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Horses On The Road



Submitted by Wendy Eagle

Taking horses on the road is a normal practice for many horse owners. It's a place to ride/drive for some, a mode of transportation for others, a necessary need to travel a road or two to get to trails or, it just makes a break from the ordinary. Knowing the rules of the road is important yet, as with anything, there are exceptions to consider.

For example, travelling downhill hill, backside to potential traffic, is a problem situation for horse and rear-approaching traffic. A vehicle cannot see you and your horse until they have crested the hill. Moving the horse to the opposite shoulder on a downward slope

of a hill, to add space until drivers in both directions can see you, helps keep everyone safe. Same applies to going up hill. Horse riders/drivers and vehicle drivers need to be aware of what may be over the crest of a rural road.

Rural traffic consists of tractors plus attachments, 4x4's, wildlife, vehicles, dirt bikes etc. What we ask our horses to contend with calmly, is a far cry from the natural elements horses evolved with prior to domestication.

For drivers there are always questions about how the horse will react as they pass, or how exactly to pass. I am asked this question all the time. The answer varies but what may help drivers to understand is a bit about horses and why they spook.

Hearing and vision correlate to one another closely - a horse can hear something first, alerting him to locate the source of the noise with his ears and then with his eyes. There is also the high possibility that horses can "hear" earth vibrations through their hooves.

With eyes on the sides of the head, horses can see 350°. Three metres in front is binocular focus (like humans) while the remainder is monocular vision. A horse's monocular vision is similar to human peripheral vision, meaning it can see, but cannot specifically focus on objects until their head is turned toward such particular object.

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HORSE continued from cover

When something suddenly comes into their sight perimeter, it does so in a foggy manner, sometimes causing a horse to spook when they cannot identify the source quickly enough. A moving vehicle means identification must happen within seconds. Prior sound helps the horse to be aware of something coming, however, again, there are exceptions.

With their hearing, horse's ears move independently, rotating 180°. Horses have a pitch range higher than humans although they can hear lower sounds. Humans hear between 20 Hz and 20 kHz while a horse's range is 55 Hz to 33.5 kHz. This means that although your vehicle may seem quiet, a high pitched squeal out of hearing range for humans may very well startle a horse.

Horses learning about vehicular traffic is difficult, but they can make associations with time and patience. Getting used to vehicles around the farm helps horses accept tractors on the road. That said, if the tractor they know is well oiled and orange, associating it to a passing blue tractor with a chain clanging around a hitched seeder is questionable.

Exposing a horse to variations on what they know is risky, but necessary training. Road training ideally happens once a horse is calm, cool and collected at home. The only way horse owners can train road riding/driving, is to actually go out on the road. Horse owners/riders do not take the idea of road riding lightly. It can be a very scary endeavour even with a well-trained horse.

For drivers, watch the horse you are approaching for signs of fear. Is the horse's nose up? Is it swerving or rearing or bucking? Is the rider/driver having obvious problems?

If you are well to the rear of the horse, please, waiting for the horse to be controlled, then gliding smoothly by, is appreciated.

If the horse is moving along quietly, your vehicle cruising at a moderate speed without accelerating while giving wide berth, is appreciated.

If you are beside the horse when it starts to act up, continue on. The horse and rider need space to calm the horse, so stopping, slowing, and not proceeding, elongates the stress level on the horse and cramps needed space.

When you resume accelerating, ensure you are a few car lengths ahead, or behind, the horse. Sudden noise changes or flying rocks can spoil a traffic calm horse in an instant and retraining is a difficult, risky process.

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ST. JOSEPH ISLAND MUSEUM MOMENT

It's August already, summer is slowly slipping by. The Museum has had very successful events this season, but summer isn't over yet. We are still continuing to host activities for children for the month of August. Something new we are trying is our first annual Children's Fall Fair on Tuesday August 26th. Exhibitor drop off is Monday August 25th from 4-7. I have procured a lovely group of judges for each category, they will be hard at work Tuesday morning judging the entries. We've decided to have a public viewing on the Tuesday from 1-3. Visit the Museum, take a stroll through time and peruse the hard work of our young gardeners and crafters. For children and families it's not too late to consider entering the fall fair. There are still a couple weeks left to get busy creating. Fair packages are available at all Island libraries, the Museum and it was distributed through the Edsby app at the end of June. There are numerous fun and challenging activities for toddlers through to grade 8. We have leaned into our early Island Settler roots with some of our activities. Please be mindful of this, we want to make it accessible for all by using natural items and limiting the amount of plastics, glitter etc. Did you know that fall fairs were a very important part of the fall season? It was a way to celebrate the harvest and for farmers to showcase their crops, livestock and to show their handi-crafts. It was a way for farmers to share their agricultural knowledge and by doing so it was a way to improve agriculture and rural life. These fairs were an essential part of the pioneer fall, providing much needed socialization. Hosting a fall fair at a Museum just makes sense, let's show our support to our youth and consider visiting the Museum August 26th from 1-3.

For additional details or questions please call or email the Museum. 705-246-2672 info@stjoemu-seum.com Exhibitors may pick up exhibition tags prior to the event at the Museum. This is a free event for children. This is also a great time to purchase or renew your Museum Membership for this season. Carrie Kennedy-Uusitalo




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Each banner will highlight a specific veteran featuring their name, a photo, era of service, military branch and the name of the sponsor/purchaser.

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To become a sponsor, please complete an application to ensure that all information printed on the banner is correct.

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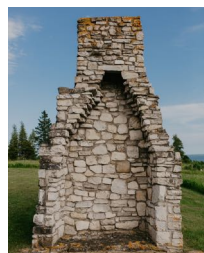
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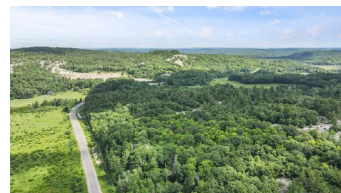
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We would like to take the time to thank so many people for their generosity of donations, cards, calls, visits and food on the Passing of our beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather Ralph MacMichael.

To SAH Doctors and nurses as well as Matthew's Memorial Hospital. Especially Andrew from 3C and Debbie in Emerg, as well Roxanne Running and Kylie Vanscoy both PSWs in Emerg. Cassidy Blair a student nurse, don't ever lose that empathy. Home care nurses Amy and Jessica.

To Nurse Practitioner Barbie Blair although you weren't his Nurse Practitioner, you were so much more than that. You were the calls any time of the day or evening. Our go to in our uncertain times, our calm in the storm. You were the visits in the hospital or at home, you always made a point to check up on him or to Pray for him or with him. No, you were so much more than the Nurse Practitioner to us, you are our Niece. We give you our undying Love and Respect.

We would like to Thank people who came from away, Ralph's brother John MacMichael of Calgary; Keith & Joanne Corbett from Thunder Bay; Scott, Michele & Clint Corbett of Sudbury; Dale, Genene & Keith Corbett of Orangeville; Dalton Corbett, Cathy, Mike & Sully Blanchette all of Thunder Bay.

I'm sorry if I missed anyone, but know we appreciated you being there.

To my sister Edith and her husband James, I am so grateful for all you have done and continue to do. The calls, visits to help get me through the day. A huge Thank you for the family Bar-B-Que (which we all enjoyed) to looking after Bella Dog. To Joanne, Genene and Edith helping with the preparations.

To Michele who made the final fitting tribute to the Man We All Loved and Respected and was so Ralph. I'm sure he would be proud.
To Cathy for her words of what Ralph meant to this family.

We were Truly Blessed to have had Him all these years.

P.s. This winter the Brothers-in-law and nephews are going to miss the Hockey Rivalry as this was their Special Connection for the last 31+ years

Thank you,
Judy, Sarah & family
Stacia & family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MACKAY'S ISLAND PHARMACY
NOTICE

Bridgelink/MMHA have extended my licence agreement from July 31, 2025 to September 5, 2025 to allow IDA to meet Ontario College of Pharmacists requirements for change in ownership. They require 30-45 days from a lease being signed. MacKay's Island Pharmacy will remain open till the end of day September 5 2025 and will fill any prescriptions due in that time. We ask that you give us one to two days so we can assure we have the necessary stock. Again, thank you for your support and patronage. We love the Islanders.
Austin, Elaine, Kevin and Derek MacKay.

St. Boniface Catholic church-welcomes all. Planned events:
Animal Blessing Aug 23. SJL Country Road Open House Oct 4.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank my family and friends for helping me celebrate my 80th birthday It was great to see everyone.
Thank you to everyone for the donations to the Hilton Union Public Library.
Bill Pollock

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Escape to 79 acres near Bruce Mines—featuring a well, septic (as-is), hydro, barn, and a mix of forest and cleared land. Ideal for a hobby farm, off-grid retreat, or dream home just 10 minutes from town!

1306' x 2630' = 79 Acres

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Wake up to amazing sunrises on this ready to build waterfront lot in a sought after Subdivision. Municipal services available and amenities in the quaint Town of Thessalon! Owners have Beaver house plans available!

79' x 222' = 0.45 Acre

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Pristine home with walkout basement, fireplaces on both floors, A/C, stunning views of the ships, wrap around deck, sandy waterfront without the taxes, attached and detached garages, boat launch is steps away.

3 1 2 1574 sq ft 100' x 851' = 1.95 Acres

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1103' x 2219' Irregular = 51.85 Acres

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2 Bath: 1-shower and sink + Outhouse 687 sq ft 0.95 Acre

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\$144,900

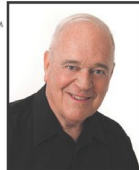
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