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My Point of View ...

By Susan Kerr

The Island Clippings is grateful to Susan Kerr for stepping up to inform our readers on the proceedings of the February 16th meeting on Refugee Sponsorship, when production deadlines prevented us from attending ourselves.

A report from the recent meeting of the St. Joseph's Island & North Channel Refugee Sponsorship Supporters

IT WAS A FULL HOUSE...if anyone else had come into the Old Town Hall in Richards Landing, it would have been full to overflowing. It was good to see such support and interest in this huge venture.

Connie and Bob Elkin (the trail-blazers) reported that all the paperwork is done, the i's dotted and the t's crossed, for acceptance under the umbrella of the very experienced Mennonite Central Committee, who will guide our small group through the red tape ahead. This committee has been involved with rescuing, welcoming and rehoming refugees for almost 100 years....so they know how to do it and recognise all the pitfalls!

One of the requirements was that our group have a core group of 10, for legal reasons, and these folks have been selected. They are Faye Stevens, Mel MacKay, Ray Stortini, Mary Kay Stortini, Jenn Windle, Jody Wildman, Aaron Fisher,



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you with all that. Once your donation has been deposited at that Account it is registered, receipts are sent out, and the money is returned to our local account, ready for dissemination to cover our Syrian family's expenses. For the first year, all that will be overseen and handled by Anna Hamilton, until the family is familiar with and able to manage their own finances.

The family will quickly be given Permanent Resident status...that is what Landed Immigrants are now called. That is not the same as Canadian Citizenship. It does mean that they have all the rights of any other Permanent Resident...and responsibilities. There is an expectation that the family will do their very best to become familiar with our customs and laws, they will work hard at learning English...and on developing work skills. The goal is Autonomy, as it is for all immigrants. This may be their first safe place for years, let alone months. And, the first time it is possible for the children to go to school. That alone makes me smile!

We, as residents of this lovely area, must be patient and kind, of course....a welcoming smile, wave and a call out of "Hello...welcome" will go a long way in helping these desperate people find a place to call home once again. Their home has been wiped out....nothing left but rubble....and the constant reality of on-going bombing and terrorists. I can't even imagine.

We are all very aware of quite a lot of opposition to this venture....not just ours, here, but of the bigger picture within our country. While I do not understand their view....that these refugees 'take away' from us or put us in danger, I respect their opinion. The Christians among our group say they do it "because they are Christian". For me it is about the old Golden Rule...you know..."Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You".

Just my point of view, anyway.....

For more information: email Connie Elkin at bcelkin@hotmail.com or call any of the members of the core group listed above.

Publisher's Note: At our press time, no information was yet available on where and when the next public meeting will take place. The Island Clippings will continue to follow this story as it unfolds.



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Some Facts with Respect to Groundwater

I wish to commend Ian Hoover for his efforts in questioning the unnecessary level of salt being applied to portions of Highway 548. We too have seen the long trails and indeed piles of salt laid down on a white-washed highway, at times seemingly unconnected to the current weather situation. Living as we do on the Hilton Road portion of Highway 548 we regularly carry our dogs the few hundred yards necessary to reach the pristine, plowed, but snow covered Baseline Road, where they can be walked in comfort and not have their paws painfully burned by rock salt. Our property was the recipient of a new well, dug compliments of the MTO when the previous owner Harold Daynard went after the department for salting up his water supply. At that time the winter salt was stored on bare ground; now it lies on concrete flooring.

Harden Environmental conducted a groundwater survey on St. Joseph Island in 2005 and published its results in February 2006. In Para 3.0 titled Groundwater Resource Assessment Hardin writes "Despite being surrounded by water, the natural input to the water cycle on the Island is precipitation." This is a result of the particular geology and topography of the Island. Other than those waterfront properties that may pump some of their water from the lake, all well water sources on the Island come from aquifers that are replenished only from rainwater and snow melt falling on the Island.

In Para 3.6 titled Hydrogeological Setting, Harden writes "The major aquifer in the northern third of the Island is the limestone aquifer. This aquifer is found relatively close to the ground surface and is capable of producing a significant quantity of water. The communities of Richards Landing and Hilton Beach obtain water from the limestone aquifer. The rock core obtained from this aquifer indicates that it contains shale layers and is generally fine grained. However, as with residential wells, the municipal wells mainly obtain water from fractures encountered within the limestone. This aquifer is largely unconfined, that is, it does not have a protective covering above it. Fractures within the rock easily transmit water, but contaminants can also move quickly through a fractured rock environment."

Harden goes on to define what an unconfined aquifer means. "There are three types of aquifer conditions, unconfined, semi-confined and confined. Unconfined aquifer conditions are most prevalent on the Island. This aquifer condition arises where there are no natural fine-grained layers above the aquifer. Infiltrating water percolates directly into an unconfined aquifer. Semi-confined conditions arise where there is an appreciable thickness of finer-grained sediments (clay, silt or clay-silt till) overlying the aquifer. Confined aquifer conditions arise where there is a natural barrier to groundwater flow above an aquifer. Percolation is slow, thereby offering a modest degree of protection from surface derived contaminants."

Basically, according to the Hardin Groundwater Survey, we are in a closed system with respect to our drinking water on the Island. What falls on the Island as precipitation, we drink.



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Conversely, what contaminants are laid down on the Island we also drink. Our Island environment is particularly susceptible to contamination by the fact that most aquifers are "unconfined". All that rock salt is now entering our drinking water. Last Fall Heather and Brian Fox brought to our attention the unsolicited use of herbicides by Algoma Power line clearing activities. Those poisons are now entering our water supply. Every time we as residents frivolously add some contaminant to our landfills – like an empty paint can, dirty engine oil, some old solvent, or even one battery – that enters our water supply.

I admire Ian Hoover's determination and tenacity in following up his observations. He is however, the voice of but one warrior, too easily dismissed by Transfield, or the MTO or even MOE. I echo Ian's call for the four municipal jurisdictions to speak with one voice and demand the cessation of the use of salt on Highway 548. Copies of the Hardin Survey were delivered to each municipal office on the Island. Elected representatives should read this survey as should any Island resident at all concerned about what enters their body as a result of water they drink.

Toni Stasie, Hilton Beach



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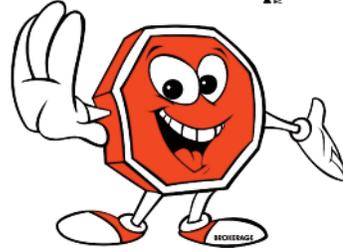
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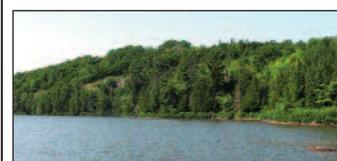
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Correction Notice: Due to an oversight on our part, the Richards Landing Arts & Cultural Events Committee's ad in our last two issues about their upcoming concerts contains an error in the date of The Young Novelists' concert. The correct date is Saturday, March 26th, not Friday, March 26th. The Island Clippings regrets our error.

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From the Lions Den



A Lions Vision Dog Guide Success Story

Thanks to Robert Kerr of the St. Joseph Island Lions Club for sharing just one of the many 'success stories' in which Lions Foundation Dog Guides have made a huge difference in someone's life.

MARTIN WAS IN HIS 30s, and at the beginning of a career in medicine when his vision began deteriorating. Over the years, his vision diminished, eventually curtailing his medical practice and rendering him no longer able to perform surgical procedures.



Martin and Yager

As the years went by, he came to a point where he wasn't able to drive any longer, and felt a tremendous loss of mobility and independence in the big city he calls home. A white cane became a way to get around the sidewalks of Toronto – a reasonable method, but one Martin never felt totally comfortable using.

His vision would get worse still. He retired, and friends began urging him to consider a guide dog. Martin filled out an application for a Canine Vision Dog Guide, and in 2014, he met his match: a black Labrador retriever named Yager, expertly trained to navigate busy city streets, and whose personality Dog Guides' trainers felt suited Martin's own.

"The difference has been astounding," says Martin of having Yager in his life. "It's hard to describe, but he's changed my life! I'm more confident, safer, and I'm doing things I didn't do before."

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Canine Vision Dog Guides learn common routes with their handlers to help them safely navigate traffic, obstacles, curbs, stairs, and anything else in their path. Martin and Yager have a number of destinations they travel to together, including the Toronto Botanical Gardens, a much-loved spot.

“Friends say I’m the happiest I’ve been in ten years,” says Martin.

We hope to be hearing more about some of the Lions’ good works in the near future – good works that are much closer to right here at home.



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Sorry, we're not available on Sundays.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON ST. JOE

Friday

Hens & Stitches, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10 am to 12 pm
705 246-0036

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

Walking at the Legion - 9 am to noon

Friday Foods at the Legion

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

Saturday

The Children's Library - 10 am to 3 pm, Storytime at 10:30 am

Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm

Free pool all day in the Legion lounge

St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 10 am to 3 pm

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

Teen Game Night - Legion lounge - 6 pm to 9 pm

Sunday

The Anglican Parish of St. Joseph & St. George worships at 11 am at Holy Trinity, Jocelyn

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.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, at MacLennan

Hall, Primary, Priesthood, Relief Society. 10 - 10:40

Sunday School 10:50 - 11:30 Sacrament Meeting 11:40 - 12:30

Monday

Walking at the Legion - 9 am to noon

Euchre, Legion Hall - 7:30 pm (\$4.00 per person)

Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 4 pm
(Open to all seniors) 705 246-0036

Exercise Class, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10 am

Free pool all day in the Legion lounge

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

St. Joseph Twp, Public Library - 5 pm to 8 pm

Hilton Union Library - 3 pm to 5 pm & 7 pm to 9 pm

Tuesday

Cribbage (singles), Legion Hall - 7:30 pm
(\$4.00 per person)

Free pool all day in the Legion lounge

Quilting - 1-3 pm, Main Floor Waterfront Centre, Hilton Beach except the 3rd week held at the Trefry Centre. 705 246-0036

Childcare Algoma C.A.P. Children's Playgroup - 10 am to noon at Free Methodist Church

Yoga, Old Town Hall, RL - 7 to 8:30 pm, drop-ins welcome

Wednesday

Walking at the Legion - 9 am to noon

Nordic Pole Walking at the Legion - 10 am

Life Labs at the Dr. Trefry Centre - 9:30 to 10:30 am

Free pool in the Legion lounge

Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm (Open to all seniors)
705 246-0036

St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 10 am to 3 pm

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

Children's Library 9 am - 12 Noon, Storytime at 10:30 am

Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm -
Phone number: 705 255-3520.

League pool in the Legion Lounge at 7:30

Wednesday Food at the Legion 7:30 to 9 pm

Thursday

Dr. Trefry Centre's Day Out Program - 9 am to 3 pm.

Coffee Connections 9 am, Dr. Trefry Centre, Come for a coffee!

Children's Library 9 am - 12 noon, Storytime at 10:30 am, After school Program 3:30 pm to 5 pm,

Free pool all day in the Legion lounge

Exercise Class, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm

The Children's Library, 10 am - 3 pm, Storytime 10:30 am

St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 3 pm to 8 pm

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