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Those Deer Have Been Checked Out

The results are in for the 2016 Deer Check Station from St. Joseph Island. Second year students from Sault College's Fish and Wildlife program gave a very insightful presentation at The Hunters & Anglers monthly meeting (which is open to the public) last Thursday.

While it's not mandatory to bring your deer to the check station, given the interest in the local hunters we would say it's likely that most are willing to take time from their busy hunting schedule to have the deer seen. They were checked for their age as well as for chronic wasting disease by the MNFR, which, Sault college has not heard anything from the MNFR regarding the disease yet so they believe that no news is good news!

Programs like the deer check stations are vital to monitor the deer population, not only to maintain safe hunting numbers but safe population numbers over-



all. A lot of us non-hunters love seeing the cute deer and may even feed them and name them, but hunting season is a vital part of the conservation of the island.

Other than the numbers what was of particular interest to us as non-hunters were just how passionate hunters are about the deer; from doing nutritional research on deer pellets which are fed to the deer throughout the winter, to people planting specific grasses that can help the deer get through even the harshest of winters.

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DEER CHECK...continued from cover

And now – *drumroll please* – the grand total of deer seen at the deer check station this year is 135! That’s up considerably from last year’s total of 91. The largest buck weighed 214 pounds, the largest doe was 143 pounds and the largest fawn weighed in at 82 pounds. The least heaviest buck was 94 pounds, the smallest doe was 102 pounds, and the smallest fawn was 62 pounds. The buck with the most points was 12. The widest antler beam was 39mm. 49% of the deer came from St. Joseph Township, simply because the landscapes of the township are prime deer hunting areas with its tree lined fields.

The most interesting for us was the snow depth index and the severity of the winters and how it affects the deer. The winter of 2012 to 2013 was a moderate winter, and the winter of 2013 to 2014 was severe, making food hard to find for the deer. The numbers of fawns from the severe winter that became yearling bucks the following year dropped drastically because of this. Luckily for the deer, the last two winters, and surprisingly even this winter, the snow depth index is proving to be mild. Another tidbit we found interesting is that the smallest weight of the does being brought in is continually getting heavier year by year: in 2012 the smallest weight was 74 pounds compared to this year was 102 pounds.

Additionally, Jason Doyon, the vice president of the Algoma Fish and Game Club also gave a talk on the potential restocking of lake trout in Lake Huron in the north shore including around the Hilton Beach area. As someone who is just an occasionally catch and release fisherman, I also found this talk interesting to see how much preparation and time goes into the potential restocking of various species and the problems encountered. Currently the island area is down on the list for restocking of lake trout, but with groups like this pushing the north shore it may not be too long before this project gets off the ground here.

We would like to remind everyone that these general meetings are open to the public and contain a lot of information about the conservation of the area. So, if you wish to be more active in this or just want to learn more about the wildlife in the area check out their monthly meetings.

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Kudos to Island Roads Personnel

Spent a day or two in Sault Ste. Marie in the past week?

If so, you were probably very grateful to arrive on St. Joe to our beautifully maintained roads. I recently had the opportunity to take a short drive in a plow truck. I now have a heightened appreciation for the “boys” who plow our roads - consider the shoulder strain from the extensive gear shifting required (even to turn a simple corner); the lever manipulation to control the plow itself; dealing with “blindness” caused by blowing snow from the plow; the timing calculations (the precipitation vs plow down time during an eight-hour period) and perhaps losing your night’s sleep because of a storm.

I am so grateful I live on St. Joe and have the utmost admiration for our Island Roads “Boys” for keeping our roads in such great shape.

Kudos
Dianne Holt
An Island Resident

Editors note : We agree 100% with Dianne, our roads are very well maintained by all townships and the province.



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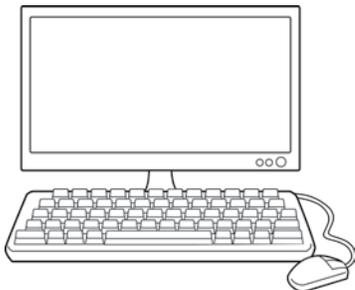
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The Woes of Rural Internet continued...

We are still holding out hope Bell will respond to our request for comment, and we are in the process of switching our internet to a more affordable and better plan (still with Bell). We just wanted to say Thank You to the many people who either called or emailed tips and related to our issues. More to come...



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Forest Conservation on St. Joseph Island

As you know, there are thousands and thousands of trees on St. Joseph Island. There are many benefits to trees, including that they release the oxygen we need to breathe, provide habitat and food for animals and have economic value.

To keep our forests as healthy as possible, sustainable forest management practices should always be followed when logging trees from a forest. Most people know that clear-cutting an area is not sustainable practice, but what else can you do? Buffers should be left around lakes and rivers as the trees help the water quality, control erosion and are important for wildlife using the water. Buffers should also be left when animal habitat, such as a den or a nest, is found.

If you are cutting down trees for firewood, make sure you select the right trees. Cutting dead or dying trees will allow you to leave the healthy ones behind. However, don't take all the dead trees. Dead trees provide great habitat and resources for kinds animals and can help keep the soil healthy as they rot. Spreading out where you take trees from will also help reduce your impact on the forest.

Planting trees can also be a great way to replace those trees you cut or to expand your already existing forest. If you own old, unused agricultural areas, you can easily turn it into a forest. Many programs can be found online that will provide trees or assist you with costs if you plant a large area with trees.

The Government of Ontario has a Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program. If you create a 10-year Managed Forest Plan that details how you will manage your forest responsibly and is approved by the Managed Forest Plan Approver, you will pay only 25% of your municipal tax rate. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/managed-forest-tax-incentive-program>.

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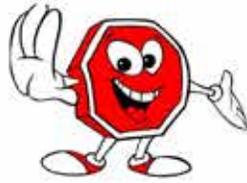


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Recipe Corner

Torta Rustica

– Serves 12 – obviously cut based on how many people you are making for

With tomato-chipotle sauce and lemon-basil aioli

MAKE THE TOMATO SAUCE FIRST

Ingredients

1 package 10 inch flour tortillas (I use red and green)

1 cup pesto, store bought is fine

8 oz goat cheese

3 cups mozzarella cheese – grated

1 eggplant

2 zucchinis

2 red peppers

2 yellow peppers

2 yams

2 potatoes

2 red onions

1/3 cup olive oil

1 Tbsp rosemary (fresh)

Lemon- Basil Aioli

1 cup Mayonnaise

Juice of 1 lemon

½ cup fresh basil, chopped

Tomato-Chipotle Sauce

10 tomatoes, quartered

1 red onion, large dice

3 garlic cloves

1/3 cup olive oil

1 Tbsp brown sugar

1 tsp. chipotle in adobo paste

¼ cup cilantro, chopped

METHOD

Slice all vegetables in similar widths and toss with olive oil and rosemary. Grill or roast in a 350 deg. F oven until soft, approx. 20 minutes. Prepare the rest of the torta ingredients. To assemble: Start making layers in a spring form pan. You will be making a layered torta using 1 type of roasted vegetables and some of each cheese and a little of the pesto between each tortilla every layer. Rub top with olive oil and more mozzarella and cover with foil. Put in a 350 deg oven and bake for 50-60 minutes.

To prepare tomato sauce, toss tomatoes, onion and garlic with olive oil and brown sugar. Roast in a 350 deg oven for 30 minutes or until caramelized. Puree in food processor and then add chipotle and cilantro.

To prepare aioli, mix all ingredients together. To serve, spoon some of the warm sauce on a plate, set a slice of torta on top and drizzle with basil aioli.

Susan Muise

Susan mentioned this seems like a lot of work, but it really isn't and ours turned out messy but very delicious (even though we managed to leave out the pesto somehow - we're just not very good at following recipes). We checked a couple stores but could not find chipotle in adobo sauce but we just substituted in some chipotle pepper flakes and it gave it a subtle spicyness. This was a nice change from pasta as a meatless dinner which is great to do once in a while.

St. Joe Creature Feature

Ring-necked Pheasant

A beautiful pair of ring-necked pheasants has been hanging around our yard on and off for the past few months.

They are native to China and East Asia and were introduced to North America and other parts of the world as game birds. They prefer farmlands and prairies where they can eat seeds and grains and insects. They are skittish birds, from what we have observed. In fact, Andrew just mentioned that he was going to go outside and photograph them as they crossed our property and they took off running like they heard him say that.

Ring-necked pheasants will usually choose a nesting site within a half a mile of where they winter, so we are excited at the possibility of seeing baby pheasants come springtime. The chicks are capable of short flights at just 12 days old, but stay with the mother until around 10-12 weeks of age.

We didn't see these two for a few days and became slightly worried that a predator had run off with them, but it turns out they sometimes remain dormant for days in the extreme cold.

According to St. Joseph Island's Wikipedia page, Güenter Schmidt and his son Kenton ran a pheasant preserve on the island for many years which contributed to the pheasant population today.



Corrections

As much as we'd like to just ignore our mistakes and move, on some of them need to be pointed out. I'm not talking about the occasional typo or incorrect grammar as, let's face it, we are our own editors and we are bound to miss a few things when working late into the night. What we would like to correct is the Creature Feature featuring the Ermine. We incorrectly referred to them as the largest member of the weasel family. The website we took the information from was false as the largest member of the Mustelid family is the wolverine.

Additionally, last week we mentioned the possibility of walking on the cross country ski trails at Mountain View Centennial Grounds. We were there for the sledding and I thought it was a good idea to check out the trails too. What I did not realize is walking on the trails can damage them for cross country skiers and snowshoeing. It's not a good idea to walk on these trails and that's something I, a city boy, would not have realized if it were not pointed out to me. I'm sure most people knew that but for those who didn't, you're going to have to pony up for snowshoes or skis, or wait until the snow melts to explore the trails.



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IN MEMORIUM

Nelson Ruby (Littleton) In memory of a dear friend and long time neighbour who passed away one year ago. Jan 23rd 2016 Love Doreen McCarthy P.S. I sure miss those long chats on the phone.

The Anglican Parish
of St. Joseph & St. George
Annual Vestry Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.
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Pot Luck Luncheon
Meeting to Follow
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The Island Clippings is pleased to publish personal Classified Advertising and Public Service Announcements of 50 words or less, free of charge to Island residents, as a community service. Other than personal for sale ads the announcement must be of value to the community. We reserve the right to decide if the ad is of service to the community.

Ads or announcements for non-residents or items or services, to be sold for profit, or generate income or events charging an entrance fee (which includes "not for profit organizations") as well as items valued at over \$1,000. will incur a nominal charge of \$10. plus HST.

We reserve the right to determine if a fee is required. We reserve the right to edit down to 50 words or less.

Business or commercial ads, including those placed by individuals do not qualify as Classified ad or Public Service Announcements.

Such advertising must be via display advertising, governed by our published rates in effect at that time.

Ads or announcements will appear in one issue, but may be repeated, at your request (space permitting).

Advertiser must resubmit ad each week. To ensure space for everyone, please limit your content to a maximum of 50 words.

Ads can be placed by: Email to: islandclippings@gmail.com or by phone 705 246-7678 (from 9 - 5, Mon-Fri)

Mail to: Island Clippings

2328 Huron Line, Richards Landing, ON P0R 1J0

Or for non timely ads simply put it in our pick-up box conveniently located at Gardiner's Corner. Kent's Corner & The Hilton Beach Waterfront Centre.

Sorry, we're not available on Sundays.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON ST. JOE

MONDAY	THURSDAY
Euchre, Legion Lounge - 7:30 pm St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 5 pm to 8 pm Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 4 pm (Open to all seniors) Senior's Exercise Class, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10 am Free pool all day in the Legion lounge Carpet Bowling for 50 Plus, Legion - 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	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, Free pool all day in the Legion lounge Senior's 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
TUESDAY	FRIDAY
Cribbage (singles), Legion Lounge - 7:30 pm Free pool all day in the Legion lounge Childcare Algoma C.A.P. Children's Playgroup - 10 am to noon at Free Methodist Church Community Quilting 1-3 pm, Main Floor Waterfront Centre except 3rd week held at the Trefry Centre	Hens & Stitches, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10 am to 12 pm, Island Cast-a-Weights, Calorie Watchers, moved to Hilton Beach Waterfront Centre, near Post Office, same time - 8:30 am Archery, Hunters & Anglers Range - 7pm to 9 pm. Friday Foods at the Legion AA Meeting, United Church (new addition, side door) - 8 pm
WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
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 pm, Story time at 10:30 am Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm League pool in the Legion Lounge at 7:30 Wednesday Food at the Legion 7:30 to 9 pm Hilton Beach Library Book Club : 3rd Wednesday every month from Jan - Nov 9:30am-11am at HB Library, call 705-971-1858 for booklist. Please Join us! Jocelyn Social Ski/Snowshoe Every Wednesday afternoons at 1:30, Jocelyn Recreation invites everyone to join us for a social ski or snowshoe on our freshly groomed Mountain View Trails.	*The Children's Library - 10 am to 3 pm Hilton Union Public Library - 1pm 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.
	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 meeting at McLennan Hall with services starting at 10am, all are welcome. School 10:50 - 11:30 Sacrament Meeting 11:40 - 12:30 St. Boniface Roman Catholic, Hilton Beach: See Saturday
	The Children's Library will be closed until Jan 24th.