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A Close Call with Coyotes!

ISLAND RESIDENT DEAN LOVE may have changed his attitude about coyotes, after a very memorable encounter with a pair of them last week.

"I was out in my back field, when I saw three coyotes sprinting across my line of travel. At a distance of about 400 yards, I realized that the two rearmost coyotes were actually chasing the third. I expected that they would cross my path about 100 yards ahead of me," he tells us. "Then, something strange happened. As the coyote being pursued ran under a fence onto my neighbour's property, the two pursuers noticed me, and immediately slowed to a trot. Then they started running full tilt again ... straight at me!"

Dean quickly realized that he was no longer an onlooker to the coyotes chasing prey. He had BECOME the prey! The two coyotes were clearly unafraid, charging directly at him. Standing in an open field, he was in a very poor defensive position, at risk of being encircled and eventually worn down by the snarling beasts. There was nothing close to hand to use as a weapon.

Having once been attacked by a very large dog, Dean knew that, in such circumstances, his best (and only) defense was a strong offense. "I raised both arms over my head, roared like some kind of monster, and waving my arms, began charging THEM!" he recounts. "They both stopped dead in their tracks, then turned and ran away."



Dean was very lucky that day. The story could have ended quite differently. In some cases, countering any animal attack by adopting an aggressive posture of your own could just make things worse.

He believes that his attackers were 'Eastern' coyotes. Also called 'Coywolves,' they are a hybrid, created by cross breeding between coyotes and red wolves, and have become quite common throughout our area. They're larger than a typical coyote, and similar in appearance to, although smaller than, a wolf. Adult Eastern coyotes usually reach 4 to 5 feet in length (nose to tail) and weigh up to 50 lbs., although some have reached 6 feet and up to 75 lbs. They can travel great

distances while hunting, they are relentless in their attack, and can bring down even a large elk!

Unlike their coyote cousins who live and hunt in packs, Eastern Coyotes usually hunt in pairs, and can be extremely aggressive. One such pair was responsible for the highly publicized 2009 attack at Cape Breton Highlands National Park, which resulted in the death of 19-year-old Toronto folk singer Taylor Mitchell.

Dean has notified the Ministry of Natural Resources of his encounter,

but few people seem very surprised. With the coyote population so high this year and their hunting conditions relatively poor, coyotes and wolves can quickly lose their fear of

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humans and become more aggressive in their search for food. Here's what the experts tell us to do if we encounter a coyote:

- Do NOT try to feed, touch or photograph it from a close distance.
- Slowly and calmly back away. Do NOT turn and run!
- Use a personal alarm device (if you have one) to frighten the animal away.
- Make sure you give it an escape route by which to leave. Don't make it feel trapped!
- If it exhibits aggressive behaviour, then be larger and noisier. Throw sticks or rocks if there are any nearby, and
- If the animal attacks, fight back aggressively!

Of course, the best solution is to minimize the odds of an encounter happening at all. If you're walking, especially at night, make noise! Most wild animals will change direction to avoid contact with humans. Take a whistle or horn with you, "just in case".

Pet owners, don't let your cat or dog (especially small breeds) loose outdoors without constant supervision – especially at night or near dawn. In town, even fenced-in yards can be dangerous. Remember too that 'invisible fences' might keep your pet in your yard, but they won't keep other animals out! And don't feed your pets outside. It's sure to attract coyotes and other wild animals, all looking for an easy handout.

So, by all means, be on your guard for encounters with coyotes and other wild animals. But, as far as we can determine, THEY should still be more afraid of US! Although coyotes live in the dangerous wild, it's still hunting, trapping and motor-vehicle accidents that account for most coyote deaths!

In all of nature, there's still nothing more dangerous and lethal than humans!

Storytelling is Not Just for Children!

By Dawn Stinson

ONE OF THE MANDATES of the Children's Library is to encourage literacy amongst our children. The TD Canadian Children's Book Week helps make that possible, by exposing students to touring authors, illustrators and storytellers.

This year, we have the privilege of welcoming renowned storyteller M. Jennie Frost to our great island, as part of her Algoma district tour. From May 2nd - 6th, she will be visiting at schools and libraries from Sault Ste. Marie to Blind River with a total of 15 presentations. She will be here on Wednesday, May 4th.

A native of Edmonton, Alberta, Jennie studied the Classics - Latin, Greek and Ancient history in university, which became the background for her future story-telling. Jennie taught school for 20 years. One day, the Principal asked her to share one of her stories and she has never looked back.

Oral tradition is less popular with the age of technology, but M. Jennie Frost is keeping it alive. Since 1996, she has performed across Canada in festivals, concerts, conferences, libraries and schools across Canada. She has expanded her horizons to prizewinning short stories and poetry and is presently working on a novel. Jennie has published her own CD audio sets and has participated in the audio CD's in conjunction with TALES (The Alberta League Encouraging Storytelling).

Jennie quotes "I love sharing long stories – drawing listeners into places outside our present world where we can spend some time together involved in the people and events of the tale."

Jennie Frost will be sharing her stories with us at the St. Joseph Island Central School on Wednesday, May 4th from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. The community is welcome! Storytelling is not just for children!

So, take the opportunity to hear this professional storyteller. For more information contact the Children's Library at 705 246-2877.



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Some Unusual Dates!

ALTHOUGH WE ORIGINALLY RECEIVED THIS in a chain email, we thought you might like to know about this part at least!

This year, we are going to experience four unusual dates: 1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, and 11/11/11. And, this year, October will have 5 Sundays, 5 Mondays and 5 Saturdays. This happens only every 823 years.

Want a little more fun? Take the last two digits of the year in which you were born, add the age you will be this year, and the result will be 111 for everyone. We're sure the math whizzes out there will have a great time working this one out!

Sudoku

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Riddle

Who spends the day at the window, goes to the table for meals and hides at night?

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“To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better; whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is the meaning of success.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

RECIPE CORNER



Maple-Braised Apples and Pork

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1 lb (500 g) boneless pork loin or tenderloin, cut in 1/2 inch thick slices

1 tsp. ground sage

Salt and pepper

1 tbsp. butter

1 onion, thinly sliced

4 apples, cored and thinly sliced

2 tbsp. (25 mL) maple syrup

1/2 C. (125 mL) chicken or vegetable stock

Rub pork slices with sage; season lightly with salt and pepper. In large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add seasoned pork slices; cook until lightly browned, about 1 minute per side. Remove from pan and set aside. Add onion to pan; cook for 5 minutes or until softened, reducing heat if needed. Stir in apples; cook for 5 minutes. Stir in maple syrup.

Return pork and accumulated juices to skillet. Add stock; cover and simmer, until juices run clear when pork is pierced, about 5 minutes. Transfer pork to platter and keep warm. Increase heat to high; cook apple mixture until liquid becomes syrupy. Spoon over pork and serve immediately.

That's it for the Maple Syrup recipes. We would like to keep Recipe Corner seasonal whenever possible so next we are looking for any that use spring produce. Rhubarb and asparagus come instantly to mind. But what about wild leeks? Please send us your favourites. We would love to hear from you!

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Diane Gerhart Retires

WE VISITED TWO of the Island's great treasures last week, but it wasn't a difficult trip. We simply drove into the village of Hilton Beach and stopped at the Hilton Union Library – ONE of the Island's great treasures! Then, we went in and said hello to the Librarian, Diane Gerhart – ANOTHER of the Island's great treasures, and the particular treasure we were visiting that morning.

Diane will be retiring April 30th, after almost 28 years as the Hilton Union Librarian. It's been a wonderful time for her, but she confesses that things didn't start out quite so wonderfully.

When she and her husband Dave first came to the Island from the Soo 28 years ago, it was part of their great plan to simplify their lives, earn their living here on the Island and ease gradually into a wonderful retirement. It sure seemed like a good idea, but things didn't quite work out as they expected. Diane laughingly tells us "we actually bought our property 30 years too soon!"

Their first challenge to overcome was earning a living here.



Dave owned a printing and stamping shop franchise in the Soo and planned to simply relocate it to the Island. He was informed by the Franchiser that the business must stay in the Soo, so he was forced to sell the business. Although they would be moving with no way to earn a living, the die was cast, so move they did.

While Dave was happy to get out of the city to start their new life, Diane was still very much a City Girl, through and through! She wasn't so sure she could cope with this 'Island' way of life and she was secretly hoping that 'the great idea' wouldn't actually come to pass. Remember that great old tv series 'Green Acres'? You could say that

Diane was 'Lisa' to Dave's 'Oliver'.

But things changed! After 3 months, when Dave suggested that perhaps they should move back to the Soo, her response was quick and definite: "Over my dead body!" The Island, as it always does, had gotten to her. Today, she is a devoted fan of country living, and the Island way of life.

And the hand of fate was quietly at work. Diane and Dave are both avid readers so, "like a swarm of locusts", they set about devouring every book the Hilton Union Library had to offer. Then came the day when Eve Allison, then the Librarian, told Diane that she would be leaving. She suggested that Diane would be perfect for the job and encouraged her to submit her resume – which she quickly did.

"For me, the job would be like being a kid in a candy store!" she laughs. "but I was so worried that I wouldn't get the job!" Well, she got the job, and found out sometime later that she had been the only person who applied!

She and Dave also opened a small craft shop "The Last Straw", which kept them occupied for almost 12 years, before they decided they didn't have the time for it any longer.

Diane is wistful about her long time as Librarian. "It's been just wonderful! I've met so many of my best friends here on the Island, and introduced them in turn, to other friends. We've had some terrific times together! When I was so sick a few years ago, I was amazed at how many people dropped in just to see how I was doing."

She won't be too far away though. She plans to spend more time on her big passions, gardening and quilting. She'll also be available to help her replacement out as a back-up, from time to time.

Everyone is very happy with the choice of Diane's replacement, Melanie Dorscht. "Melanie has already begun working

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Chimney Cleaning and Inspection

By Lorne Barlow

WELL, HERE WE ARE AGAIN the end of the wood burning season. As I have stated before, this is an excellent time to have your chimney cleaned and inspected. Cleaning your chimney in the spring helps remove harmful chemicals, helps eliminate foul odours and prepares you for the next burning season.

At the same time, having your chimney inspected may reveal serious safety issues and possibly prevent a tragic event from occurring. An inspection may provide you with the peace of mind that your system is completely safe and able to service you for many more years.

An example of the importance of an inspection:

Recently, we were hired to clean and inspect a system. The result of the inspection was shocking to us and compelled me to write about it. The system we were dealing with was a typical brick chimney with a clay flue tile, the original fireplace had been fitted with a factory built wood burning insert such as many other systems of this arrangement.

Upon inspection, we discovered that the insert had not been installed properly and as a result mass accumulations of creosote had collected in the chimney and behind the insert itself. Had this build up caught fire, I dare not guess what could have been. The solution to this case was to remove the insert, remove the clay tile lining and creosote and reinstall the insert correctly and to code.

There are two key points I would like to make about the above scenario:

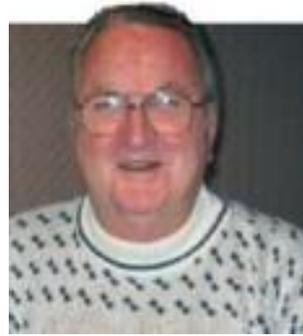
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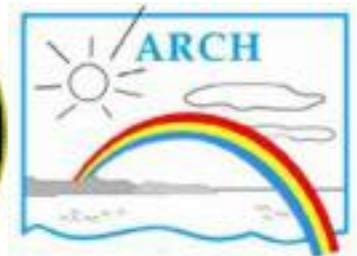
No, I am not a candidate in the upcoming election, but I would like your support in helping a local organization that does not receive any funding from our government, the **Algoma Residential Community Hospice (ARCH)**, located at 229 4th Line W, Sault, Ont.

Four years ago Julie and I joined the Sault chapter of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, an international organization of motorcycle riders who promote Fun, Safety & Knowledge. (we ride the big, shiny, QUIET, ones)

Last year one of our members had to go for KEMO treatments and decided if he was going to lose his hair, it was going to be for a good cause. He decided to collect pledges to shave his head and donate the money to ARCH. Four of us decided to help him since he only had a month before his treatments started. Together we were able to collect almost \$4000.00. Two of the participants were husband and wife. On May 1st all 5 of us were publicly shaved by a retired marine from Sault, Michigan.

This year we are hoping to raise our donation to ARCH substantially. Again we have 5 members, including a female with hair to her waist, participating, plus two female staff members of ARCH who are also collecting pledges and will also be publicly shaved on Saturday, May 7th at Dan's Custom Repair Shop, 860 Queen St., East, SSM, starting at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome to join in on the festivities.

Again, I am asking for your support. All pledges, no matter how small, make a big pile when put together. Receipts issued for pledges of \$20.00 and over. To make a pledge, either call me (Ted) at 246-3518 or email; islandtrikers@gmail.com. Tell me where you live and I'll come pick it up. Or you can mail it or drop it off at: 5564 - 5th Side Road, Hilton Beach, ON P0R 1G0. We live on the road to the Fort.



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ITEMS WANTED

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YARD /GARAGE SALE

Garage Sale: "The Island Girls" The Cancer Society's Relay for Life Team fundraiser. Sat. April 30th from 9 am to 3 pm. 1183 Richards Street across from the clinic. Refreshments for sale! For info contact Rita 705 246-1687

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WORK WANTED

Pressure wash and treating decks, ceramic tile or other small jobs. Call Buck & Terry at 705 246-3657.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cemetery Cleanup, April 30 at Holy Trinity, Jocelyn - 9 am. Anyone with friends or relatives buried at the Holy Trinity Cemetery are invited to come out this Saturday with rakes (and wheelbarrows if you have one) to help freshen up the cemetery. Refreshments will be served in the church when work is completed.

Work bee at the Tenby Bay Cemetery on Saturday May 14 at 10 am. Please bring rakes, clippers etc. Refreshments will be served, everyone welcome. For further information phone 705 246-2392.

On Track Physio and Fitness will be closed for vacation until May 24th. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 374

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 374, located in Richards Landing, seeks a part time Bookkeeper Clerk to perform accounting, bookkeeping and payroll duties, in addition to routine office administration. A minimum 3 years experience with Simply Accounting is required.

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Qualified Candidates are asked to submit a detailed resume and cover letter in a sealed envelope, by 12:00 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2011 to:

Carol Trainor, Branch Secretary
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St. John Hilton Beach Cemetery Cleanup on May 7, at 9 am. Anyone with friends or relatives in the St. John Cemetery are invited to come out and help with the annual cleanup. Please bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc. All help is appreciated. Refreshments available after cleanup is complete.

The next meeting of the St. Joseph Island Chamber of Commerce will be on Thursday, May 19th at 7 pm, in the Village of Hilton Beach Council Chambers. Please note that Membership renewals will be mailed or emailed shortly. New members are always welcome!

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Newey, formerly of St. Joseph Island, have moved again. Their new address is Collegiate Heights, Apartment 112, 95 Fauquier Ave., Sault Ste. Marie. Telephone number as before. Visitors always welcome.

Lights! Camera! Fashion! On Friday, May 13th there will be a FASHION SHOW at CASS to help support the school's dance

program. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$8/student & seniors and can be purchased at the door or by calling 705 782-6263. Doors open at 6:30, show starts at 7:00.

THANK YOU

The St. Joseph Island Branch of the Canadian Red Cross would like to thank everyone who bought tickets on our Easter Basket Raffle at the Legion Maple Syrup Festival. The basket was won by a young girl, Sonya Fortem from Blind River.

Sudoku Answer

Puzzle on page 6

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

Diane Gerhart ... continued from page 8

with me to 'learn the ropes', so to speak." says Diane. "But she's already thinking about how she can improve things in the future." she smiles.

Like Diane, Melanie is very well known and liked by all. She has the perfect personality to continue where Diane leaves off. She currently helps out as back-up Librarian at the Children's Library as well. Library Board member Lavera Crack describes Melanie as "Delightful! And a face that you want to have greet you when you visit our quaint little library."

Congratulations Melanie! We wish you the very best in your new role. And Diane, we thank you for all that you've done, and we hope that now, you'll truly be able to enjoy that wonderful thing called 'Island Time!'

The Library Board plans to host a 'Come and Go' tea in Diane's honour on July 23rd in conjunction with the library's 90th anniversary. That's also the day of the Hilton Beach Car Show, so we expect the village will be bustling. And we're also sure that most of the people in attendance will have at least one thing in common: you can bet that they'll all be good friends of Diane Gerhart!

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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 at the Legion
AA Meeting, United Church (new addition, side door) - 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
Nordic Walking Group, Tranter Park - 10 am
Free pool all day in the Legion lounge
St. Boniface Roman Catholic, Hilton Beach at 4:30 pm.
Jam Session, Legion - 4 pm to 6 pm

Sunday

Holy Trinity Anglican, Jocelyn, 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 - 10:00 am
Euchre, Legion Hall - 8 pm (\$3.00 per person)

Carpet Bowling for 50 Plus, Legion - Refreshments Available - 1 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

Tuesday

CAPC Play & Learn, Free Methodist Church - 9:30 am to 11:30 am
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)
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 - 3 pm to 5 pm -
New phone number: 255-3520.

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; 3:30 - 5 pm
Story time - 10:30 am
Pool, Legion - 7:30 pm

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