

ISLAND Clippings

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Fibre Internet On The Island?



We've written many articles over the years on "the woes of rural internet," which often got lots of feedback. We have more or less settled on Starlink for our high-speed internet. While it's expensive, it's reliable, user-friendly and has enough speed for us and probably most users. Personally speaking, our issue with Starlink is who owns it. However, last week we were able to attend a meeting at the Hilton Beach Community Hall about true fibre to fibre connections coming to St. Joseph Island, and coming real soon!

The company, PomeGran, held the meeting on



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STATUS
POMEGRAN

- Total island: just under 2,000 households
- St Joseph Township: 1,087
- Hilton & Hilton Beach: 511
(30 descope as off-grid; confirmed by Roads Dept)
- Jocelyn Township: 382



on the island. You may have seen the NIVO trucks out and about doing this work. PomeGran is responsible for infrastructure, not the service itself, which will come through the company NIVO, which is owned by PomeGran. So to be clear, they were not selling anything at the meeting. They wanted consent to string the fibre cables from the poles to your home. In most cases, this would be above ground along the power line to your home, but certain situations would require them to dig a 6 inch deep trench. At this time, they will not be doing any hookups within the home, that will come later.

There is no cost to this installation, as it's being provided by the province, and in our opinion there is no downside to having fibre connected to your home, even if you do not plan to use it. As of right now, the company is seeking permission to hook up every home in the area to the fibre network.

Robert Peace, the representative from PomeGran, stressed that the service would be available first to those who request it. If you weren't at the meeting, you will have to fill out a consent form on their website, so we will post the link on the Island Clippings Facebook page, as it is too long to type out here. While again he wasn't selling a service, he was doing a good job of selling the future service and its viability both here on St. Joseph Island and other rural areas in Ontario. The presentation given in Hilton Beach had been given in Bruce Mines recently and many other areas along the North Shore. The more people who sign up in an area, the quicker the process will go. While several maps of the island were shown, it is possible this will not be 100% island-wide coverage depending on how remote you are.

This project has the support of both the federal and provincial governments, which is how a service like this could be profitable here. The service will be available next year, perhaps as soon as January or March. The only thing holding the project back is red tape from the submarine lines that will connect the mainland to the island which should be resolved shortly.

With the promise of a true fibre connection, that would be good for local economies. It is also as more future-proof compared to other slower services. We personally don't see any reason to not sign up for the free service of adding the lines to the outside of your house. Even if you don't plan on using it now, you may want to later, or the next people who live in your home, or even to speed up installation in your neighbourhood for neighbours. And in the future, having these lines connected to your home may not be covered by the government.

Thursday. Despite arriving 20 minutes early, the hall was already filling up and by the time the presentation began the room was full with people standing at the back. We didn't get a chance to snap a photo of the full hall, but lots of people are clearly interested in what this company will be offering soon.

We touched a little on this service earlier, but this was the first time we got to learn about it in person. So what is currently happening, and happening quickly, is fibre lines are being installed around the power lines

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Sudoku solution
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**Crossword solution
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ACROSS

- 1 Opaque gem
- 5 Swiss-like cheese
- 9 American state
- 14 Goad
- 15 ___ fide
- 16 Lubricated
- 17 Ripped up
- 18 Marshes
- 19 Supernatural
- 20 Wield
- 22 National capital
- 24 Grain
- 25 Girl
- 27 In ___ (together)
- 31 Scoot
- 32 Pro
- 34 Grease
- 35 Pit
- 38 Lacuna
- 40 Elicit
- 42 Land measurements
- 44 Congressional vote
- 46 Fur-lined coat
- 47 Packs

48 Type of Buddhism

- 50 Soviet Union
- 51 Fashion
- 52 Western Athletic Conference
- 55 Rebuff
- 57 Gas burner
- 59 Squanders
- 61 Communication Workers of America (abr.)
- 64 Seize
- 66 A vacation (2 wds.)
- 68 Instructional method (2 wds.)
- 71 Greek god of war
- 73 Nimbus
- 74 Good-by
- 75 Lane
- 76 Consumer
- 77 Literary composition
- 78 Dueling sword
- 79 Try

DOWN

- 1 Outside layer

2 Fill-in

- 3 Concur
- 4 Eye
- 5 Recede
- 6 Day of reckoning
- 7 Beef cattle
- 8 Geological formation
- 9 Midwestern state
- 10 Special menus
- 11 Boxer Muhammad
- 12 That woman
- 13 Unmatched
- 21 What a nurse gives
- 23 Executive
- 26 August (abbr.)
- 28 Belonging to you
- 29 Chips
- 30 Lucent
- 31 Alter
- 33 Representative
- 35 Old-fashioned
- 36 Eight
- 37 Cap
- 39 Brand of dispensable candy
- 41 Smear
- 43 South southwest
- 45 Person sensitive to art
- 49 Compass point
- 53 Wonder
- 54 Appetizer
- 56 United States of America
- 58 Mummer
- 60 Left over
- 61 Bottle
- 62 Electrical connections
- 63 Separated
- 65 Not win
- 67 Tight
- 68 Old, ugly woman
- 69 Poem of praise
- 70 Be victorious
- 72 That girl

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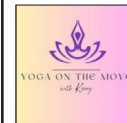
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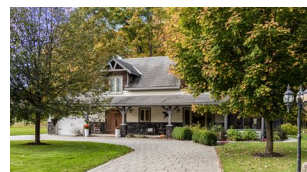


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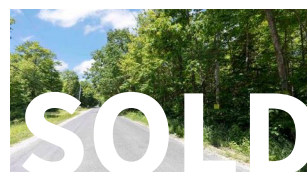
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By early November, the last of the crops had been gathered. Fields lay bare, often dusted with the season's first snow.

The month was filled with the work of preservation. Women dried fruit, rendered tallow for candles, and made soap before freezing temperatures set in. Pork and beef were salted or smoked, and sausages were hung in cool lofts to cure. Butter was packed tightly in crocks, sometimes layered with salt to be used throughout the winter. Nothing was wasted—every bit of food represented security against the months that lie ahead.

While game was available throughout the year, November was particularly important for hunting deer, wild turkey and smaller game. Meat harvested at this time was either smoked or hung in cold sheds where the cold temperatures naturally preserved it.

Before snow made everything difficult, families worked to make their homes as secure as possible. Cracks in log walls were filled with fresh chinking, roofs were checked for leaks, and cords of wood were stacked high near the door. Fences were mended, wagons greased and stored, and animals given extra bedding in their stalls. The woodpile, in particular, was a symbol of readiness—each log meant warmth and survival.

Before winter froze the ground, November's frequent rain and early sleet often turned roads into deep muddy ruts. This was a critical time of year for completing any necessary travel. Settlers made final visits to gristmills, the general store, blacksmith and post office before the trails became too difficult to navigate.

As daylight hours grew shorter, evenings were spent indoors by the fire. Once major chores were completed families turned their attention to indoor tasks. Women mended clothing, spun wool, or knitted warm mittens and socks. Men repaired harnesses or carved

small wooden toys in anticipation of Christmas. Children helped shell corn, twist flax, card wool or read school lessons by lamplight. The home's hearth became the heart of family life, offering both warmth and companionship against the growing cold. Many settlers described November evenings as some of the cosiest of the year. Time well spent around the fire, telling stories, reading or playing simple games.

The social rhythm of pioneer life shifted in November. With less travel, community interactions took on a more localized form. Work bees, quilting bees, church services and prayer meetings became central to social life offering moments of companionship amid the ever increasing isolation that winter brought.

November was more than the closing of the agricultural year, it was a month that represented a period of transition from outdoor labour to indoor productivity. It was a time to secure the homestead, care for one another, and take comfort in the fruits of a year's work. As snow began to fall and Christmas drew near, they faced the winter ahead with gratitude, resilience, and the steadfast spirit that defined early settler life.

Carrie Kennedy-Uusitalo

Curator

Sudoku solution

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9	1	2	6	8	4	5	7	3
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Vendors Wanted for the
Christmas Tea and Craft Sale
on November 16, 2025 at
the Royal Canadian Legion
Br. 374 in Richards Landing.
Please contact Kathy Clark
at 705-246-2381 to reserve
your spot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Matthews Memorial Hospital Association (MMHA) has an opening for a Director on the Board. No board experience needed - only a desire to serve this important service in our community. We are a volunteer board who's mandate is to raise funds to help with the recruitment of Doctors to the hospital, and for the upkeep of the Bridgeline Medical Center also served by the doctors. The Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm in Richard's Landing. We are seeking a member preferably with some book-keeping skills who can help with occasional support (receipts, statements, etc.). To express your interest in applying and being an important part of assuring ongoing local medical services, please contact Jerry Bourck at gbourck@gmail.com for more information and to apply. Thank you.

Pre-Christmas Used Books and Puzzles Sale
Hilton Union Public Library
Fundraiser
Saturday, November 29/25
1-3pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Island Christmas Community Social".
2nd Annual Complimentary Community Turkey Luncheon (with all the fixings). We will be offering two sittings: 1pm and 3pm, December 6 2025, at the Hilton Beach Community Hall. This event is open to all Island Residents. Donations are welcomed, but not necessary. All proceeds will go to towards the Hilton Beach Community Hall - kitchen upgrade, which is tentatively scheduled to begin early 2026. To reserve your seat, please contact Nancy Keenan (705) 971-5443 or email: nancyleishman@outlook.com. Be prepared to provide names, #seats, and time of seating preferred. Must RSVP prior to November 22, 2025. Please RSVP early to avoid disappointment as seats are limited.

Hilton Township Recreation Committee welcomes all children to a Christmas Party at the Hilton Township Office, 2983 Base Line on Sunday, December 7, 2025, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 p.m. Time for crafts, treats and a visit with Santa! In the interest of everyone's safety, please do not attend if your child is experiencing any symptoms of illness.

THANK YOU

The board members of Maple Grove Cemetery would like to thank the organizers of the Donation Jumble Fundraiser. All of the donations received were presented to us to go towards the church restoration. Thank you again

Thank you to all the knitters, crocheters and anyone who supplied toques, scarves, hats and socks for the mission to seafarers in Thunder Bay. We were able to send two boxes. Anglican Parish



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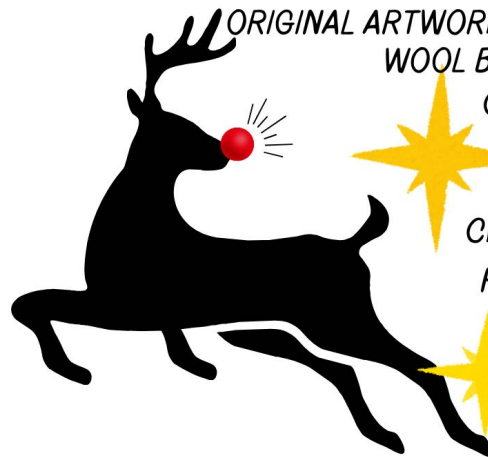
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4 2 2612 sq ft 320' x 349'

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Move-in ready home in Bruce Mines! Featuring an updated kitchen, bath, heat pump, and private yard—all in the heart of Bruce Mines by Lake Huron. Enjoy a covered porch, back deck, and a welcoming community!

3 1 1170 sq ft 62' x 132'

279 FINNS BAY ROAD NORTH, ECHO BAY

\$144,900

Ready to build lot on North Channel, driveway is in, beautiful views, water/rapids out front, year round paved road, gorgeous views - great for watching the natural beauty all around you!

150' x 616' = 2.18 Acres

PART 1 GORDON LAKE ROAD AT CARTER SIDE ROAD, JOHNSON

\$149,900

22 acres of hardwood and mixed timber with roughed-in driveway and building site. Frontage on Carter Side Rd., with natural gas, hydro, and phone at the road. Fully surveyed—ideal for hunting, a getaway, or your dream home.

246' x 1381' Irregular = 22 Acres

PART 2 GORDON LAKE ROAD AT CARTER SIDE ROAD, JOHNSON

\$120,000

Spring, hardwood bush, and cleared building site. Frontage on Gordon Lake Rd. and Carter Side Rd. Natural gas, hydro, and phone at road. Surveyed, no extra building restrictions—just township permits. Perfect for a home, getaway, or hunting.

1072' x 711' = 18.53 Acres

21 LIGHTHOUSE POINT DRIVE, THESSALON

IMPROVED PRICE!

\$879,900

Lakefront luxury meets northern charm! Stunning custom built waterfront home on double lot! Vaulted living room with floor to ceiling stone fireplace, many spacious versatile rooms, attached double+ garage.

3 3½ + 2 pce rough in 4043 sq ft 162' x 224'

299 GOULAIS AVENUE, SAULT STE. MARIE

\$239,900

Seller is open to holding vendor financing for a buyer, on review of approved credit. Appliances included!

3 1 1031 sq ft 40 x 120

86 BIRCH DRIVE, DESBARATS

\$369,900

Charming home on nearly 2 acres. With an open-concept main floor, walkout to a deck overlooking farm fields. Full basement, efficient heat pump system ensures comfort year-round. Just 30 minutes from Sault Ste. Marie!

3 1½ 1079 sq ft 200' x 410' = 1.86 Acre

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South Lizard Island - A rare 76-acre private island on Lake Superior with 10,000+ ft of shoreline, deeded water lots, and no zoning restrictions. Secluded retreat near Lake Superior Provincial Park ideal for a private estate, conservation haven, or legacy escape.

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31 TAYLOR STREET, BRUCE MINES

\$849,900

Historic Brick Home on Lake Huron - timeless charm meets modern comfort with a renovated kitchen. Enjoy landscaped grounds, carriage house, lake views, and a rare blend of heritage and lakeside living.

3 2 2930 sq ft 79' x 234' Irregular = 0.47 Acre

CONCESSION ROAD 5, PLUMMER TOWNSHIP

\$124,900

Nearly 40 acres near Bruce Mines with stream, hardwood/softwood bush, and recent survey. Private, rural-zoned land ideal for hunting, a home, or business. Three-phase power at road, easy permits, and multiple building sites—close to Lake Huron, 45 mins from Sault Ste. Marie.

203' x 2600' Irregular = 39.48 Acres

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