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Fire Ban Still in Effect!

PLANNING TO LIGHT an outdoor fire this weekend? Don't! The Ministry of Natural Resources' Fire Ban remains in effect for much of Northern Ontario, due to the unusually dry weather conditions.

On May 22nd, three new wildfires were reported in the North Bay, Algonquin Park and Timmins areas. The Timmins fire started as a structural fire, but it quickly spread to the neighbouring bush. It has now been declared 'out', and the other fires are now 'under control'.

Last week, the Ministry declared most of Northeastern Ontario, from the Quebec border to the Pic River, up to James Bay, a Restricted Fire Zone - an Order made by the Minister of Natural Resources, under the Forest Fires Prevention Act, that restricts the use of open fires in a specific area of the province. It is used when the fire hazard is extreme or when fire fighting resources are stretched to capacity. RFZ Orders are strictly enforced.

Last weekend's brief spat of rain in our area did little to help and the risk of fire remains high to extreme. Ministry officials say the ban will stay in place until conditions improve, which could be another week at least.

"Because of these prolonged dry, sunny days there's been an enhanced risk of brush fires," says Weather Network meteorologist Brian Dillon. "Conditions will remain fairly mild and dry into the weekend and even most of next week." says Dillon. "And as of now, it doesn't look like it will rain until late next week."

So what does this mean for residents? All burning permits are suspended and all open air burning,

including campfires, is prohibited. Campers can still use portable gas or propane cook stoves for cooking and warmth, but should exercise extreme caution. For more information on local conditions, check with your township fire authorities.

The Ministry also reminds residents that, if found responsible for a forest fire, you can be charged under the Forest Fires Prevention Act and be held liable for the costs of suppressing the fire. This cost can easily run into the tens of thousands of dollars.

So play it smart and safe! Don't put your property or your neighbour's - not to mention lives - at risk! Put off burning that brush until it's safe to do so, or take it to your local Land-fill. If you find a fire burning unattended on the Island, call 911 right away!



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The Ontario Health Coalition Report on Rural Healthcare

THE ONTARIO HEALTH COALITION has released its report, appealing for equity and improved access to hospital services in rural Ontario. The report “Toward Access and Equality: Realigning Ontario’s Approach to Small and Rural Hospitals to Serve Public Values” is based on the combined input received from more than 1,150 people who attended 12 hearings across Ontario last March. Our area’s hearing was held March 26th in Desbarats, and was covered in the April 1st issue of the Island Clippings.

The report was officially presented to the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, on May 17, 2010. Ms. Matthews has not yet made any public comment on the report or its findings.

The coalition organized its own public hearings after the government’s own rural and northern health panel, created after hospital closures in small and rural communities, refused to hold any public consultations.

The report was compiled and submitted to the Ontario Health Coalition by a non-partisan panel including doctors, nurses, health professional, representatives of each region of Ontario, and representatives active in each political party.

Key recommendations include:

- Create a “basket” of services available in every hospital, including the smallest and amalgamated hospitals. These services include an emergency department, blood, x-ray, ultrasound, inpatient acute and complex continuing care beds, palliative care close to home, rehabilitation and others.
- Ensure that these services are provided, at optimum, 20 minutes in average road conditions and at most 30 minutes in average road conditions from residents’ homes.
- Step up efforts to address shortages of nurses, physicians and health professionals.
- A moratorium on emergency department closures and revision of the closures of Alternative Level of Care and continuing care beds across the province.
- Phase out the LHINs within three years and create new local planning organizations with a new mandate that does not include closing rural hospitals.
- Restore democratic hospital boards and curb the powers of government-appointed hospital supervisors.
- Reform hospital performance measures to restore compassion and access to care as the primary factor.
- Impose a hiring freeze on consultants and plan to increase hospital funding to meet the national average.

“We heard stories of poor care practices resulting from hospital bed cuts whereby patients are forced out of hospital too quickly in a bid to empty a hospital bed, then spend most of the rest of their lives in the emergency department with poor quality of life until they die,” said Natalie Mehra, director of the Ontario Health Coalition.

The effect of such ‘belt tightening’ on patient care has been devastating. “In the worst instances, we heard of patients left waiting on stretchers in emergency departments for days without food, without enough nursing care, under bright lights, with no privacy.” said Ms. Mehra.

“Whole communities have lost access to vital services and now must travel 100 km or more to access care.” she continued. “The cuts are neither serving small hospitals well, nor are they serving larger and regional hospitals well, as patients are piling into already-overwhelmed hospitals in larger centres when their local services are cut. We have concluded that urgent change is required. We have put together a set of recommendations to restore the principles of access, compassion, equality and democracy in our health system.”

The coalition’s report is highly critical not only of the health care situation across the province, but also of the governance and decision-making process of many hospitals. It cites hospital Boards of Directors that are not responsive to their communities, ignore elected municipal leaders, and which secretly carry on their business behind closed doors – away from the scrutiny of the public they nominally serve, and who raise a large part of their funds.

“We heard clearly the great frustration of communities removed from all control of local hospitals,” observed the Honourable Roger Gallaway, former MP and one of the panelists. “The McGuinty government has created a group of elites called CEOs who control hospitals even to the point of contriving their Boards of Directors. Communities now have no decision making function in community hospitals.”

The report is far too extensive and detailed to properly and fairly provide more than a brief overview in these pages. The report’s Summary alone is 16 pages long, with the full report weighing in at over 100 pages.

To obtain a copy of the report, or for more information, please contact:

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Keisha comes to Breakfast!

LAST SUNDAY'S LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST brought out more than the usual hungry residents! Lions Robert and Susan Kerr also brought along Keisha, their 3 ½ year old standard poodle, to help raise awareness of the Lions Foundation's Dog Guides program.

Susan describes Keisha as very intelligent and eager to please. She was bred and fostered and got her basic training as a Dog Guide at the Lions Foundation training facility in Oakville....but she didn't fair well and was ultimately disqualified.



"She was offered to us as a 'keeper' and 'ambassador' as Robert is the Chairperson for this area for the Lions Foundation and we do quite a few presentations in the Algoma District and elsewhere." says Susan. "We were told that she had 'kennel anxiety'. She became very anxious when someone entered the kennel, setting all the dogs barking. She's still intimidated by loud voices!"

"They tried her in a number of different programs - Vision and Special Skills in particular, as she has a penchant for picking things up and bringing them to you ...very helpful for someone in a wheelchair! But we were told that she has a case of D.A.D.D. (Doggie Attention Deficit Disorder!), and was too easily distracted from her job!" explains Susan.

"Whenever she wears a 'uniform' she knows she is expected to behave in a certain way. But as soon as the uniform is removed...she romps and retrieves her toys from their basket to bring to you to play. Throw a ball and you could be there all day!" she laughs.

A doctor broke the bad news to a man, that his wife would have to be admitted to a psychiatric hospital. "I'm afraid her mind's completely gone," he said. "Makes sense," mumbled the man. "She's been giving me a piece of it every day for the last 15 years."



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At this time of year, the wildlife are coming out of the bush, seeking open spaces to avoid the insects. They're often on or very near the road that appears so empty, and they'll give you no warning of their sudden appearance in front of you.

Please slow down when driving on our rural roads! You'll enjoy the scenery more, and you might be saving yourself, your vehicle and our wildlife from injury or death.



THE ISLAND CLIPPINGS has recently received a number of unsigned letters for our 'Island Insight' column. We're sorry, but we will not publish any letters for which the source cannot be verified. So please! Sign your letters! If you prefer to remain anonymous, we will withhold your name at your request, to protect your privacy.

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- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
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- 1/2 C. coarsely chopped toasted nuts
- 1/3 C. maple syrup
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp. milk

Streusel Topping:

- 3 tbsp. flour
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 2 tbsp. finely chopped toasted nuts
- 2 tbsp. firm butter

Mix flour, sugar and nuts in small bowl. Cut in butter until crumbly.

Scones:

In a large bowl, mix flour, brown sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter until crumbly. Stir in nuts. Stir in maple syrup, egg and enough milk so dough leaves sides of bowl and forms a ball. Turn dough into lightly floured surface, gently roll in flour to coat. Knead lightly 10 times. Pat or roll into 8" circle on ungreased cookie sheet. Brush with additional milk. Sprinkle with topping and cut into 8 wedges, but do not separate. Bake at 400°F for 16 to 18 minutes. Immediately remove from cookie sheet.

Thanks Angie!

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1744 Lewellyn St. St. Joseph Island
Located in Richards Landing with town water and sewer. This panabode log home features walkout basement with in law suite or large recroom and 4th bedroom and second bath. Large yard with garden and shed. Views of the water when leaves are off the trees. **\$119,900**



3810 A Line Road, St. Joseph Island
Cedar chalet features 3 bedrooms up and 1 on main. Main floor laundry room, oak hardwood floors, fully finished basement, 2 full baths. Oversized 2 car garage has heated office and finished playhouse. Several out buildings on this 10 acre lot include maple syrup shack with all you need to make syrup. **\$289,900.00**



763 Lakeview Rd. Echo Bay
Quiet country living only 25 min from SSM. Open concept home with newer kitchen, patio doors off dinette and garden doors off dining room. Large living room addition with vaulted ceilings and hardwood floors. Full basement, Large garage or shop with attached room for home based business. **\$239,900**



1216 Gore St. Richards Landing
Close to beach and marina. This four year old, 3 bedroom bungalow has over 1430 sq ft with open concept living/dining/kitchen. In floor heating plus wood stove, huge master, walk in closet and ensuite, with garden doors to hot tub. **\$269,900.00**



2972 Soo Mill Rd. St. Joseph Island
Waterfront close to Hilton Beach & marina. 3 bedroom bungalow features newer metal roof, most windows, siding, kitchen, some flooring, oversized garage with lots of storage. Wrap around deck. Cleared area at shoreline. Usable waterfront. Shared drilled well. **\$179,900**



1277 Richards St. St. Joseph Island
Two bedroom bungalow, with some newer windows. One block from beach or marina. Great as a summer getaway or year round home. Town water and sewer. Close to school, hospital and shopping. **\$49,900.00**



3104 Mark St., Hilton Beach
Only 1/2 a block to beach and marina. This 3 bedroom home has tons of character with original woodwork. Hardwood floors, huge 3 season porch, newer wiring and plumbing. Town water and sewer. **\$109,900.00**



647b Lakeshore Dr. Desbarats
Usable waterfront in this 2 bedroom home. Open concept, vaulted ceilings, beautifully landscaped yard with garden shed, woodshed, single garage, newer roof and heat trace cable. Newer Kitchen. Park your boat at the dock, sheltered on both sides. **\$234,900.00**



474A Pine Island Rd. Desbarats
This 3 bedroom home features newer flooring, fresh paint, new counter tops, 2 baths, sun room with large screened room and hot tub area. High vaulted ceilings with skylight. Large wrap around deck, usable waterfront. Sand beach with boat slip & guest house. property. **\$289,900**



Lot 28-22 Anjigami Lake
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1163 Adcock Dr. St. Joseph Island
Breathtaking Landscaping surrounds this beautiful cedar 3 bedroom home on the water. Good sized guest house or shop has water and electricity. Beautiful hardwood floors, large master suite with two sided fireplace, very open concept. **\$279,000.00**



158 End Side Rd. Echo Bay
Absolutely breathtaking views from this 2 bedroom log sided home on 79.5 acres. Open concept with newer family room addition, finished in pine with vaulted ceilings. Full basement has been roughed in for second bathroom, hot tub, newer energy efficient forced air furnace. Newer 60x40 timber framed barn. **\$259,900**



Lot 1 White Rd. Echo Bay
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288 Lane 12, Rock Lake
Spectacular views from this 3 bedroom cottage on Rock Lake. Newer wood stove, front & back decks, good waterfront with good swimming & fishing. Year round access. Storage shed. Take Hwy 638 north to Centre Line Rd and left on Finlyson Rd to Lane 12. **\$169,900**



2032 Canoe Point Road
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3419 Hamilton Bay Rd. St. Joseph Island
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971 Diamond Lake Rd. Echo Bay
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3079 Hilton Rd. Hilton Beach
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Lot 44 Mamainse Lake, Batchewana Bay
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561 Highway 17 N. Sault Ste. Marie
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1202 Gore St. Richards Landing
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1203 Gore St. St. Joseph Island
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Don't miss the Johnson Township Spring Art Show, Sunday, May 30!

THE 2ND ANNUAL Johnson Township Spring Art Show is taking place on Sunday, May 30, from 1 pm to 4 pm, at the Johnson Township Community Hall in Desbarats. The event is organized by local resident Carol Wilson and hosted by the Johnson-Tarbutt Art Group, to celebrate the work of local artists in media such as acrylics, watercolor, oils, pencil, and photography.

Some of the artists returning from last year are Carol Wilson, Bob Knight, Wayne Nott, and Ruth Wigmore. New to the show this year are Sherry Rumble from Desbarats, Taylor Beitz from Tarbutt, Gordon Hern from Thessalon, and Susan Coventry from Bruce Mines.

Admission is free and art will be for sale. Everyone is welcome! A reception and social with refreshments will continue throughout the show.

So why not enjoy a spring afternoon out, enjoying the artistic talents of your friends and neighbours!



Use Your Head – Wear a Helmet!!

THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE reminds us that, with the nice weather finally here, children are out riding their bikes. Did you know that more than 500 Canadian children are hospitalized each year for head injuries from bike crashes? Approximately 30 children die each year from these injuries. These injuries and deaths can be reduced by 85% by simply wearing an approved bicycle helmet.

Not only is wearing a helmet a safe and smart thing to do, it's the law. The Highway Traffic Act states that no person under the age of 18 shall ride on or operate a bicycle unless the person is wearing a properly fastened bicycle helmet. And, if you're the child's parent or guardian, you could also be held responsible, with a fine of \$75 for each infraction. Considering that a bike helmet can be purchased for only \$25 and last for years, it seems like a wise investment.

Helmets make sense for those over 18 too!

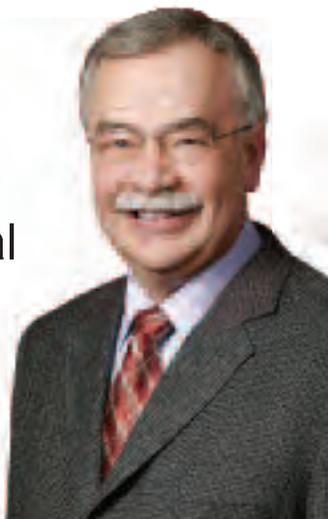
To be effective, a bicycle helmet must meet safety standards and fit properly. The helmet should fit snugly against the head with nothing under it, such as a hat or hood. The straps must lie flat against the face forming a "V" shape under each ear and one finger fitting under the secured chin strap.

So remember, USE YOUR HEAD – WEAR A HELMET!! It could save you money or even your life.



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by George Skardis

QUESTION: Whenever family or friends visit during vacation season, our poor computer suffers. How can I protect a computer from well-meaning visitors?

ANSWER: Password-protect your personal account. Go to Control Panel, User Accounts. Click on Create a Password for Your Account. Choose an easy-to-remember password. Type it once and then retype the same password to confirm. Add a hint if you feel inclined. Click Create. Now whenever you or anyone attempts to use this computer, the correct password must be entered. Do not leave your computer on and unattended. Go to Start, Logoff before walking away. This should prevent little rascals and big rascals from sliding into your computer and wreaking havoc.

Since it is hard to deny a visitor access to work-related emails or to deny a visiting teenager access to messaging and social networks back home, another solution is to create a guest account. Go back to Control Panel, User Accounts. Activate the Guest account or Create a New Account with limited rights. Without administrator's rights a visitor or guest account is prevented from making major changes to your personal computer.

If you have high-speed Internet within your home, install a wireless router. Mention to family and friends that you have a home wireless network and that visitors are invited to bring along their own laptop computers.

If all else fails, hide your computer.

QUESTION: Our family computer is getting older. All our family photos are stored on this machine and we have never created a backup. How do I make a backup?

ANSWER: Store all your digital family photos on DVD's as soon as possible. Leaving all your treasured photos on a computer for any extended time is dangerous. The storage device inside your home computer, known as the hard-drive, has a relatively short lifespan of between 3 to 5 years. Unexpected power surges, manufacturing defects, extreme heat or humidity, or even sudden mechanical shock could render your precious photographs irretrievable. Most computers are equipped with a DVD/CD recorder. Purchase a supply of brand name recordable DVD's. Use a recording program such as Roxio or Nero to record your DVD's. My recommendation is to make multiple copies and identify each backup disc using a Sharpie DVD/CD marker.

External storage drives are a great option and quite inexpensive now. For under \$100 you can purchase 250 gigabytes of external storage that is USB-pluggable. With that much room, backup your photos, documents, music, and other personal files. Safe at last!

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TEE TALK



Ladies Night

We had a great turnout for our 'Come out and Try' night. 35 ladies came out to play and win some prizes.

Closest to Pin #3: Diane Tasse

Closest to White #4: Debbie Pritchard

Closest Chip #7: Gail Aaltonen

Shortest Drive #9: Judy Moore

Winning Teams were: JoAnne Turner, Donna Scott, Barb Jackson and Diane Tasse

Line Webster, Judy Shroeder, Jane Moyle and Sue Breton.

Sudoku

Answer on
page 15

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A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal: "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair...and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.

His father replied, "Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

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Report says NO adverse affects from wind turbines!

MIKE BROWN, MPP, ALGOMA-MANITOULIN, announced today that the scientific evidence does not demonstrate any direct causal link between wind turbine noise and adverse health effects, according to a new report from Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. King's report was prepared in consultation with the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health. The report summarizes the scientific evidence on the potential health impacts of wind turbines, often criticized as a hazard to the health and hearing of those living nearby.

The report concludes that:

While some people living near wind turbines report symptoms such as dizziness, headaches, and sleep disturbance, available scientific evidence to date does not demonstrate a



direct causal link between wind turbine noise and adverse health effects.

The sound level from wind turbines at common residential setbacks is not sufficient to cause hearing impairment or other direct adverse health effects, but it may annoy some people.

“According to the scientific evidence, there isn't any direct causal link between wind turbine noise and adverse health effects.”

In a letter to the Toronto Star, Gideon Forman, Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment stated “The next time people suggest wind power threatens nature, they should look at the disaster emerging in the Gulf of Mexico. Wind turbines kill approximately two birds a year. How many birds –

not to mention fish and turtles – will be killed by the 900,000 litres of oil now leaking into the gulf daily? As the slick approaches a Louisiana bird sanctuary, renewable energy looks increasingly attractive.”



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HELP WANTED

Island Glass is looking for an installer or labourer/helper. Please call 246-1999.

GARAGE /YARD SALES

Multi-family Yard Sale: 3045 Canoe Pointe Road. Friday, May 28 and Saturday, May 29, both days from 8 am until noon.

Garage Sale: 2945 A Line Road, just south of K Line. Friday, May 28 - 4 to 6 pm & Saturday, May 29, 8 am until 2 pm.

Yard Sale: 3107 First Street, Hilton Beach, Saturday May 29th, from 9 am to 1 pm.

Multi family garage sale. Lots of other stuff. Sat. May 29 8-10 am. Rain or shine. 2816 Canoe Pt. Rd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Trinity Anglican Church is holding its 5th Sunday Service on May 30th at 10:30 am followed by a pot luck lunch. See you there!

All Tribes Christian Camp will be having their annual Yard and Bake Sale on Saturday June 12th and Saturday June 19th. If you have items you would like to donate please drop them off at the Camp (1065 Hilton Road). No large appliances or TVs please! If you have questions call Marney at 246-1700 or Donna at 246-2011.

Volunteers needed at the St. Joseph Township Share Shed during Saturday landfill hours (8 am - 2 pm). Duties include managing/tidying donations to the share shed. Hours are flexible. Please call Melanie at 246-0188.

Strawberry Tea to be held from 12 pm to 4 pm on June 13th, at the Legion Hall in Richards Landing. Sponsored by the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Branch 374. Soup, sandwich and strawberry dessert available for \$7. Everyone is welcome!

2th Annual Lobsterfest at Royal Canadian Legion Br. 374, Richards Landing on Friday, June 25th. Sittings 5 to 8 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance until June 18th at Legion office from 9 am to noon or in lounge 4 pm to close (246-2494). Entertainment by the Mike Cormier Band. Don't be disappointed - Book Today.

To all Members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 374: our next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 3 at 8 pm.

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ALGOMATRAD DANCE - Saturday, June 5, 7:30 pm. Caller Dan Gorno, Music by the O'Schraves. Legion Hall, Richards Landing. For info call 782-4311.

Johnson Township Spring Art Show – Sunday, May 30, 1 pm to 4 pm, Johnson Township Community Centre, Desbarats. Hosted by the Johnson Tarbutt Art Group and celebrating the work of local artists. Free Admission. Reception and refreshments during afternoon. Info: Pat at 782-6601 x 205.

Calling all Fiddlers: If you would be interested in joining other fiddlers to play together, just for fun or to form a small fiddle group and play for special events please call 246-1635. Fiddlers of all skill levels are welcome.

Mark your calendar for Saturday May 29, 10 am to 5 pm. Bring the family to the 3rd Annual Richards Landing MARINA MANIA! It has something for everyone – Marine dealer displays, Enforcement

Agency information, Steelworkers' Inflatables, Children's activities and FREE DRAWS! Join us for the kick-off to the 2010 Boating Season. Make it a safe and fun family summer.

RECITAL - Students of Julie Schryer and Pat O'Gorman. Sunday, June 6, 7 pm. Desbarats United Church. Donations for use of church. Social after. Info 782-4311.

Do you have children 18 months & up and want the best possible care for them? The St. Joe Island Early Learning & Care Program is FANTASTIC! We are going to lose this amazing resource due to low enrolment. DON'T WAIT until the fall to let them know you need child care. It will be too late. Help ensure we keep this centre open. All spots are eligible for subsidy (if you qualify) and the process is way easier now, than in the past. So if you are looking for childcare DON'T WAIT TO SIGN UP, even if you don't start until the fall.

Call Kelly @248-2043 or register on line at www.saultdaycare.ca. Pick St Joseph Island. You won't be disappointed!

*Crystal Wells,
Concerned Parent*

never have to use, except in training and practice! Your support is very much appreciated!

Sudoku Answer

Puzzle on page 12

1	3	6	8	9	5	7	2	4
4	9	8	2	3	7	5	6	1
5	2	7	4	1	6	9	8	3
7	5	2	9	6	1	4	3	8
3	6	9	5	4	8	2	1	7
8	4	1	7	2	3	6	5	9
9	8	5	1	7	2	3	4	6
6	1	4	3	5	9	8	7	2
2	7	3	6	8	4	1	9	5

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the good people of St. Joseph Island who stopped to inquire as to my well-being at the scene of my forced landing on Wednesday, March 24th, due to engine failure. A special thanks to all who assisted in the recovery and transportation of my aircraft to a safe and secure location. God bless you all!

Randy Fiegehen

The Jocelyn Fire & Rescue volunteers wish to thank the many residents and visitors who stopped at Kent's Corners for our Car Wash last Saturday. All proceeds raised will be used for the purchase, repair or maintenance of vital equipment that we hope we'll

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON ST. JOE

Friday

Hens & Stitches, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10 am to 12 pm

Island Cast-a-Weights, Calorie Watchers, Hilton Community Hall (rear door, basmt) - 8:30 am

Friday Foods Menu available at the Legion - 5 pm to 9 pm

AA Meeting, United Church (new addition, side door) - 8 pm

St. Joseph Twp, Public Library - 6 pm to 9 pm

Hilton Union Library - 3 pm to 5 pm & 7 pm to 9 pm - New phone number: 255-3520.

Children's Library - 6 pm to 8 pm

Saturday

Childrens Library - 10 am to 3 pm
Story time - 10:30 am

Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm -
New phone number: 255-3520.

St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm

Free pool all day in the Legion lounge

Nordic Walking Group - Meets at 10 am

St. Boniface Roman Catholic, Hilton Beach at 4:30 pm.

Jam, Legion - 4 pm to 6 pm

Tuesday

CAPC Play & Learn Best Start Hub - 9:30 to 11:30 am,
Free Methodist Church

Cribbage (singles), Legion Hall - 7:30 pm
(\$3.00 per person)

Quilting - 1-3 pm, Downstairs Hilton Hall except the 3rd week held at the Trefry Centre.

Wednesday

Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm
(Open to all seniors)

Pool, Legion - 7:30 pm

St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Food Bank, United Church, Richards Landing (side door) - 1 pm to 3 pm

Children's Library - 9 am to 12 pm
Story time - 10:30 am

Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm -
New phone number: 255-3520.

Bingo, Legion - Doors Open 6:30, Early Birds 7:15 pm

Thursday

St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm

Dr. Trefry Centre's Day Out Program - 9 am to 4 pm

Children's Library - 9 am to 12 pm
Story time - 10:30 am 3:30 - 5 pm

Darts at the Legion - 7:30 pm

Sunday

Holy Trinity Anglican, Jocelyn at 11 am.

Free Methodist, 10th Side Rd. Coffee, tea and friendship at 10:30 am. Worship service 11 am.

Island Bible Chapel, Richards Landing.
Lord's Supper 10 am, Family Bible Hour 11:15 am.

Grace United, Hilton Beach. 9:30 am.

Harmony St. Marks United, Richards Landing. 11 am.

Monday

Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm
(Open to all seniors)

60+ Exercise Program, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10:30 am

Euchre, Legion Hall - 8 pm (\$3.00 per person)

Carpet Bowling for Seniors, Legion - 1 pm

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