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The St. Paul's Garden Party takes place this year on Saturday July 26th. These Island kids should be recognizable to some- are you or your friends in this picture from many years ago?
... from Vera Hogeboom

THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray

There was considerable discussion amongst the Beacon staff in the summer of 1995 when we considered raising the price of the Beacon from \$0.35 to \$1.00. It was finally decided that going from a Gestetner printed product that we did ourselves to one that was done on a good-quality copy machine was worth the gamble. We knew that if people didn't think the paper was worth \$1 they wouldn't buy it. If people wouldn't buy it we could always drop the price and go back to the Gestetner.

Today we find ourselves in a somewhat similar position: should we continue with a larger Beacon - 16 or 20 pages - in a folded format, or should we go back to a stapled 12 - page standard. As you can see above,



Canada Day Parade by Peter Large SCA

it has been decided to double the price per issue from a loonie to a toonie. The subscription rate has been increased to \$30 in Canada, \$32 to USA, and other countries will be on a case by case basis.

You, the reader, will have to decide if the Beacon is worth the increased price.

I have included another letter about the Curran family because Island family linkages are interesting to me and, in talking to some older Islanders, I know that some of them are interested as well. Please contact me if you want a copy of Martha Parker's un-edited letter.

I prefer to get submissions by e-mail as I am a poor typist. Please do not spend any time making the e-mail or its attachment look nice. Before I send anything to Tom I remove all the formatting to make his job of dealing with the Beacon text easier.

Material can always be left at the store or sent by Canada Post or left at the ferry or whatever works.

Remember: text to me, photos to Tom, if possible; dead-line for written material is the 25th of each month.



Ernest Fleming (R) and grandson Tim Jameson (L) in June 2002. Story page 2



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Ernest Hartley Fleming

Peacefully with his family by his side at Trillium Ridge Retirement Home on Friday, June 12, 2003, in his 96th year. Predeceased by his wife Genevieve (Filson) and his son Harry. Sadly missed by his daughters Shirley Martin (Orvin) and Winnifred Jamieson (the late Raymond), daughter-in-law Syke, 8 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

From the Whig-Standard The Honourable Mr. Justice John Roderick (Rod) BARR, Q.C., L.L.D.

Born in Toronto on September 9, 1921 died in St. Catherines on May 30, 2003. Devoted and loving husband of Rhoda Marshall Barr. Predeceased by infant daughter Jane. Dearly loved by his son Peter, daughter Elizabeth and their spouses, Sharon Broderick and Stephen Perry. Adoring grandfather to John Barr and Nicholas, James and Christopher Perry.

JOHN CHARLES LUSCOMBE

B.A. Eng., P. Eng.
Veteran WWII - RCAF
Entered into rest peacefully on Friday, April 25, 2003, at the Helen Henderson Care Centre, Amherstview. Beloved husband of Margaret Ann Mayman. Fondly remembered by his brother-in-



Coast Guard Ship off Millhaven dock

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laws John G. Mayman & Estelle Mayman, Brian and Linda Mayman, his nephew John L. and Tesse Mayman, Cody & Dylon. Mr. Luscombe served as a Civil Engineer in Ottawa with the Federal Department of Transport and Northern Affairs. An avid sailor on Windward III on the Bay of Quinte & Thousand Islands. Life member Doric Lodge AF & AM. Interment Catarauqui Cemetery. [Staff: a line in the above was missing from this notice in the June Issue.]

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well wishes this month go to Duncan Marshall and Nancy Henshaw, who have both spent time in the hospital this month.

Condolences to Lynn A'Court and husband John following the passing of Lynn's mom recently. Also to Carol Finlay on the death of her mother.

Congratulations to Amy Caughey, who was married on a beautiful Amherst Island day to Marcus Bermann. The reception was held

at the home of Amy's parents, Bruce and Susan Caughey, on the North Shore.

Congratulations to this year's graduates. Leaving High School behind this year are, Victoria Eves, Marlene Kilpatrick, Alison McDonald, Brent McGinn, Samantha Pollock and Shannon Youell. All are going on to College and University, but I don't have all the details as to which ones!

Leaving A.I.P.S. and going on to NDSS are Laurel Brady, Justin Hutchings and William Reed. Going on to Holy Cross is Chris Varga. Moving up to the Pri-



Canada Day Parade

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mary Room, are Sr. Kindergarten grads, Nick Varga and Dakota Wolfreys.

AIMS held their 2nd House Tour and Strawberry Social in June. The tour was very successful, with approximately 200 passports being sold.

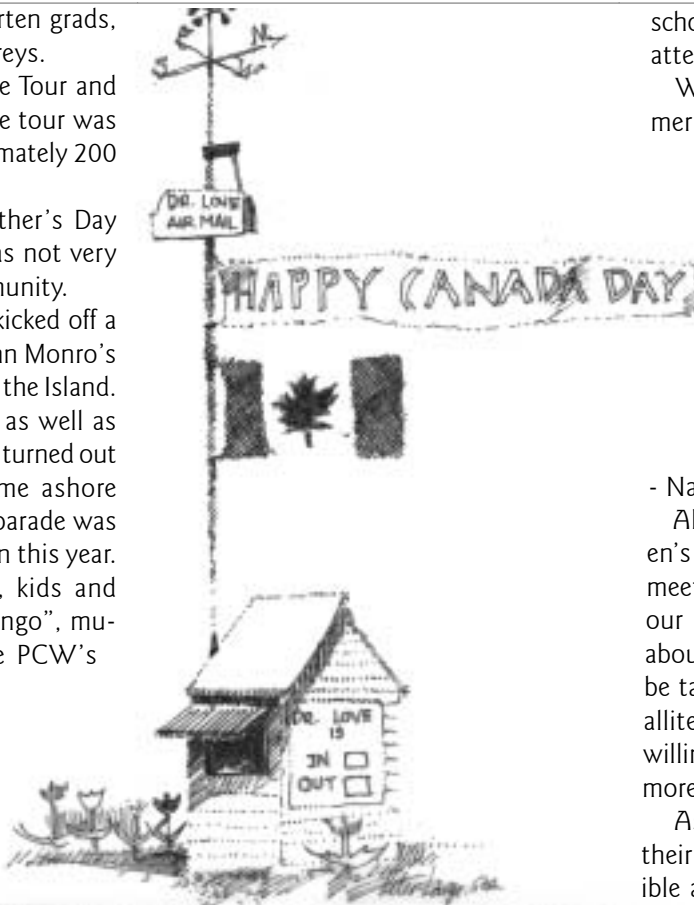
ISLE held an excellent Father's Day Brunch. Unfortunately, it was not very well supported by the Community.

Canada Day Celebrations kicked off a little earlier this year with John Monro's successful swim from Bath to the Island. A good number of Islanders as well as supporters from the Mainland turned out to cheer John on as he came ashore across from the school. The parade was excellent and has grown again this year. Following the parade were, kids and adult games, "Cow Paddy Bingo", music, food and of course the PCW's Strawberry Social.

THANK YOU

The Amherst Island Rec Association would like to thank everyone for their support and participation in this year's Canada Day Cel-

ebrations. To the excellent participants in the parade, many thanks for your creativity and imagination, especially the kids on bikes, walking and in or on vehicles and floats! Congratulations to John Monro for his successful swim from Bath to Amherst Island, and thanks for being a big part of our day. Thanks to Reeve McEwen and Council for participating in the parade, the A.I. Emergency Services for their participation, activities and for standing by during the fireworks, and of course, our thanks to Canazon Fireworks for another great show. Special thanks to Alan Glenn for the music he provided and to Shannon Youell for organizing the kids games and prizes, as well as a couple of games for the "grown ups". Finally, thanks to all who came out for the day or part of it and for choosing to spend the holiday on Amherst Island - it wouldn't be a success without you all! A.I.R.A.



Township office on Canada Day Peter Large, SCA



Amherst Island Public School

- Lyn Fleming

June has been an extremely busy month for the school! The Primary students visited Fort Henry and Kingston School of Art and the Senior Class took an overnight trip to RKY Camp in Parham.

Graduation was on June 24th, and we said good bye to this year's graduates: Laurel Brady, Justin Hutchings, William Reed and Chris Varga. Awards were given to students in a variety of areas as well as diplomas for the grads.

On a sadder note, we said good bye to Sr. Class teacher Cathy Secker, who will go on to Elginburg P.S. and to our Principal, Dave Wyatt who will go on to a position at the Board Office. We wish our graduates and Cathy and Dave much luck in your new adventures, but we will miss them all!

ISLE held a Father's Day Brunch for a

school fund raiser, but it wasn't very well attended by the community.

We hope everyone has a great summer!



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Nancy Dunn

Although the Amherst Island Women's Institute does not have a regular meeting in July this does not mean that our group of willing women is sitting about idle. ("Willing women" is not to be taken the wrong way - it's just that alliteration with "w's" is difficult and willing seemed better than wacky and more modest than wonderful.)

As the summer progresses some of their recent work will become more visible as the flowers in the four half-barrels and three beds in the parkette by the Island ferry dock flourish. W.I. members will be tending them throughout the season. In the same area two benches and some posts were painted and a truckload of brush removed. Another barrel of blooms is in Centennial park where the market is held. Further activities included preparing and serving the strawberry social segment of the AIMS house tour for the benefit of the Neilson Store and Museum project on 21 June and making ready for the 2 August booksale.

The W.I. coffee/cold drink/muffin table at the Farmers' Market occupies several souls every Sat. also.

Don't forget everyone is invited to hear Amanda Knapp, Public Health inspector, speak on "The West Nile Virus" on Wed. 16 July, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Church Hall.



JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott



"Westering home and a song in the air,
Laughter o' love and it's good-bye to care,
Laughter o' love and a welcoming there
Isle of my heart,
mine own one.

There are no folks like the folks of
the west,

Canty and couthy and kindly the
best,

There I would hie me and there I
would rest

At home with my own folks on Is-
lay."

When Hans Krauklis was working on the Island CD he asked me what I called my house and I explained that I called it "Westering Home" from an old song. There is something about the old place that speaks peace to those who stop here. Visitors from various places both near and far comment on the feeling of relaxation that surrounds them once they arrive on the Southshore but this wraps all those who visit our welcoming Island. They of course are not here when the depths of Lake Ontario, our inland sea, are swept up into rollers that send waves smashing against the cliff and spray flying halfway up the laneway but that too is a wrapping of peace and stability as the old house standing on this spot since 1877 just shrugs and faces that sea. Do you ever wonder about the settlers who first built here?

This house was built for Charles Girvin in July of 1877 for the sum of \$175 by Joseph Gardner and Alfred Kent. Until Evangeline Carter (granddaughter) sold the last remaining lot to Reeds at least that much was still in the family from 1876 with the original grant. The Irish settlers came to build some sort of future for later generations. Their daily work must have been horrendous. When you

look at the width of the boards inside our walls and imagine those trees that could have produced such boards. They must have been tremendous and the saws were manual. I have always felt at home here from my very first visit in 1971 to the Coulsons not ever dreaming that I would someday move here. Bill Coulson and I and my oldest son walked up that



#2 School, Amherst Island (now 4125 South Shore Road)- Back Row, L-R: Harvey Eves; Avery Brown; Melville Filson; Johnie Cochrane; Wilmer Eves. Middle Row: Isabell Eves; Dorothy Corke; Mary Corke; Jennie McCormick; Annie McCormick. Front Row: Jack Filson; Jack Taylor; Harold Cochrane. Picture by teacher Marj Bulch

Marshall 40foot while he told me about the Island. He explained about the friendliness of the people and the beauty of their children and how on my earlier visit to the Wires on the North side I had not waved to everyone and that he had heard that we were not very friendly. My friend Heather and I tried then to remedy that impression.

He told me about the people who came to see the owls and I thought that he must be exaggerating about the numbers of cars on that road. Remember at this time Sandy hadn't introduced us to the wonderful world of Owling. Now I walk that road with my Granddaughter, his daughter, and discuss weighty subjects like why the worms are lying in the bottom of the puddles and why strawberries that are white blossoms can be red berries later. A word of wisdom for you. She says, "Don't eat the green ones they taste like garbage." Go for a walk with a four year-old ! They have a very different perspective on things.

When my great great great grandmother Susannah Maxwell ran away from Farnham in Ireland to marry Lord Maxwell's groom William Forsythe I don't think she ever thought about her descendants living some day on Amherst Island but here we are. She unfortunately didn't survive to take up their lot in Cedarhill near Pakenham. They came with their son and his family in 1822 but she only made it to Brockville, where she's buried .

The entry of the Internet into my lifestyle began to expand my contacts to relatives that I hardly ever see and a cousin in Calgary e-mailed me to tell me about our family's connection to Amherst Island . She's interested in genealogy and talks to Maxwells and Forsythes all over the world. It's strange isn't it to imagine that instantly you can talk about people who took over a month to cross the Atlantic over 180 years ago with someone who lives that far away now. Remember Your Heritage and Good Birding!



COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

1) "Moved by Councillor Ashley ... that the CAO's report ... re: The MV Amherst Islander as a Diving Platform be received and that Council forward a Letter of Intent as an expression of interest to OSTAR indicating support in principle ... for a project to sink the MV Amherst Islander and to develop an underwater tourist site for divers. The project is intended to develop a tourist product in Loyalist Township"

Motion carried.

2) Correspondence from Carol Morgan regarding Wheelchair Accessibility on the Frontenac 2 was referred to the Director of Engineering Services for a report back to Council.

3) "Mr. Guy Laporte reviewed the Amherst Island Landfill-2002 Annual Report and discussed the evaluation rate which is 1% per year growth in population and 1% growth rate in waste...."

4) AIMS has been officially "recognized as being a sub-committee of the Loyalist Township Recreation Committee".

5) By-law 2003-66 - Ferry Agreement with MTO.

"Councillor Ashley thanked staff ... for their support in achieving the completion of this agreement. He noted that this issue has been ongoing for the last nine years and started before amalgamation. He thanked Council and noted that amalgamation helped them obtain an agreement from MTO...."

Moved by Councillor Ashley ... that By-law 2003-66 being a by-law to authorize the execution of agreement with Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by The Minister of Transportation be approved. Enacted and Passed this 9th day of June 2003."...

[Later in the meeting] Councillor Ashley noted that another accomplishment has been the continuation of the principle that the ferry does not cost the people of Loyalist who do not use it.

WEST NILE VIRUS

Everyone welcome to W.I. meeting on Wed. July 16th 7p.m. at St. Paul's Church Hall. Public Health Inspector Amanda Knapp will speak. ALL ARE INVITED.



Don Smith throwing to the Purser's bollard on Stella dock.

Terry Culbert Photo

THE FERRY AGREEMENT

- Ian Murray

The following are points of possible interest. The more concerned rate-payer can obtain a copy of this Agreement from the Loyalist Township.

- Loyalist is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the ferry service

- MTO is responsible for providing a vessel for Loyalist to operate the ferry service (but it can and will remove the Frontenac II when more important islands need to be served)

- MTO is responsible for maintaining the vessel in good repair

- MTO is responsible for providing and maintaining the bubble system

- MTO will try not to affect ferry service between May 15th and October 15th

- MTO will be responsible for 90% of the Base Operating Costs - laid out in detail in Section 4 - of the ferry service and Loyalist is responsible for 10% (from ticket sales)

- Loyalist must have enough insurance coverage to protect MTO from all possible lawsuits

- either party may terminate the agreement by advising the other party of its

wish to do so by September 30th of any year with the termination date being the following December 31st.

This appears to be a comprehensive agreement and will hopefully work as well for Island residents as previous agreements have: the service is well-run and its costs are reasonable. Perhaps we have seen the last of ferry studies; is there anyone living here interested in participating in another go-round?

The biggest fly-in-the-oointment may be escalating insurance premiums which must be reflected in the price of ferry tickets.

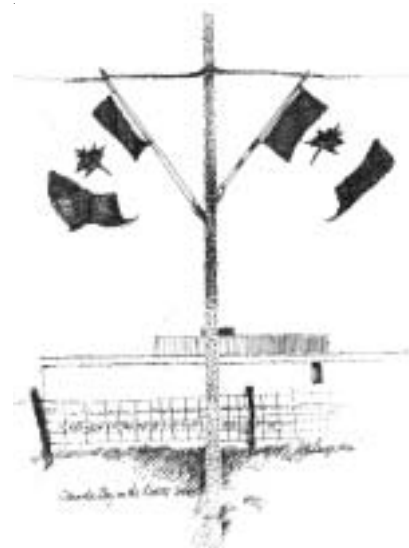
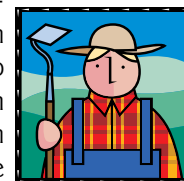
AIMS

- John Kuti

The assistance committee under Allan Glenn, reported eight to 10 calls for help, which were answered. John Kuti reported that the perennial sale raised \$344 and there would be some additional money from the sale of seedling trees donated as a bonus to the ones purchased by the Cataraqui Conservation Authority.

Doug Williamson gave a draft report for the Amherst Island Fair. The many events were outlined and discussed.

Stanley Burke reported that the issue of wildflowers along Island roads was



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raised with Township counsel, and the Reeve would come sometime to speak to the group on the issue.

Allan Kidd then spoke about his life story. He told his experiences having come to the farm 30 years ago and finally retiring here full time last fall.

He told stories of growing up in Florida and Alaska while his father was attached to the American military through the American Red Cross. He told stories of driving from Jacksonville to Anchorage in six weeks in 1954 when the Alaska Highway was only a two lane gravel road. He told of living in Germany and playing in the bomb craters and going to the Brussels World's Fair in 1958 and seeing Sputnik and becoming interested in astronomy and space.

He graduated from Florida State in physics and then went to graduate school in Michigan to study astronomy. When he was drafted he came to Canada and it only took a half-hour filling out a form to become a landed immigrant. He discussed the anti-war movement and some of the people he knew.

He told of using a small inheritance to purchase land on Amherst Island. He told the story of his winter pig feast when all his friends from Florida came and 16 inches of snow completely closed his lane-way. He described the winter of 1970- 71 when there was no ferry, and snow piled to the top of telephone poles. He described how farmers had to pull milk across the ice by snowmobiles, and how he had to walk seven miles on snowshoes to Stella for supplies

He told about going to Queen's teacher's college and teaching for a year in Cornwall. He also described having some involvement at the beginning of the Amherst Island Organic Farm.

After going back to school at Queen's to study astronomy, he worked in Algonquin Park on the big radio telescope, but because there were few jobs in astronomy he went back and got his masters degree in electrical engineering.

From there he worked in Princeton designing communications satellites, and he said how he would always come back to his place on the Island when he had

the chance.

He described working at Spar aerospace in Montreal, and then in Ottawa at Telesat designing the first national communications satellites in the world for Canada. Because of this experience he consulted all over the world on communications satellites.

He also described his experience working in England and the circumstances around the conception and birth of his 2 children.

Moving back to Canada, and commuting to Ottawa was difficult, and so it was only last fall when he took early retirement so his family could come to Island to retire at last.

The Meeting was adjourned after Michael Shaw agreed to speak at the next meeting.

[Staff: Amherst Island Organic Farm changed its name in 1977 to Topsy Farms.]

A SILVER FOX NAMED BELLA

- Jeanie Visintin

She came one cold winter night, her sil-



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ver coat glistened wet and she was very hungry. We watched as she looked for food without any luck. So we threw out some bread which she gobbled right up. Her beautiful long silver tail with the white tip she really was a beautiful fox.

Weeks went by and she made regular trips to the house now for scraps and dog



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food. She soon knew when we would be at home and was sometimes waiting by the door. I would then take food out to her and talk to her. I could have fed her from my hand, but she was a wild animal and so I thought better on that idea.

If she wasn't outside when we came home, I would call her and she would come running from afar in no time at all.

As the snow melted, we saw her with what was later to be known as her mate, the red fox. He was only seen a couple of times and didn't stay around.

We gave her a name. We called her "Bella".

Then spring arrived and she was looking very healthy and friendlier than ever. Then all of a sudden she became very thin, and when I fed her, Bella would take it away and hide it all over the place.

After weeks went by she appeared down by the water with one baby - a red one. She put it under the boat house. Then, over the next four days, there was one more fox each day until there were five - four red ones and one silver one. The silver one looked just like Mom only with a little red on the sides. All of them had white tips on their tails.

For the next month or so it was great watching Mom and babies at play. I took a lot of pictures as well as some video footage of Bella and her precious babies. Soon they grew. Bella moved them to the fields, but she still came around for a visit once and awhile.

While my husband was on his way to the six o'clock ferry, on Sunday, June 15th, he spotted the little baby silver fox lying dead on the side of the road. On

his return at 8:30, he saw Bella herself lying just a few feet away from her baby she must have been trying to get the little one when she too, was killed.

I feel very sad

I am going to miss seeing Bella roam all over Amherst Island. She brought many hours of fun; watching her play with her babies and giving them her love.

I hope the four other red babies are safe they are orphans now.

This is my story of a beautiful silver fox who gave many people pleasure for a short while.

People that make Amherst Island Work



Laurie makes all our Canada Post visits a pleasant experience. By law she is fluent in both official languages of our Dominion: **"Islander"** and **"Mainlander."** She is the one who makes sure the Beacon goes through with the right postage, sells you stamps and money orders, sorts your mail (with Helen, of course!) and answers even the most esoteric postal questions with amazing grace and aplomb!

(Is this where the writer comes out from behind the curtain and says "Smile, Laurie, you're on Candid Camera!"? Not on your life! : ^)



JULY

- Alan Kidd

July actually isn't the best of months for stargazing. For starters, there isn't a lot of night for looking at the stars. Then there's the mosquitoes..... To top it all, a lot of the brighter and more familiar constellations, like Orion, can't be seen. Still, there are some interesting features of the sky in summer.

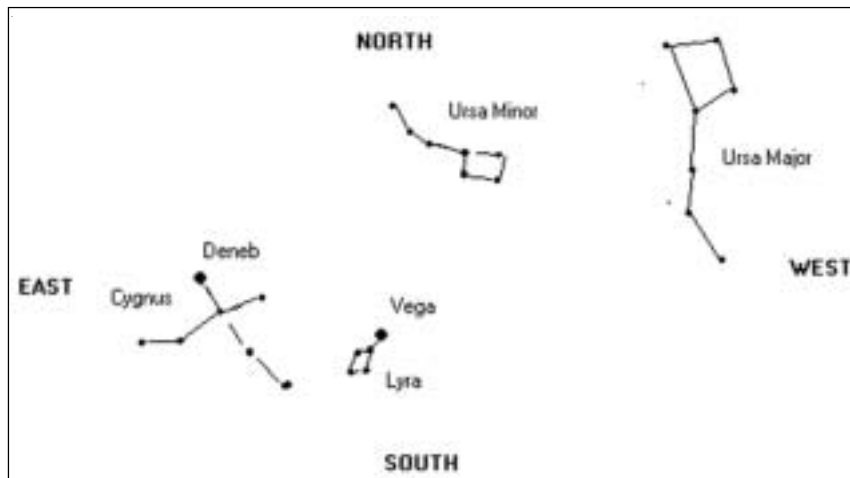
At midnight, on July 15th, a very bright star is almost directly overhead. This is Vega in the constellation Lyra (the Lyre). The other stars in the constellation are considerably dimmer than Vega, but you can usually make out sort of kite shape with about four other stars. Vega is bright for two reasons. It's big and relatively close. Close in the astronomical sense, that is. Vega is about 25 light years from us, or about 250 trillion kilometers. That's still considered to be in the local neighborhood, and virtually all the stars you see on any given night are much further away. Vega also puts out 60 times as much light as the sun, and is considerably bigger.

Just to the East of Lyra lies the constellation of Cygnus (the swan). While Vega is a very large and bright star, Deneb, the main star of Cygnus, makes it look dim in comparison. Deneb has 170,000 times the luminosity of the sun. Deneb appears less bright than Vega only because it is 2500 light-years from us. And a good thing too. Any star as large and bright as Deneb is a good candidate for a supernova, and being far away from a supernova is definitely a desirable location.

Cygnus, also called the Northern Cross, is a easy constellation to identify in the summer sky. It is just to the east of Lyra and Deneb is at the top of the cross. Cygnus lies right in the middle of the Milky Way. However, most summer nights are hazy and the sky is rarely clear enough to see the Milky Way, even on Amherst Island.

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

The planets are not particularly notable in the skies this month. Jupiter is low in the West at twilight, and thus sets not long after the sun. Mars doesn't rise until after midnight. The other planets are too near the sun to be visible. Mars will be much more noticeable in August, but that's a topic for next month's article.



An Interview with Clinton Kilpatrick

- Zander of DUNN INN

Clinton Kilpatrick was born November 5, 1934 at The Kingston General Hospital, the only child of John Fleming Kilpatrick and Anna (Annie) McKee. John, who took over the family farm at 850 on The Third Concession, had a twin brother, Eddie, who farmed on the Island for a short while before he moved to Pittsburg Township and farmed in the Abbey Dawn area. Annie McKee had three brothers, Fred, Francis and Ross. Clinton has heard many times the story about the day of his birth. Bert Glenn, in the farm next door,



yelled over to Irwin Henderson who was plowing, and announced, "There's a new package at John's."

Clinton attended Public School No. 5 from grades one to four, and remembers well his teachers - Clarence Hogeboom (his first teacher), Elsann (Ann) Reid who taught music, Billie Griffin, and Frank Slingerland who used to take the kids out on a "hare and hound chase" which everyone enjoyed.

One of the tasks the boys had to carry out at No.5 School was to clean out the horse shed. Snakes abounded and the girls either got locked in the shed with the snakes or were chased by the boys brandishing the snakes.

From the fifth to the eighth grades Clinton was taught by Jack Kerr at the old Carr building across from the present land-fill site. Clinton's school mates included Keith Miller, Tom Miller, Nina Wemp, Grace Wemp, Ted Wemp, Elmer

Willard and Reg Willard. Clinton moved with all the other kids in December of 1947 into the new Amherst Island Consolidated School.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1948 several major events occurred.

First, at 10 a.m. the school was dedicated in an impressive ceremony. All the members of the Board of Trustees of the Township School Area of Amherst Island were there: Chairman, Ernest

Fleming; Secretary Treasurer, Bruce Caughey; and Edwin C. McDonald, Wilfred Miller, William Cochrane, William McCormac and Fred Neilson. The staff of the new school was as follows: Principal, David C. Harwood; Vice Principal, John Kerr; teachers, Ruth Gibson and Elsann Reid. Among the dignitaries were Robert H. Wallace, Inspector of High Schools, and John R. McCarthy, Inspector of Elementary Schools. A prayer of Dedication was offered by The Rev. Canon W.B. Williston and addresses were delivered by Col. S.A. Watson, The Rev. R.K. Earls, Inspector McCarthy, The Rev. Father Lamarche and The Rev. J. Caswell.

Second, the motorship "Amherst Islander" was christened at the township wharf at 3 p.m.

Third, at 5:30 p.m. the Amherst Island Women's Institute served a supper in The Victoria Hall.

Fourth, an evening program was pre-

sented in the school at 8:30. Once again all the dignitaries got in on the act. After the chairman's remarks greetings were extended by Dr. H.A. Stewart M.L.A., George J. Trustin M.P., Col. T.A. Kidd M.P. and Fred Jackson, Warden, Lennox and Addington County. A flag, a gift from William Clute, was presented by Reeve T.E. Cochrane. Miss Elsann Reid sang a solo after which Col. B.A. Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools in the Department of Education of Ontario was the guest speaker. This was followed by Greetings from R.H. Wallace. The evening concluded with the benediction by The Rev. J. Caswell. It was a full, historic day.

Clinton completed his grade nine in the new High School. He speaks highly of Bill Williams and Anna Neilson, his high school teachers. Unfortunately, he had to miss several weeks in order to work on the farm. In spite of the help



Clinton and his homebrew 6 cylinder welder. The 49 Dodge engine and 49 Chrysler transmission gave a 4 1/2" stroke and RPM's needed for the welder to operate

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Clinton on the Gleaner

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Anna Neilson gave him with his French and the support of the other teachers, Clinton left formal schooling behind in order to tend to the farm.

Clinton was needed on the farm. His father had been injured by a dairy can falling on his foot in 1930 and never recovered from that accident. Instead, he went from a cane to a wheelchair, leaving Clinton and his mother to care for the animals.

In those days everyone was involved in mixed farming and every farm family was independent. They raised cows, pigs, chickens and grew all manner of fruits and vegetables. The first thing in the Spring four pounds of peas were planted followed by onions. When the Spring work with the animals was done, then beans, carrots, corn, cucumbers were planted. Gooseberries, raspberries, rhubarb also abounded on the farm.

While such diversity made every farm family self-sufficient, groups of families would join together to thresh the grain in the fall and slaughter the cows and pigs as they prepared for winter.

Clinton, always mechanical, and famous as handy man with a wrench, naturally got involved in mending ma-

chinery, fixing tractors and repairing cars. I, personally, can attest to Clinton's expertise. He "saved" my old 52 Ford on several occasions 40 years ago. He became so popular as a mechanic on the Island he decided to get a licence from the government to run a garage. He got letters of recommendation from Peter Oliver of Napanee and Stirling Glenn in Stella for whom he had worked, and wrote and passed the exams. Stirling Glenn, who operated a garage where Jim and Lynann Whitton live today (175 Stella Forty Foot), gave that up to work as an engineer on the ferry. This left Clinton as the only licenced mechanic on the island and he was kept busy. Soon he was servicing all the school buses as well as repairing many Island cars as well as trying to keep his own vehicles operational. Clinton never thought of it as work. It was, for him, a rest from the work of farming.

About 40 years ago Clinton had a bad accident in his shop. One night he was using a welding torch to cut a chain off a tractor when a spark set alight a bucket of gas. Clinton picked up the bucket in his bare hands and took it out of the shop. As a result his hands were badly burned and the ferry had to make a special trip so he could be taken to The Kingston Gen-

eral Hospital. This was costly in more ways than one because Clinton had no O.H.I.P. coverage and he had to remain in the hospital for two weeks. With his hands bound in bandages Clinton was unable to do much for himself. His uncle, Art Kilpatrick, came in each day to help feed him when the nurses were too busy to provide that service. Clinton remembers that well, not only for the kindness of his uncle, but also because one night Art told him he felt unwell and needed to get home. The next day he died.

When Clinton returned home many Islanders pitched in to help. For example, Wilfred McCormac helped Clinton and his mother feed and milk the cows and Ernest Fleming took the milk for him down to the Stella cheese factory.

When Clinton set up the Vehicle Inspection Station that meant even more employment for him as a mechanic. His work as a mechanic involved him in several escapades. Once, during the cold and snow-laden winter of 1977, the steering-motor on the grader broke down near where John Kuti lives today.

Clinton had to drive out to analyse the situation and remove the broken part. He and Keith Miller drove, by snowmobile, down The Third Concession to Marshall Glenn's farm, through the barnyard, across the fields to Keith Miller's farm (all the fences and fence posts were buried), then down the lane to the creek. They followed the creek up through the marsh to the lake. They travelled up the lake shore to the grader. They ordered the parts only to be told the only parts were snowbound in Buffalo. Days later when the parts arrived they had to go through the same process of getting to the stranded grader and installing the parts in bitter cold and blowing snow.

On another winter occasion Gen Fleming had to get to the hospital and called upon Clinton for help. He got her to ride behind his snowmobile in a sleigh trailer. Around the Second Concession they came across a big hole. Gen got out

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The days are just packed!



July 1: The start (left) of John Munro's Y-Knot marathon swim, from Bath to Amherst Island (that's him in the stylish bathing cap, pointing at the camera). John, accompanied by a flotilla of kyaks, sailboats, and a pontoon boat, made landfall (right) across from the AIPS in 2 hours and 20 minutes. Further information can be found at: www.amherstisland.on.ca/yknot



The auction sale of the collection of Eldon Willard on July 14th. People began arriving at 6:50AM for the 10AM start... anxious arrivals even helped remove the tarps from the 8 1/2 haywagons of sorted memorabilia. There was one of everything... and sometimes two... or ten! The sale ran until 5:20PM... with one auctioneer, no breaks, no PA system...and no rain!



A ships compass goes to the highest bidder

June 2003 in pictures



The St Lawrence II cutting across the bow of the Frontenac II on Canada Day around 3:40PM.



The ISLE Fathers Day breakfast, June 15th at AIPS ... the food was superb... (definitely better than Dad could have cooked!)



Reta Brown's goat "Princess", a participant in the 2003 Canada Day parade on the Amherst Island Fair float.



Amherst Island Emergency Services float was at both the Bath and Amherst Island Canada Day parades

Caroline Ackerman, Keith Miller & Peter MacKinnon checking out the wares.



Wayne Fleming and Adam Miller supervise the Cow Patty Bingo on Canda Day

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and sank up to her armpits in the snow. She literally had to roll down to the snowmobile. Meanwhile, Clinton tried to drive over the hole, only to have the tongue on the sleigh break off. The trailer was abandoned and the rest of the trip was made with Gen holding tightly onto Clinton as they rushed to catch up with Art Drumgoole. Art wanted to know where “the hell” they had been. Gen said they had been through hell and now she was ready for Art to take her by sleigh over the ice to the mainland. Thanks to Clinton and Art, Gen got to the hospital safely.

On several occasions Clinton had to go by snowmobile to repair the brakes on the trucks which were used to drive up and down the ferry to break the ice during a crossing. So violently did the trucks race up the length of the ferry and slam on their brakes that a 12 by 12 timber was put across the deck to stop the trucks from going through the back of the ferry in case their brakes failed.

Clinton grew up in the Sunday School of St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church and still has his catechisms to prove it. He also served as a chauffeur for The Rev. R.K. Earls who had a 1933 Ford. But that Ford had a canvas roof which leaked so badly he and R.K. often drove under an umbrella inside the car. Sometimes, if they got back early from the visits R.K. had to make, and had some time left in the evening, they would play canasta, a passion of R.K. Earls. Only twice does Clinton remember beating R.K. at the game he loved to win. R.K. Earls, who lived in the manse, not far from the Kilpatrick house, would often drop in for supper and a game or two of cards.

For fourteen years Clinton was chairman of the Board of Managers of St. Paul’s whose buildings always seemed to need fixing up. When the bell refused to ring a group of men took Marshall Glenn’s 40 foot extension ladder up into the belfry to discover so many starlings had built nests around the bell it could hardly be moved and would not make a sound. The mess that descended on

those under the ladder caused them to speak about Clinton and Marshall in rather unChristian terms.

Marshall Glenn’s long ladder was also used to get up into the attic of the sanctuary so the men could spray poison to kill the wasps and flies. It may not have killed all the wasps and flies but it slowed them down so they were easily dispatched.

Ernest Wolfreys was caretaker of the church long before Clinton came onto the Board of Managers and he showed Clinton how the old coal burning furnace had to work. First, a wad of paper was stuffed into the flue at the back of the church and lit so that an updraft was started. Only then was the furnace set ablaze. If the furnace was lit first, without the updraft established, smoke would fill the church. Clinton observed that if the fire was started early Sunday morning the church finally got warm by Monday noon.

When the new oil-burning furnace was installed Clinton led the men of the congregation to dig into the basement to get the machinery in place.

So busy was Clinton with the farm and with his auto repair shop he did not have much time for socializing. However, he does remember getting out to some of the dances at Victoria Hall, watching the horse races on Kerr’s harbor in the winter and later the snowmobile races before the weather became too unreliable.

Stirling Glenn had a pool room above his garage and Clinton liked to shoot a



Clinton’s home-made post driver, ready for action.

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game now and then. He enjoyed the rivalry between Edward Wilkerson and Sheraden Patterson which often led to vigorous disputes. He would also drop into the “Dog House” (the little building next to the Blacksmith’s Shop) to see what the men, gathered there on a Saturday night, were discussing. He never stayed long because the cigar smoke was too thick. He would meet his fellow Islanders on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights at the stores on the Island. Neilson’s store was the main centre but Les and Irene Glenn’s store on the corner of the Front Road and the Stella Forty Foot also attracted customers. And, because his uncle, Art Kilpatrick, owned the store in Emerald, the family would often go there.

One of Clinton’s fondest memories is of going to the home of Irwin and Etta Henderson on Saturday nights to watch the wrestling on T.V. Of course delicious



Binding grain on the Third Concession from Jean Tugwell

food in large quantities was served and it was sometimes 1 a.m. before he returned home.

On May 10 of this year, all Clinton's farm and car equipment was auctioned off. He is no longer able to repair computer governed cars and does not have the health or strength to do the farming. He rents out most of his 150 acres. Clinton has always enjoyed the Island and would not want to be anywhere else. But, now that he is free of the farm and his repair work, he may get away more often. Although Clinton has many friends on this Island - is there anybody he has not served? - he has only Warren Kilpatrick and his wife, Laurene and their kids, and Laurie Kilpatrick and her husband, John Moolenbeek, as relatives here now.

Clinton Kilpatrick thinks it is good we are now with Loyalist Township, have a bigger ferry and better roads and are receiving new people to the Island. But he regrets that he does not know everybody on the Island anymore, that all the best shore land is being bought up and that the ferry does not have end-loading ramps.

We wish Clinton well in his "retirement." But be warned, Clinton says, "I can't sit still all the time. I'll find something to do."



LETTER HOME

- Christopher Kennedy

This seems like a very slow start to summer. May and June have been cool and wet, and it is hard to believe that it will be July next week. A few of the hardest people on the Island have been swimming in the lake, but I know I will wait for a couple of weeks of really hot weather before giving it a try.

One reward for the cool and damp weather has been a tremendous crop of Portobello mushrooms in some of our pastures. Usually we see them at the end of September, when the rain comes in the fall, but conditions must have been ideal earlier in the month. Some of them have been almost the size of dinner plates and taste wonderful when fried in butter. Dianne has been putting bags full in the freezer, ready to go into stews. There is something very satisfying about getting free food from the fields.

We have started into the hay crop. So far it has been quite short, but thick with a lot of legume in it. If the weather lets us get it dry it should make great feed for next winter. I was out cutting this morning and had a cloud of gulls following the haybine. This means that the meadow voles are coming back. For a couple of years there haven't been many, but we must be building to another peak. We

must remember to protect our trees this fall. The family of Red-tailed hawks are back in their usual nest, and seem to have reared a batch of young. There should be lots of feed for them. We have also had several families of foxes up this end of the island, probably feeding on the voles as well. Last winter the foxes and coyotes between them pretty well wiped out the rabbits.

The politicians don't seem to be making much progress on the Mad Cow Disease disaster. There has still only been the one case in Alberta, but the U.S. border is still closed to all Canadian beef and sheep. Cattle prices in Canada are in the worst wreck anyone can remember. Lamb prices have only dropped a little so far, but 47,000 lambs in the west that were contracted to go to Denver in the next three months will be looking for a market soon. The Federal and Provincial governments have promised some help, but it will be like trying to stop a severed artery with a Band-aid. I wonder if the price of beef in the stores will go down?

The Island seems very busy this long weekend, with a wedding and parties and lots of visitors. I hear lots of people are getting ready for the Canada Day Parade. This year the half of the people who were in the parade last year will be the spectators, and last year's spectators will be in the parade this year. Then we will all watch the fireworks and feed the mosquitoes.



Bobby the Clown in the Canada Day parade, 2002. by Peter Large, SCA

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Christopher came home with 2 pick-up truck loads from Eldon's auction. There were some real finds in the job lots and some stuff went down to the dump for further picking over. Chris says that there weren't that many bargains - except for what he got - and that Elsie got pretty good prices overall.

Those of us who were somewhat amused by Eldon's life long hobby of bargain hunting (while others fished or golfed or whatever) may wonder if Eldon wasn't actually investing his time pretty wisely.

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to take this opportunity to thank my family, Janice, Eric, Ryan, Brent & Ashley; Doug and Gail, and Jim Reid, other family members, friends, relatives and neighbours who worked many hours hauling, sorting and preparing a lifetime of Eldon's "treasures" for my auction sale on June 14th. To all who so generously provided farm wagons and tarps. A special thank you to Allan Glenn (representing AIMS), Wayne Fleming and Tom Richmond (representing AIESA) who sorted all one day, putting items into proper perspective. A very special thank you to Sandy Scott who diligently watched my tarps through the days of wind and rain. To everyone who arrived very early on Saturday morning to uncover wagons and haul remaining items out of my garage, thank you. A very special thank you to Hazel de Haan and my fellow members of St. Alban's ACW for providing a wonderful variety of refreshments. Last, but not least, to Doug Jarrell (auctioneer) and his co-workers who did a fantastic job. The Lord blessed me with a wonderful day, wonderful people, family and friends and a very successful sale. Thank you everyone! Elsie Willard



Eldon Willard at age 3, around 1934. A lifetime of collecting was still ahead when this picture was taken.

The Currans of Amherst Island

- From Martha Parker

I have included more information and some corrections on the three Curran families that had ties to Ballyhalbert and Amherst Island. I tried to streamline the information so I have omitted references and descendants in most cases. I do have a lot more information on these families if any one is interested. You asked about Sarah Reid Curran and her parents. They were John Reid (1803-1889) and Elizabeth McKee (ca.1814-1880) who were also the parents of John Reid who married Caroline Tugwell and they were the parents of Eliza McKee who married Hugh Dempster and Jane Reid who married Archibald Curran. If you want I can send you a list of John Reid and Elizabeth McKee's family. I also have information on some of the descendants of Thomas Cochrane and Mary Dundas.

I am certain that all three of these Curran families listed below are related but I have

no proof of the relationship. The death record of Archibald Curran lists his parents as James Curran and Jane Kirkpatrick. The death record of James Curran lists his parents as James Curran and Jane. There was no surname for Jane. There were no parents listed on Robert's death record. All three of the following Curran families had ties to Ballyhalbert, Co Down and Amherst Island:

Archibald Curran (1838-1906) married 1859 Jane Reid (1837-1892). She was the daughter of John Reid (1803-1889) and Eliza McKee (1814-1880) of Amherst Island. Archibald was born in Ballyhalbert, Co. Down, and was the son of James Curran and Jane Kirkpatrick, Co. Down. Archibald and Jane were in the 1861 Amherst Island census. In 1870 they were in the census in Douglas, Michigan. They were in Chicago IL at the time of the 1880 census. According to his father-in-law's will they were in Minnesota in 1885 and in 1891 they were in Moose Jaw, Sas-

katchewan. After Jane Reid Curran died in Moose Jaw, Archibald returned to Douglas, Michigan and married Eliza Reid Dempster who was Jane's sister. Both Eliza and Archibald are buried in Douglas, MI. Archibald had a sister named Selina who married John Cochrane whose parents had lived on Amherst Island before moving to Chicago.

Robert Curran (1814-1897) married 1835 (Sarah) Jane Reid (1815-1887). Their marriage record said Jane Reid from Ballyhalbert and Robert Curran from Ballyhemlin. He is buried in Dungannon Cemetery in Ashfield Township in Huron County, Ontario. Robert Curran was in Co Down in 1834-1858 & in Amherst Island in 1827 & 1861. He and his family appeared in the 1871 Huron Co census.

1. David Curran (1836- 1872) m. Elizabeth Robinson (1834-1914).

David drowned and she married John McKee in 1875.

2. Robert Curran (1839-) m. 1865 Sarah Jane Dempster of Amherst Island.

He was born in Ballyhalbert. Sarah's brother Hugh married Elizabeth Reid and lived in Douglas, MI. Hugh died and she married Archibald Curran.

3. Ellen Curran (1841-1901+).

4. Samuel Curran (1845-) Ballyesboro, Co Down.

5. Thomas Curran (1846-).

6. Mary Jane Curran (1847-) Ballyesboro m. 1864 William Sanderson (1840-).

7. Ann Curran (1851-1928) m. 1867 Richard Thompson (1844-1925).

She is buried in Dungannon Cemetery, Huron County.

8. John Curran (1858-1897) Ballyesboro (his father listed as labourer) m. Sarah Ryan (1864-1949).

They are buried in Dungannon Cemetery in Ashfield Township, Huron Co.).

This is my great grandfather and his family:

James Curran (1828-1910) m. 1850 Rachel Warnock of Portavogie.

James Curran was born in Ballyhalbert to James Curran and Jane. He was a fisherman in Ballyhalbert and he and his family left Co Down about 1872 and settled in Chicago where he and his sons were sailors on the Great Lakes.

Their children were:

1. James Curran (1850-1928) m. 1874 Sarah Reid (1845-1939). They married in Chicago, IL.

Sarah was the daughter of John Reid (1803-1889) and Elizabeth McKee (1814-1880) who lived on Amherst Island. Sarah was the widow of William Reid. Sarah and William had 3 children: Anne, Lize, (sic) and William. Sarah Reid and John Curran had a farm in Lawton, Michigan. They had a daughter Sarah: Sarah Agnes Curran (1878-1947) m. John Reid. She was born in Douglas MI. John Reid was the son of John Reid and Caroline Tugwell of Amherst Island.

2. Robert Curran (1852-1934) m. 1878



The Amherst Island Women's Institute sprucing up the park on the dock: many were there- this picture shows Helen Miller, Coralee Marshall, Beth Forester & Marion Glenn.

Elizabeth Cochrane of Amherst Island. They married in Chicago.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Cochrane of Amherst Island. Robert Curran and his family lived in Chicago and then moved to Wyandotte County, KS where he had a dairy farm.

3. John Curran (1854-1887) m. 1874 Grace Anna Cochrane. They married in Chicago. Anna was another daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Cochrane. John Curran was Captain of "The Havana" that capsized in Lake Michigan. After John drowned Anna married John Shaw.

4. Thos Curran (1856-).

5. Jane Curran (1857-pre 1910) married John McGowan. After John's death she married David J. Adair and they returned to Co. Down.

6. Thomas Curran (1861-1910+). He was in Chicago in 1881. He was mentioned in his father's obit in 1910.

7. Mary Curran (1863-1928) m. William Clint (1869- 1950). William Clint was from Co Down. They lived in Chicago. He moved to San Diego after the death of his wife.

8. Nancy (Agnes) Curran (1866-1867).

9. Agnes (Nancy) Curran (1869-1927) m. 1889 Andrew Parker (1860- 1925) from Co. Fermanagh.

Agnes was born in Ballyhalbert Co Down.

She met Andrew Parker in Chicago. They had 9 children. My father was Arthur Parker who was born in 1909. He married Florence Flynn of Chicago.

10. Rachel Curran (1870-1935) m. 1888 Charles Howard in Chicago.

from BORN ON THE ISLAND

- L&A County Museum and Archives (Excerpts from the Napanee Beaver, April 1895-April 1897)

April 17, 1896

STELLA

As I have seen nothing in your valuable paper about the thriving village of Stella, I thought I would write and thus make the world cognizant of the wonderful happenings of this place.

Well first, on the programme, one of our prominent citizens has lately found out that one of his opponents in a shooting match had the audacity to load his (the prominent citizen's) gun with powder alone, and, as I need scarcely say, the mark was untouched.

The ice is at present unfit for crossing, either on foot or with a horse, however, our worthy mail carrier always manages to make his trip by means of a ice boat.

Hunting wild geese is the all absorbing sport at present, but some of our hunters have found out the vast differ-

ence between hunting wild geese and killing wild geese, in fact, the difference is insurmountable.

Mr. Caleb Tugwell shot two wild geese from his own door on Saturday.

The schools have all reopened and it is to be hoped that the pupils and teachers will renew their work with that vigor produced only by a week's rest.

Mr. P. Grattan is building a summer house on Stella Point, the growing watering place. Those who visit this resort in summer are very wise in their selection, for I think, and it is very natural for me to do so, that a more delightful place could not be chosen.

NOTICES

45th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY! The Family of Royce and Marilyn Eves cordially invite you to an Open House in celebration of our parents 45th Wedding Anniversary. We would love to have all friends and relatives join us on Saturday July 26, 2003 - 2:00pm to 4:00 pm 622 Caton Rd. Odessa (off Millhaven Rd) Best wishes only

WEDDING RECEPTION

You are invited to a reception in honour of Barbara Jane daughter of Donnie and Rhonda MacLeod, and Adam Keith son of Keith and Shirley Miller August 9, 2003 at 8:30 pm at the Loyalist Golf and Country Club in Bath

AMHERST ISLAND WEBSITE NEWS

www.amherstisland.on.ca

The site is run as a service to the community.

Many have contributed financially in the past to the website (it costs about \$270 per year operate). We are seeking for financial support on an annual basis (May to April) to pay for the following year. IT IS JULY & WE HAVE NOT YET MET OUR TARGET AMOUNT FOR THIS PAST MAY.

Financial support of the community is vital to the continued operation of the site. We now have six sponsors (only 40% of those who received fund raising letters have responded). Please mail your contribution today.

Thank you! Tom Richmond & Alex Scott



Congratulations Scott Marshall on graduating from St. Lawrence College with a three-year Business Management Marketing degree.



Dianne Marshall and Caroline Ackerman lambing at the Head

A Date with a Fisher



Island residents and visitors might be interested in a picture of this reclusive but dangerous creature, which has been spotted on the island in the past couple of years (and reported in the Beacon). 99.99% of you will never see a Fisher this close up (and the photographer wouldn't have if the creature hadn't already been dead). This one was found by an Island resident not far from the Millhaven ferry dock. These very nearly black animals generally are known to drop from trees onto smaller unsuspecting creatures such as cats & dogs, and have been rumoured to have gone after a small sheep or two. They are extremely vicious and should not be approached!

Picture by Morgan Camley



EVENTS LIST

(ALL EVENTS ARE FREE OF CHARGE)



For the Amherst Island Men's Society's

AMHERST ISLAND FAIR

START TIME

SATURDAY AUGUST 30th 10AM to 4PM FAIRGROUNDS and SCHOOL

Some events may have to be cancelled or modified in poor weather.

10:30

INFANTS aged 1 mo. to 35 mos. Fairgrounds

1. Parent and Child Matching Outfits...One or two parents and their infant in look-alike clothing
2. Infant in a farming or western outfit...Infant dressed as a farm boy or girl, or in western clothes

10:00

CHILDREN aged 3 yrs. to 12 yrs. Fairgrounds

3. Peddle Pull age 3-4 Tricycle equivalent of a tractor pull.
4. Peddle Pull age 5-6
5. Feed Sack Race age 3-4 yrs.
6. Feed Sack Race age 5-6 yrs.
7. Feed Sack Race age 7-8 yrs.
8. Feed Sack Race age 9-10 yrs.
9. Feed Sack Race age 11-12 yrs.
10. 3-legged Race age 3-4 yrs.
11. 3-legged Race age 5-6 yrs
12. 3-legged Race age 7-8 yrs.
13. 3-legged Race age 9-10 yrs.
14. 3-legged Race age 11-12 yrs.



PLEASE NOTE

Fair set-up will be from 3 pm to 8 pm, Friday, August 29th, and 8 am to 10 am, Saturday, August 30th. All exhibits must be removed by 4 pm on Monday, August 31st. The all-day exhibits must be in place for the duration of the Fair (10 am to 4pm). These are events #35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,45,46,47,48,49,50,57,58,59.

11:00

15. Bubble Gum Blow age 7-8 yrs.
16. Bubble Gum Blow age 9-10 yrs.
17. Bubble Gum Blow age 11-12 yrs.
18. Ring Toss age 3-4 yrs.
19. Ring Toss age 5-6 yrs.
20. Ring Toss age 7-8 yrs.
21. Ring Toss age 9-10 yrs.
22. Ring Toss age 11-12 yrs.

2:00

CHILDREN aged 13-16 yrs. Schoolyard

23. Softball Hitting, Boys age 13-14 yrs. Longest hit off a Fair pitcher, 3 pitches given to each batter.
24. Softball Hitting, Boys age 15-16 yrs. Same
25. Softball Hitting, Girls age 13-14 Same
26. Softball Hitting, Girls age 15-16 Same
27. Soccer Goals, Boys age 13-14 Most goals scored on an open net from increasing distances.
28. Soccer Goals, Boys age 15-16 Same
29. Soccer Goals, Girls age 13-14 Same
30. Soccer Goals, Girls age 15-16 Same

11:30

ELDERS aged 70+ Fairgrounds

32. Elder in Action Elder caught in action in a photograph.
33. Elder Recounting a Story About Amherst Island
34. Elder Recounting a Personal Story



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- 10 'til 4 **All Photography and Art Events will be in the School Community Hall**
CHILDREN up to and including grade 8 In all photography and art events (35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41):
 35. Photography *exhibitors are allowed up to 6 pieces per event
 36. Art: painting, drawing, sculpture *exhibitors are responsible for displaying their own work
YOUNG ADULTS in High School *pieces may be offered for sale, but not removed until 4 pm, Fair day
 38. Photography
 39. Art: painting, drawing, sculpture
ADULTS, AND ALL AGES
 40. Photography
 41. Art: painting, drawing, sculpture

- 10 'til 4 42. The Family Scarecrow Family entries of a life-sized (child or adult size), scarecrow in a self-supporting, standing position. No Hallowe'en masks.
Fairgrounds

- 10 'til 4 44. Horseshoe Games All day at the **Fairgrounds**. Just show up to play. (Alan Glenn)

- 11:00 4. The Greatest Hamburger Contest The best-tasting hamburger prepared and barbecued by an Island (or Island-related) "chef." Burgers can be made with any meat, or without meat; but must be a barbecued patty. No M.S.G., and no peanut products of any kind(allergies).
Fairgrounds All ingredients must be displayed, in writing, with the burgers, although exact measurements need not be given.



- 10 'til 4 45. Cut Flower Arrangement in a vase with an opening of 4" or less.
 46. Cut Flower Arrangement in a vase with an opening of 8" or less.
 47. Amherst Island Cut Wildflowers in a vase with a 4" opening or less. **Fairgrounds**
 48. Fresh Vegetables 3 different homegrown vegetables on a single platter.
 49. Preserved Vegetable of any kind.
 50. Preserved Sweet Jam of any kind.
Flowers, vegetables, preserves (Events 45,46,47,48,49,50): Limit of 3 entries per person; goods may be sold, but not removed before 4 PM on Fair Day.

- 12:00 All Age Silliness **Fairgrounds**

51. Best Impersonation
 52. Best Animal or Bird Call
 53. Shake Your Booty Best creative use of body language.

- 12:30 54. Karaoke Song titles available upon request, after July 1st

- 10-12:00 Agriculture **Fairgrounds**

- 55 a,b,c 4H Club Horse Show Classes Show Director: Diane Pollock
 56. Best Turned Out Horse Hitch, Single or Team



- 10 'til 4 57. Best Livestock Exhibit An award will be given for the agricultural exhibit that is the most informative, or educational, or inspirational.
 58. Quality Livestock Ribbons will be awarded to all exhibited livestock deemed excellent examples of their breed or produce type.
 59. Petting Farm An opportunity for children to get close to farm animals
Cow Pie Bingol For \$5. you will have a chance at a 50/50 cash prize by successfully guessing where the poop falls. (Cow put in field at 2 pm)

For more **information**: Photography and Art Events- Chris Laffin 384-8628; Flowers, vegetables, and Preserves- Allan Kidd 389-4334; The Greatest Hamburger and The Family Scarecrow- John Kuti and Lynn A'Court 389-0890; 4H Horse Show- Diane Pollock 389-9977; Infants and Elders' Events- John Moolenbeek 634-3057; Children's Games (Events 3 to 30) Jim Whitton 384-5027
 All Other Info.- Doug Williamson 634-2074

*All refreshment concessions on the Fairgrounds will be run by A.I.M.S., to offset expenses.
 For vendors, the market will be underway, as usual, on Saturday.*

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL STORE

SUMMER HOURS: M-Th 9-6, Fri-Sat 9-9, Sun 10-6. Now the playoffs are over, we've got some great new movies in on VHS or DVD right now:

***The Recruit**-Al Pacino, Colin Ferrel

***Analyze That**- Billy Crystal, Robert DeNiro

***Atlantis** and **Milo's Return**- Disney

***The Hot Chick**-Rob Schneider

***Two Weeks Notice**- Hugh Grant, Sandra Bullock

Many more to choose from!

Our Store Hours for the August Civic Holiday are 10AM to 5PM. Happy Holidays everyone!!!

VICTORIA HALL TEA ROOM

Crafts are selling well, come in and browse. By popular demand, Tea Room **Gift Certificates** are available for 'anyone who has everything else!' Drop by for Island Videos @ \$16.95 ...or just to say 'Hello'. REMINDER: Afternoon card games please call 389-5389. Open Tuesday through Sunday noon to 6pm.

THE BACK KITCHEN

The Back Kitchen's Canada Day weekend was terrific. The weather was beautiful & the support from the Island community was excellent. We thank you all and hope to see you on a regular basis.

Visit Watercolours, Etc.

The studio gallery of Shirley Miller. We are exhibiting the works of several local artists. Paintings, prints & lessons available. 2545 Third Concession...

If we are home, we are open! Tel. 389-2588

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Godden's whole-hog sausage

Made using the finest cuts of pork including hams, chops, loin, etc. Choose from regular, honey garlic, tomato oregano. \$40.00 for 10lb. box. Available at Poplar Dell B&B: Call Susie at 389-2012 or Lori at 705-653-5984.

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Keith Miller 389-2588


Country Seats Repairs to woven chair seating: Reed & Ash, Splint Cane & Fibre Rush. Call Johanna MacKinnon at 352-7453


Summit International Canada Carpet Manufacturer and Distributor Gord Forbes, Sales Agent ...389-8516


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I am collecting used stamps (any kind) for the guide dogs, clean used clothing and books for the "Cat's Meow." Used towels, cleaning products, A&P tapes & 12" knitted squares. Freda Youell 384-4135

Babysitter available

 -After school and weekends. -Responsible. -Red Cross Certified
Call Whitney Fleming :389-9869

 **Babysitting**
Red Cross Certified Babysitter. Available early evenings & weekends. Torri Phillips: 389-0512

 **Babysitter**
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 **Seasonal Winter Storage for Boats, etc.**, right in beautiful Downtown Stella! Indoor, reasonable rates. Dayle Gowan, 634-3815

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WEASEL & EASEL

The W&E will be open every week-end from noon till 4 until July when it will be open every day until Labour Day.

The Lodge on Amherst Island

Rental available for special occasions. Call Molly at: (613) 634-1388 or (416) 533-5997
www.amherstisland.on.ca/thelodge



2 BEDROOM COTTAGE

on Stella Point: By the week or week-end, May-September. Call Molly (416) 533-5997

NORTH SHORE COTTAGE

for rent year around. By the week or week-end. Please phone 389-2012.

SOUTH SHORE COTTAGE

for rent on private, secluded peninsula. Over 2000ft of limestone shoreline. \$650 weekly. Call (613) 389-5536 for further information

LAKESHORE RUBBER STAMP

Lakeshore Rubber Stamp has recently moved to Amherst Island and would like to inform old and new customers of this new location.

I can provide business and art stamps, daters, signature and similar products. All stamps are custom made on the premises and can be ready in 24 hours. Please call 389-8441 or fax 389-9770. Email: selc.welbanks@sympatico.ca

This is a home-based business and available most days. Linda Welbanks *****

Tim Hicks Plumbing and Heating

Water treatment, pumps, heating: in floor; radiant; forced air; solar. Certified Master Plumber. Phone 545-3541

Awareness Workshop

Developing skills in concentration, heightening awareness and mental and physical calmness. Telephone Jocelyne Leyton 384-6488

Frozen Meals Designed for Seniors

offered by Lennox and Addington Senior Outreach Services. Restricted and special diets can also be accommodated. Contact: Freda Youell at 384-4135 for menus, meal descriptions and prices.

FOR SALE:

Tales of Amherst Island by Dr. H. C. Burleigh call 389-3943



Topsy Farms:

sheepskins, wool blankets, yarn, socks etc. Queen size blankets, \$99.95 (10% off on over-stocked items).

Phone 389-3444 for an appointment, and also visit us at www.topsyfarms.com

Ted Gow Painting, wallpapering, tiling, home maintenance and repairs. Free estimates. Island references. 634-5404

Thomas A. Richmond, Certified Electrician. Home, Farm & Commercial wiring and repairs, right here on the island. Ontario Electrical Safety Authority Authorized Contractor Program. 634-1855

HAY BALES FOR SALE on the Island: 40-45lb bales. Wayne Fleming 389-9869



Bookkeeping & Property Management Services
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by Thomas Sylvester
Research into land and property lines as laid out for Sir. John Johnson (c. 1790). You may find this book particularly interesting if you own waterfront property. 112 pages of text and maps, spiral bound, fully annotated. Copies \$25 each at the Al General Store or call 389-1320

WANTED: DEAD CAR

Amherst Island Fire Station is looking for car 10-15 years old to tear apart for training purposes. If we could get one by July 19th that would be best. We will provide a tax receipt for \$50 AND we will tow it away for free. Call

386-3761, ask for Fred.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

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

FERRY OFFICE HOURS

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

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

On the porch...

On the beach...

In the park...



Amherst Island Women's Institute's



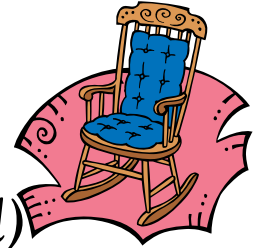
Giant Book Sale

+ CD's , LP's and sheet music



Saturday August 2, 10-3

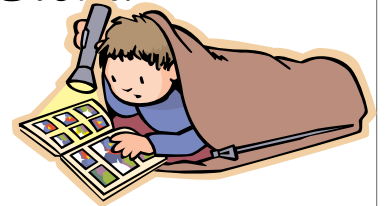
Sunday August 3, 12-3 (prices slashed)



Old Fire Hall, 5465 Front Road, Stella



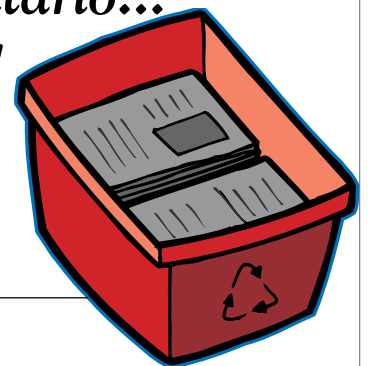
Light refreshments available



Enjoy a day on the Jewel of Lake Ontario...
and take home a bag of books!



Donations, call 389-1320 or 389 0435



WOOL SHED

Topsy Farms has just opened an outlet for its sheep products at 14775 Front Road.

The former milk&ice house/farm shop/storage shed/music room has been renovated - inside only, so far - to house our pure wool blankets, wraps, lap robes, yarn, hats, slippers, socks, scarves, washed & carded wool, as well as sheep and lamb skins. Copies of Don's farm photos may also be ordered. Information about ordering freezer lamb is also available for delivery in the fall.

Because we are an operating farm, we can not keep the Wool Shed open on a regular basis. Please phone 389-3444 for an appointment. Or, if the OPEN sign is out, ring the bell for some attention.