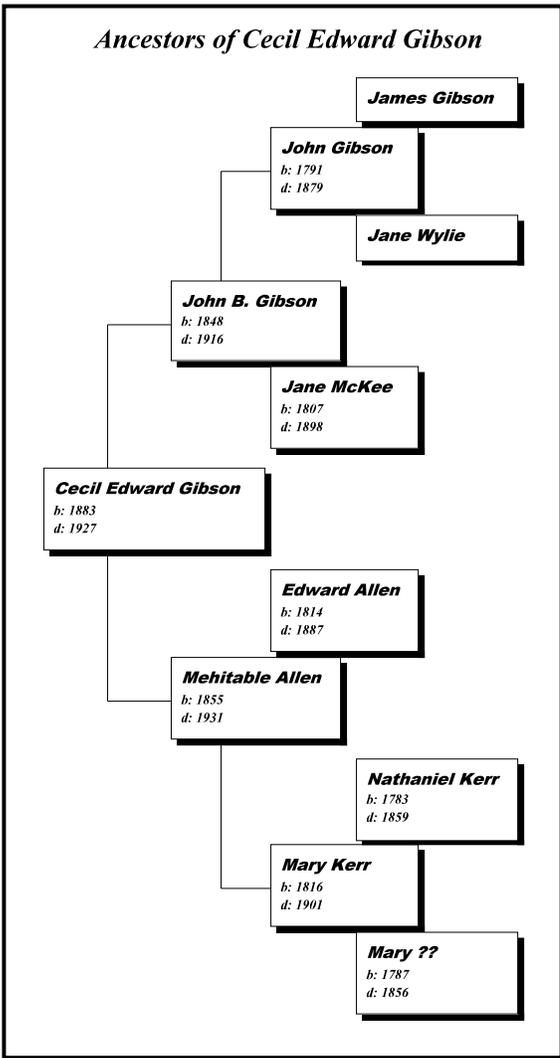
**Descendants of James Gibson**

- 1 James Gibson
- .. +Jane Wylie
- .... 2 John Gibson 1791 - 1879
- ..... +Jane McKee 1807 - 1898
- .....3 Ellen Gibson 1828 - 1917
- ..... +George Wallace 1838 - 1880
- .....3 Elisabeth Gibson 1831 -
- ..... +James Wallace
- ..... \*2nd Husband of Elisabeth Gibson:
- ..... +W.T. Moreland
- .....3 Alexander Gibson 1834 - 1882
- ..... +Emily Eliza Godwin 1848 - 1925
- .....3 Margaret Gibson 1838 -
- ..... +Archibald Christie 1835 -
- .....3 Charles C. Gibson 1843 - 1878
- .....3 Ann Jane Gibson 1845 - 1878
- .....3 John B. Gibson 1848 - 1916
- ..... +Mehitable Allen 1855 - 1931
- .....3 [2] Rose Mary Gibson 1850 -
- ..... +[1] Robert Henry Gibson
- 1850 -
- .....3 James Gibson 1835 - 1837
- .... 2 William Gibson 1795 -
- ..... +Mary McCaffery 1796 -
- .....3 Mary Jane Gibson 1830 -
- .....3 Margaret Gibson 1832 -
- .....3 Elisa Ann Gibson 1835 -
- .....3 Francis Gibson 1836 -
- .....3 James Gibson 1839 -
- .....3 William Gibson 1841 -
- .....3 Rachel Gibson 1845 -
- .....3 David I. Gibson 1847 -
- .....3 [1] Robert Henry Gibson 1850 -
- ..... +[2] Rose Mary Gibson
- 1850 -
- .....3 Margaret Gibson 1855 -

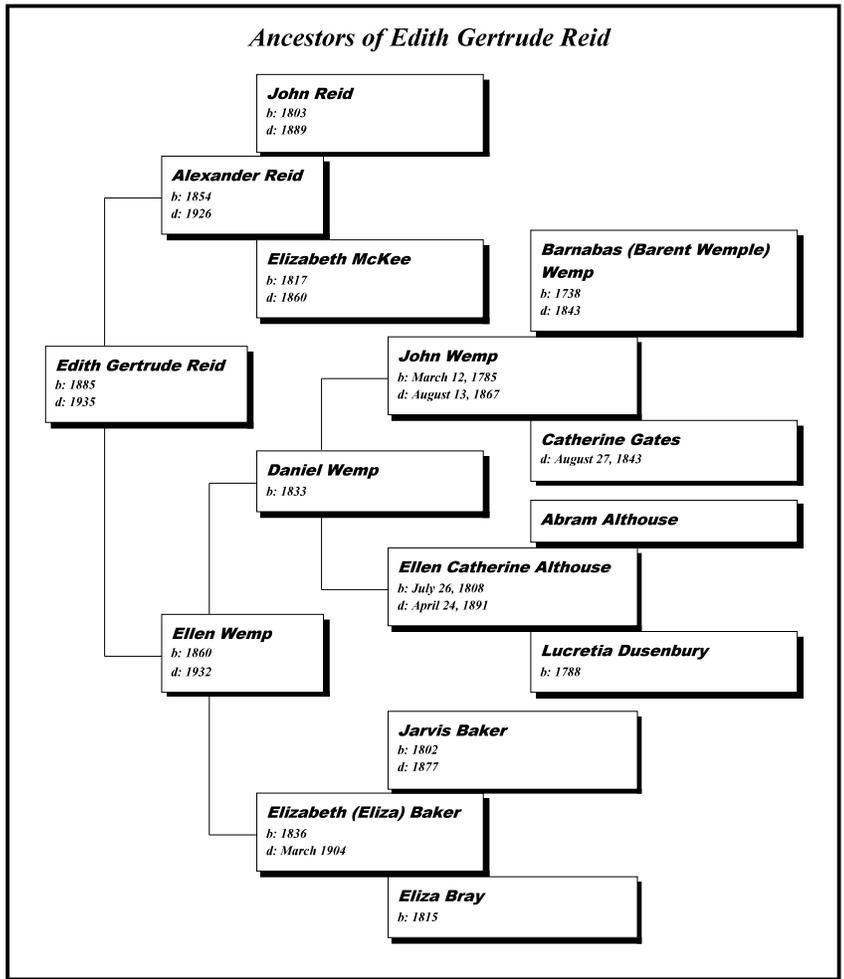


[Stall: more ancestor charts on the next page]

*Ancestors of Cecil Edward Gibson*



*Ancestors of Edith Gertrude Reid*



\*\*\*\*\*

## HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

One of my cousins told me recently that he'd been a long-time friend of Stompin' Tom Connors (STC). STC spent much of his youth in Skinner's Pond about 15 miles from our area of PEI. I mentioned something about STC not having an easy life. My cousin agreed and said that one of the hardest and bravest things that STC did was the following. He had been booked to play at the CNE for \$2250 and that was a lot of money for him at that time. Somehow he found out that Charlie Pride, a country singer from the USA, was booked the next night and the CNE was paying him \$22,500. STC took his contract in to the CNE management and tore it up.

\*\*\*\*\*

## OFF ISLAND ISLANDERS

- Juanita Glenn and Sally Bowen

**Marian (Reid) Glenn** was married to **Marshall Glenn** and lived and farmed and had a magnificent garden at the curve of the road on the 3rd concession. Marian's home where she was raised was on the Second Concession on the farm where Keith and Shirley now live. Marian lives a busy life, active at St. Paul's church, and with the PCW and the WI. Not stopping with Island outings, she and her sister Elsie Willard just returned from a month's journey to Florida.

**Hilda (McCaugherty) Kilpatrick** still lives alone in her own home in Amherstview, though she is in her mid-nineties. She was raised on the 3rd, in the house where Amy and Marcus now live. She married **Herb** (who was Warren's father's first cousin).

**Juanita Glenn** grew up on the first farm at the east end of the Second Concession, south side. Her parents were **Gordon and Nanetta**, usually called Nan. There was great pressure to sell the land along the Second to Nilomis, a German company. The bought land was later sold as a unit for ARDA pasture. The Glenn family moved to Amherstview. They ran a daycare there. Later Juanita worked with ceramics which were sold in her family-owned shop. She now lives in Blenheim and works for her brother **Francis** who has his own company, Glenn Seed Ltd. In her spare time she knits and crochets for family and for charity. Her youngest brother **Murray** lives in Almonte.

\*\*\*\*\*

## LARGE ITEM DISPOSAL

FLIDO = Free Large Item Disposal Opportunity

o Can be used anytime the landfill is open.

o Is equivalent to one pick-up truck load.

o Account will be tracked by a database.

EXAMPLE: In 2013 you have 4 FLIDO. If you use one you will have 3 FLIDO left at the next visit.

When you have no FLIDO left you can still dispose of large items, however you will be charged the normal tipping fee.

What is a Large Item?

Large Items are things that are not hazardous, reusable, or recyclable. They are typically things that cannot fit into a garbage bag. Examples of acceptable and not acceptable items are provided below.

EXAMPLES OF LARGE ITEMS ACCEPTABLE

Couches, Chairs, Tables, Tents, Office Furniture, Refrigerators, Freezers, Dishwashers, Washing Machines, Dryers, Air Conditioners, E-Waste (for example: Cell phones, computers, printers, T.V.'s, stereo receivers), Scrap Steel (bicycle frames, steel doors, aluminum window frames, aluminum wall siding, brass fittings, copper pipe), Carpet, Bathroom Sinks, Steel Bathtubs, Mattresses.

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Household Garbage, Paper, Recyclable Plastics, Cardboard or Cardboard Boxes, Aluminum Cans, Glass Bottles, Hazardous Waste (for example: Propane Cylinders, batteries, used oil), Construction and Demolition Materials, Lawn and Yard Waste, Logs, Stumps, Brush, Tires, Explosives and Ammunition. Household garbage that has not been bagged will be accepted but will be subject to payment of the equivalent of 1 bag tag (\$2.00) per bag disposed of. Landfill attendants will determine the bagged equivalent of loose household garbage. No payment is required if bag tags have already been placed on each garbage bag. Otherwise a payment of \$2.00 per garbage bag will be charged for each bag disposed of.

Waste diversion begins at the source. You can help by reducing consumption.

\*\*\*\*\*

## **THEATRE BUS TRIP – June 8th**

The Fan Van is again taking a trip to The Distillery District. We will be seeing Soulepper's smash hit, *Kim's Convenience*, a hilarious and deeply moving story of a Korean family's new life in Toronto.

The price of the trip is \$125 per person, and cheques are to be made payable to Virginia Thompson, and should be mailed to her ASAP : V. Thompson, Box 515, Bath, K0H 1G0.

Cheques may be dated May 15.

Your cheque in Virginia's hand guarantees a seat on the bus (and in the theatre, of course); the price includes the round-trip to and from Toronto, a theatre seat at The Young Centre for the performing Arts and a substantial snack for the trip home. It also affords patrons the opportunity to meet the cast in the theatre lobby after the play.

The bus arrives in plenty of time for patrons do a walk-about in The Distillery District. The District is a prime example of restoration and reuse of heritage buildings. It is unique.

The Franklin Coach will leave Bath's St. John's Church hall at approximately 8:20 a.m., June 8<sup>th</sup> and; Napanee's Flying J parking lot at 8:45. It will return to Bath at about 7:15.

Patron's may have lunch in The District at any of its many restaurants.

The trip is a Bath Revitalization Committee fundraiser to support the upkeep of the Denys Mailhiot Memorial Garden in Bath

\*\*\*\*\*

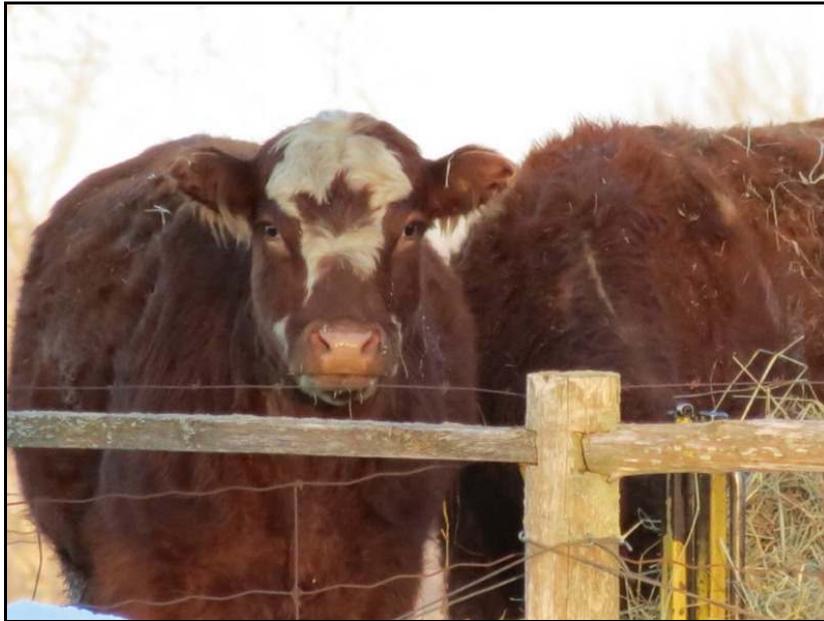
## **THE BACKROOM**

On May 17, 2013 in the Backroom of the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre Anders Bennick will give a talk on the Wines of Prince Edward County.

The talk will include a short history of winemaking in Prince Edward County, challenges of growing grapes in the county, viticultural practices, winemaking techniques, wineries in the county and the pleasure of judging their final result.

The talk will be at 7:00 PM with light refreshments following. Donations to the museum are most welcome.

\*\*\*\*\*



**Photo by Judy Durocher via Janet Scott**

**This is a picture that should have been in last month but didn't. Janet wrote in her original e-mail, "I thought you might get a kick out of this cow with the Maple Leaf on it. I probably see it often and didn't notice but a photographer friend has a different eye and snapped this photo." The picture was taken at Flemingisle Farm.**

# BEACON ADS

## TWO NEW ADS THIS MONTH

### FOR SALE

One pull-out Sealy sofa-bed. Double size mattress.  
Beige/brown/cream \$100.00  
One chaise-longue. 68" long Creamy/beige \$100.00  
Call Liz and John 613-389-5176

\*\*\*

### FAMILY COTTAGE by Lake Simcoe

For rent by weekend/week.  
Near Briar's Park, Jackson's Point.  
Call Sally, 613 389-3444

\*\*\*\*\*

### AMHERST ISLAND CHIROPRACTIC

10650 Front Rd.  
Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.  
For appointments call 613 328-8892

\*\*\*

### AMHERST ISLAND STORE

Monday - Friday: 9am - 11:30am; 2:30pm - 5pm  
Saturday: 9am - 1pm (Post Office closes at noon)  
Sunday: closed

\*\*\*

### BETTY'S HOME COOKING

My Market Goodies are available!  
Plus if you want a full meal to go... a few days notice and your  
cooking for company is over.  
Call Betty 389-7907

\*\*\*

### COLIN BRADY

Spider Spraying / Fruit Tree Spraying  
Call: 613-634-6680 (cottage) or 289-385-7217 (cell)

\*\*\*

### FOOTFLATS FARM ACCOMMODATION:

www.footflats.com (613 634-1212)  
Goodman House (waterfront)  
- 4 bedrooms, 3 baths  
- available year round

\*\*\*

### GODDEN'S WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE

We would like to thank our faithful sausage customers on  
Amherst Island for their continued support of our product.  
Flavours now include: Salt & Pepper; Honey & Garlic; Sundried  
Tomato & Oregano; Hot Italian; Sweet Chilli & Lime; Maple  
Breakfast; and Salt & Pepper Breakfast.

Now selling packages of 4 sausages!!  
See more at: "thewholehogblog@blogspot.com"; Facebook,  
"Godden's Whole Hog Sausage"; or, follow us on  
"Twitter@Godden Farms".

Please call ahead for large orders, 705-653-5984.

With Sincere Thanks

Lori Caughey & Family.

\*\*\*\*\*

### HARTIN'S PUMPING SERVICE:

Septic Pumping & Inspection  
613-379-5672

\*\*\*

**HELP STILL NEEDED.** We need the following items for the  
Lennox and Addington S.P.C.A.. Used towels and linens, paper  
towels and cleaning supplies, pet food, kitty litter, dog and cat toys  
are always in demand as are used stamps (any kind), Canadian Tire  
coupons and pop cans. There is a large container in my porch for  
the pop cans and any other items can be left in my porch as well.

Thank you for helping to support our animal shelter.

Further information needed? Call Freda Youell - 613 384-4135.

\*\*\*

### I AM NOW SELLING WATKINS PRODUCTS AS WELL AS RAWLEIGH PRODUCTS.

Catalogues available. To place an order call Marie Ward at 613-  
389-5767 or via email: [bandmward@xplornet.ca](mailto:bandmward@xplornet.ca)

\*\*\*

### ISLAND YOGA

Call Taggett for more information 613 888-5156

\*\*\*

**LOCAL ELECTRICIAN** 30yrs exp, \$25 an hour. Also Home  
Renovations, Tree Removal, Pressure Wash. Call Cary 389-8327.

\*\*\*

### POPLAR DELL FARM BED & BREAKFAST

3190 FRONT ROAD, AMHERST ISLAND  
Welcoming guests for over 30 years.  
Also, Cottage Rentals and Godden Sausage sales.  
Call Susie @ 613-389-2012

\*\*\*

### TOPSY FARMS WOOL SHED 613 389-3444

Wool and sheepskin products including yarn, blankets, and crafts,  
the 2013 Calendar, and individual photos, books and booklets by  
Don Tubb.

Open weekends and most weekday mornings.

\*\*\*

**HONEY:** Topsy Farms has Island honey for sale at the Wool Shed.  
Phone 613-389-3444 for an appointment or drop by and take your  
chances.

\*\*\*

**TOPSY FARMS** has fresh frozen lamb cuts for sale in the Wool  
Shed.

\*\*\*\*\*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Island Beacon: April 15, 1983

- Volume 3 Issue 63

Editor - Ian Murray

Subscriptions - Lyn Fleming

Treasurer - Lulu Strain

Publishers - Jack Kerr & Madlyn Kerr

15¢ per copy

Advertisements free

\*\*\*\*\*

### COUNCIL REPORT FOR APRIL 5, 1983

- Jacqueline Sylvester

The regular session of council was already underway at 7:54 when this reporter entered the chambers. Possibly the early start was made because of the delegations to be heard, but no advance warning was given to the public (I had been next door in the library since about 7:40).

Council first heard from Mr. Gordon Ogilvie, our Regional Assessment Commissioner on the Section 86 Reassessment Program. . . .

The second delegation was Mr. Doug Martin, manager of Auxiliary Services, L & A County Board of

Education, to talk on the use of propane to fuel the school bus. Council has already given approval to the

refueling tank at the school if it is fenced in. Council was informed that several ministries are asking

municipalities to include refueling tanks in their zoning by-law. Mr. Martin expressed his appreciation to council for keeping our roads open in winter for the school bus.

The third delegation was Lloyd Clare who inquired of council the provisions he would need to follow to sever and rezone his wayside pit to operate as a permanent quarry.

Ed Chadband was hired as our new building inspector. He reported that 5 building permits have been taken out this year involving capital expenditures of \$58,070. A severance request from Mr. Barnes will require rezoning. Council is going to look into the legality of making a survey a condition of severance. After a Committee of the Whole, council reported they were tabling the matter of a stop work order on Mr. Edward Filson.

\*\*\*

F  
r  
o  
m

T  
h  
e

A  
r  
c  
h  
i  
v  
e  
s

### Committee Reports

#### Ferry

- Union intends to bargain for amendments to the current collective agreement. Council stated it must involve non-monetary issues, but will wait until more information is obtained.

- a motion to have the building at the dock renovated was defeated (2 in favour, 2 against). Renovations will not cost as much as relocating the electrical connection required for the Wolfe Islander. We do not know what our stand-by ferry is to be. When this is resolved, the question will be brought up again.

#### Roads

- McFarland wants a 20 cents a yard surcharge on gravel from Am-Isle farms. Lloyd Clare expressed a desire to sell gravel to the municipality at a fair market value. Council has refused to discuss the matter further until they can gain legal title and access to the gravel.

- a \$87,200 road budget was adopted, - Council wants to widen and pave the Stella crossroads on the south-west corner to permit easier turning for large vehicles.

- A resolution and by-law were passed to place additional road signs up.

- Esdon Ltd. is to be retained to undertake a survey of a portion of the Development Road.

- Council passed a resolution to formalize land agreements re the Development Road.

- a letter from Irene Glenn re the dust problem on the Stella 40-foot will probably be resolved by buying an extra load of calcium chloride or, if the Development Road is paved, we will have extra available compared to last year.

Fire - Council will look into increased coverage (i.e. Workmen's Compensation) for our Volunteer Firefighters.

- Council increased the amount given for the "training session" to \$250.00.

#### Sanitation

- a container for scrap metal is to be placed at the dump by KIMCO on a trial basis, if KIMCO considers this worth while, they will pay the municipality for the metal received.

- The Waste Management Program has ended; the actual amount spent was \$2,314.38 of which \$2,000 will be reimbursed. The program continued longer than was originally intended.

Finance - our County levy is down \$604.00 and school levy is down \$204.00.

**F  
r  
o  
m  
  
T  
h  
e  
  
A  
r  
c  
h  
i  
v  
e  
s**

- the Working Budget - an approved working budget has been in existence since February, but our final budget may not be approved until June since we have only just received our County and School levies, and we do not yet know finalized details on all the grants we hope to receive. At present the public does not know the details of this budget.

- Councillor Ian Murray would like to make this budget public as he does not see how council can make daily decisions for half the working year on a document that is not publicly available.

- the other councillors say it has never been released in the past, that people may become confused or have misconceptions about it, and people do not realize that a "Working Budget" can and generally does have changes made in it before it becomes finalized.

- why don't you let your favourite Councillor know your feelings on whether you think the Working Budget should be available to the public upon demand.

Under other new business, council agreed to allow a school trip of handicapped children to the Island to travel on the ferry free. Control of liquor in the community centre was discussed and signs are to be printed to be posted whenever liquor is being served. A Rabies Clinic is to be held at the Fire Hall April 15, 6:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

The Municipal Drain was discussed in a Committee of the Whole on which no report was given after.

The County Planning Committee is hiring a Consultant to report on the effects of the County Official Plan on the involved municipalities. They want to know the positive and negative effects of the plan, its implications to the municipalities, the estimated cost to the County as greater demands are made on their resources, and what alternatives to the County Official Plan might be available to them.

The long, rambling council meeting finally ended near midnight.

\*\*\*\*\*

### **PROPER USE OF DUMP SITE**

As users of the dump, most people will be aware that some clean-up work has taken place at the site over the past few weeks. The work was done with the assistance of the Ministry of the

Environment who have been putting some pressure on Council to keep the site in a more orderly fashion. The alternative would be to close the site and require that the Township make arrangements for off-Island garbage disposal.

Council has arranged for a large bin to be placed at the site for disposal of metal objects including old appliances, fence wire (No Posts) etc. Please co-operate by using the bin for that purpose. Every resident can help keep the site tidy by following a few simple rules:

1. Normal household waste should be properly bagged
2. All garbage should be thrown off the side of the ramp, Not On The Ramp.
3. Large items and bulky waste such as old lumber, brush, etc. should be disposed of in such a way that it will not interfere with normal dumping. Every dollar spent on the dump is paid for by the property owners of Amherst Island and increased costs result in an increase in your tax bill. Please remember that the dump is the responsibility of all of us.

\*\*\*\*\*

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

- Steven Willard, Donnie Miller

This past month has been a busy one for the students of Amherst Island school.

First with the seniors having exams and the other two rooms working just as hard. But soon the March break came up and everyone got a rest.

Just recently, though, we had our Spring Carnival. Due to our lack of winter weather in the winter, Students' Council decided to have a Spring Carnival instead.

This included such activities as a Spelling Bee, Hobby Day, Nucum Ball (Volley Ball) Tournament and a Treasure Hunt. All played well and had fun.

Since April 1 was a PD day, school was out and April Fool's Day couldn't be celebrated. Instead, it was held on Wednesday the 30th, and it was the scene of much mischief.

In the days to come much rehearsing and studying is going to be done to bring forth a well performed operetta done by the students. This will happen during Education Week - all people invited.

\*\*\*

**AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

- Thelma Howard

The March meeting of the Amherst Island Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Jane Miller on Mar. 16 at 8 p.m.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Georgia Allison in the usual manner with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect followed by O Canada.

The financial report was given by Mrs. Phyllis Strain who also read the correspondence. The results of the euchre for the Heart Fund amounted to \$225.

A Mother's Day buffet dinner was planned for Sat. May 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. The committee in charge is Mrs. Marian Glenn, Mrs. Georgia Allison, Mrs. Jackie Sylvester, Mrs. Diane Gavlas and Mrs. Randi Kennedy. Tickets are to be sold in advance so, if interested, please contact any Institute member. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 yr. We hope you will all help to make our dinner a success.

Mrs. Jackie Sylvester, convenor of Consumer Affairs, showed an interesting film on "Women and Advertising" and afterwards much discussion went on about the subject.

A brown bag auction took place which made the society a bit of money. Each member brought something in a brown bag and it was auctioned.

The meeting closed with the Grace and Queen after which a nice lunch was served.

The April meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn on April 6 at 8 p.m. At this meeting will be the election of officers for 1983-4 and payment of fees.

\*\*\*\*\*

**F  
r  
o  
m**

**T  
h  
e**

**A  
r  
c  
h  
i  
v  
e  
s**

# SHIPPING SEASON STARTS

Don Tubb

Up our way, at the Head, shipping means cement boats... coming and going to both the Picton and Bath cement plants. The CCGS Griffon has been busy clearing the ice to get the boats in late last month. And, while in the Channel, she came down and worked on the ferry track.



Photo by Don Tubb

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Griffon started breaking up the ice leading to the Bath cement plant.



Photo by Alex Scott

Alex wrote, 'Canadian Coast Guard Ship Griffon working the ice near the Millhaven Ferry Dock today.'



Photo by Don Tubb

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, a loaded cement boat from the Picton cement plant turned into the Upper Gap headed for who-knows-where... actually, there are a few web sites that track shipping on the Great Lakes.

There should be a picture of the *English River* in at the Bath Cement plant but I forgot and the paper is getting put to bed tonight! This visit would be the first of the year with many more to come, hopefully.  
Don