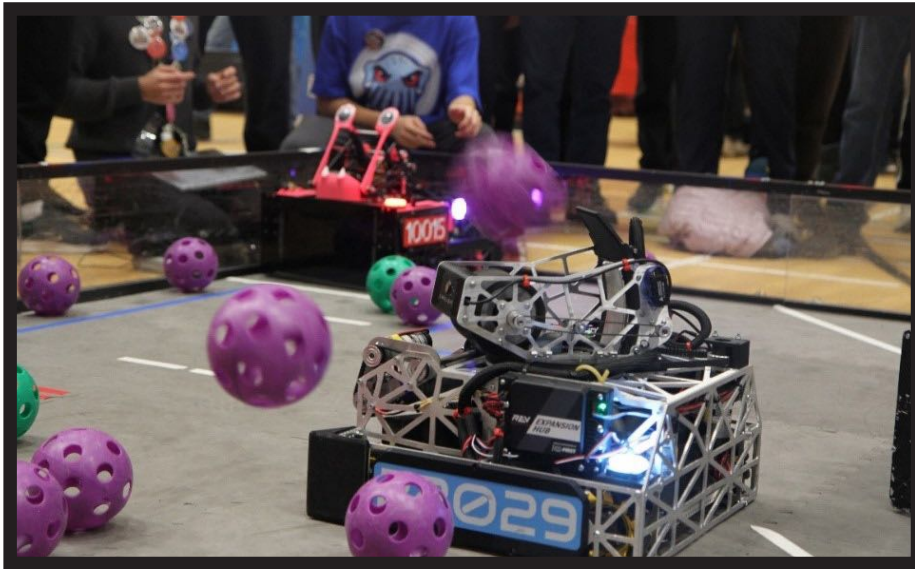


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## Two Sisters, Two Robotics Teams, One Passion for STEM



Competing in the international FIRST Tech Challenge program, the team designs, builds, and programs robots to complete complex tasks in head-to-head competitions. Students are responsible for everything from engineering design and coding to strategy and outreach.

The results have been remarkable. This year, Team ASAP once again captured the Alberta Provincial Championship, marking the second consecutive year the team has taken the title. They also received the coveted Inspire Award. In the words of the judges, “This team

Across Canada, students are discovering the excitement of robotics competitions, building machines that can move, lift, launch, score points, and sometimes even surprise their creators. But behind successful teams are dedicated volunteer coaches. For two sisters with roots on St. Joseph Island, robotics coaching has become a shared passion even though they work with teams thousands of kilometres apart.

Katie Larson (Adams) and Jane Wildman (Adams) both grew up in Richards Landing and have both become leaders in youth robotics programs, helping students develop technical skills, confidence, and teamwork.

Katie Larson now lives in Raymond, Alberta, where she coaches the highly successful robotics team ASAP.

proved that they are the complete package by excelling in every judged category while maintaining a high level of performance on the field. Their technical expertise was evident in their robust design and sophisticated programming, proving they’re a force to be reckoned with. Beyond the competition,



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they worked tirelessly to share their love for robotics with their community, even marching in their hometown parade. For representing the very best of the community they're in, the Inspire Award was given to team ASAP from Raymond AB."

The provincial victory on Feb 28th advances the team on to the world championship competition in Houston, Texas, where they will compete against hundreds of top teams from around the world.

For Larson, the greatest reward is watching students grow.

"Robotics gives students a chance to tackle real problems together," she has said of the program. "They learn engineering, teamwork, and perseverance... and they have a lot of fun doing it."

Meanwhile, Jane Wildman is fostering that same enthusiasm for robotics much closer to home. Wildman teaches at Central Algoma Intermediate (CAIS) and is one of the coaches of multiple teams at CAIS and the High School (CASS) in Desbarats which compete in the VEX Robotics league. Three years ago the first local team was launched at the Intermediate school with Jane and the other OG members building the team from the ground up. Those three years have brought them to competitions in Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Toronto. That original spark has also inspired other teams and age groups to develop such that this year has teams from Grade 7 to 10. The grade 10 team goes by the name "Cheese Grater" (ask a CASS grad about the significance if you don't know) and is getting set to make waves next year. I particularly love the huskie/robot logo that they sport on the teams' shirts.



Wildman says, "We have had a lot of interest, including six new teams in the Intermediate school this year". Describing the program she says, "The

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editors note this is true of all half load restrictions both elsewhere on St. Joseph Island and beyond.



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\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*

AlgomaTrad Presents Songwriter Series: Campbell Woods, April 11 and Abigail Lapell, May 08 Algoma – AlgomaTrad continues its winter/spring concert series at the AlgomaTrad Centre by featuring two of Ontario’s finest songwriters, Campbell Woods, Saturday, April 11, 7:30pm and Abigail Lapell, Friday, May 08.

Campbell Woods is a singer-songwriter from Smith’s Falls, Ontario. As an emerging artist, Campbell has performed at Festival of Small Halls, Blue Skies Music Festival, Vancouver Island Live from the Rock, and Ness Creek music festivals, as well as the Ottawa and Halifax Urban Folk Festival. He has shared the stage with Kathleen Edwards and Lynn Miles.

Writing songs rooted in the tradition of Townes Van Zandt, his style is tried and true. They are his stories and his songs, but an evening with Campbell Woods is an invitation to be reminded of your stories, our stories, and how they all echo around the room when truth is told. Abigail Lapell, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, is releasing her new recording “Shadow Child”, the extended companion to her 2024 JUNO-nominated and Canadian Folk Music Album of the Year, “Anniversary”. Combining cynical and sentimental elements, the collection ultimately emerges as an earnest celebration of love. The past six years and four spellbinding releases, Lapell has garnered five Canadian Folk Music Awards and accrued a staggering 60 million streams across online platforms. She tours regularly across Canada, the U.S. and Europe. Lucky for us, her CD release date is exactly on May 8th, and we get to celebrate with her!

Concert tickets are: \$28.25 General Admission, \$25 Seniors, \$20 Students, 12 & under free (all prices include HST). Pay What You Can (PWYC) at the door - This is a subsidized ticket price to make our concerts accessible and inclusive. You can make a contribution at the door the evening of the concerts.

Concerts occur at the AlgomaTrad Centre, 1249 F&G Line on St. Joseph Island. Tickets and more information can be found at [algomatrad.ca](http://algomatrad.ca).

AlgomaTrad gratefully acknowledges the support of the Ontario Arts Council in funding this concert series.



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**...ROBOTICS continued from page 2**

intermediate teams use plastic parts in VEX IQ, while the high school teams build bigger, faster, and more powerful robots using metal parts, and beefy motors and gears in the VEX V5 program. There is a new challenge each year, which presents a new design challenge and determines the type of robot the students create”.

Robotics programs have been expanding rapidly across Canada as schools and community groups



recognize how relevant this hands-on learning can be. Participants gain experience in computer programming, mechanical design, electronics, programming, communication, and project management. These skills are increasingly valuable in today’s technology driven world and will be a great asset for these youth team members.

Hats off to you, Jane and Katie!

You can find more about team ASAP at [www.asaprobotics.ca](http://www.asaprobotics.ca) or check out their Facebook page under: asaprobotics.

To find out about the local teams, ask your kids or grandkids or contact Jane through CASS at (705)782-6263

This article was written by proud brother Fraser Adams

Photos : Team ASAPs champion robot, Katie Larson (Adams) left and Jane Wildman (Adams) right, 2025 CASS and CAIS Robotics team members (page 2), Team ASAP -2025/2026 Alberta Provincial Champs!(above).

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**\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\***

The Huron Shores Family Health Team (HSFHT) is a primary health care organization that includes a team of family physicians, nurse practitioners (NP), nurses, social workers, a physiotherapist, and other members who work together to provide primary health care for their community. The goal of the HSFHT is to ensure that people receive the care they need in their communities. HSFHT operates primary care clinics in Blind River, Bruce Mines, Richards Landing, and Thessalon.

The Family Health Team (FHT) offers various programs that are open to everyone in their catchment area, at all four sites, and at no cost. The Healthy Aging Program is one such example. Its goal is to optimize the overall quality of life for adults through prevention and management of age-related health issues.

The program features three pillars, which are Health Screening with referrals and resources, Fall Prevention Programming, and organizing and hosting Public Education events.

The Healthy Aging Screening program is designed to catch health problems early and address them quickly, helping older adults stay healthy longer. It is available to anyone aged 65 or older, regardless of whether they have a family physician or nurse practitioner; they must, however, live in HSFHT's catchment area. Interested people can call the clinic to self-refer and book their own appointment.

Those accessing the Screening should understand that enrolling in the program will not lead to them being rostered with a physician or NP at the HSFHT, or to having their regular prescriptions refilled.

The second pillar is fall prevention programming, and HSFHT offers two options for fall prevention. The "Stand Up" program is offered twice a week for 12 weeks. Contact your local HSFHT site for more information, and to enroll. There is a maximum class size, and pre-registration is necessary.

The other option for fall prevention is the "Still Standing" group exercise class, which is offered in Thessalon at the Marina every Wednesday from 9:30-10:15am. Pre-registration for this class is not required.

The third pillar of the Healthy Aging initiative is Public Education Events, of which there are many. It is important to note that many of these are done in collaboration with other organizations, such as the North Shore Health Network (NSHN) or local municipal organizations.

Our upcoming event is the Healthy Aging Education Series in Richards Landing, which is a collaboration between HSFHT and NSHN. This weekly series features different guest speakers every Wednesday from April 15 until May 20. Each session runs from 1:30 and 3:00 p.m., and will be held at the H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre in Richards Landing.

Education events also include the third annual Healthy

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Aging Fair on June 18th in Blind River, and Richards Landing's 2nd annual Healthy Aging & Wellness Fair this coming September. These fairs feature health-related vendors and agencies, with a focus on social and mental health, activity services and homecare, and other information on how to allow people to age at home.

The FHT also hosts other education events, including an Osteoporosis Management Group Series, pole walking information sessions and groups, as well as presentations by the Ontario Caregivers Organization.

As a reminder, every aspect of the Healthy Aging Program is open to all adults in the HSFHT's catchment area, apart from the Screening which is for those 65 and over, and is free of charge. Call your local HSFHT site to find out more!

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hilton Township Recreation is holding their annual Children's Easter Party on Saturday, April 4, 2026, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Hilton Township Office, 2983 Base Line, Hilton Beach. Come see the Easter Bunny for crafts, treats and fun! All kids are welcome!

Student volunteer hours available at the RCL Br. 374's Maple Syrup Festival on April 4, 5, 11 and 12 - 8 AM to 3 PM. Contact Gloria at 705-246-2416 if you would like to fill up your volunteer hours.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yoga on the Move with Kerry Easter schedule change. Please note that mat and chair yoga classes are cancelled for Monday, April 6 We'll set out chairs and roll our mats back out on Thursday April 9.

Too much snow to get out and exercise? The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 374 offers indoor walking in our main hall Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - 9:00 AM to Noon. Everyone is welcome.

Homemade perogies from St. Boniface Church are officially SOLD OUT. If you placed an order, your perogies will be ready for pickup on Saturday, March 28 between 10 a.m. and noon. Thank you so much for your generous support.

AlgomaTrad monthly community called dances at the AlgomaTrad Main Hall April 10th, May 9th! All starting at 7PM with family friendly easy dances, progressing to more advanced contras/squares from 9 - 10:30pm.

The St. Joseph Island Horticultural Society welcomes you to their monthly meeting on Thursday April 2, at 7 pm, at Fellowship Hall, Harmony St. Marks United Church. We will be having a floral design workshop for the first half of our meeting. Tamar of Tamar's Trends will provide a variety of flowers and greenery to choose from, to create bouquets, using the "spiral hand tie" method. She will also teach us how to use chicken wire for sustainable arrangements. Light refreshments and the meeting to follow the workshop. Cost for the floral design workshop is \$25.00. Space is limited. Please RSVP to sjhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com or text/call 705-246-7308

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 No calls on Sunday please.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A message to parents who may consider enrolling your child or children to Camp McDougall. Now is the time to register. There have been many changes for the campers, starting last season and continuing on this year. The campers who went last year are enthusiastic about returning. For information, go to [www.campmcdougall.com](http://www.campmcdougall.com)  
 Financial assistance for any family is given by the Outreach Committee of the Grace United Church in Hilton Beach and the Harmony-St. Marks United in Richards Landing. For information-call Lorrena Bookman at 705-246-2103

The 57th Annual Maple Syrup Festival is looking for volunteers. If you would like to be part of this wonderful Royal Canadian Legion event on April 4, 5, 11 and 12, please call Gloria at 246-2416. To help us serve over 3000 customers, we need to fill over 250 volunteer hours. Various tasks available from cooking, table clearing, serving, dishwashing and so much more. Student hours available. You do not need to be a Legion member to volunteer.

**Don't forget to submit Children's Corner features! Submit drawings, poems, stories even business ideas to [islandclippings@gmail.com](mailto:islandclippings@gmail.com)**

## Solution

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# STEWART TEAM REAL ESTATE



## TRUNK ROAD, NESTORVILLE, HURON SHORES



**NEW LISTING**

**\$97,500**

Beautiful forested property, featuring a natural spring and frontage on Highway 17, Trunk Road, and Island View Drive. The main 12-acre surveyed parcel offers great potential for a dream home, please contact the listing agent before viewing.

**13.34 Acres**

## 4212 GOVERNMENT ROAD, DESBARATS



**NEW LISTING**

**\$429,900**

Welcome to an updated, versatile country property with modern upgrades and homestead potential. 2 beds (easily 3), two garages, coop, greenhouse, gardens, and stunning views—peaceful living with room to grow.

**2 (easy convert to a 3) 1325 sq ft 1.59 Acre**

## 21 LIGHTHOUSE POINT DRIVE, THESSALON



**\$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 3 1/2 + 2 pce rough in 4043 sq ft 162' x 224'**

## 3681 HIGHWAY 638, TOWNSHIP OF PLUMMER



**\$379,900**

Stunning country property with breathtaking views over Rock Lake with 44x24 garage/workshop with 14-foot door. Scenic trails lead to a lookout and cozy cabin, just 15 minutes north of Bruce Mines near Rock Lake beach and boat launch.

**3 2 1273 sq ft 1100' x 1100' = 34 Acres**

## 447 MCPHAIL ROAD, PLUMMER TOWNSHIP, BRUCE MINES



**\$249,900**

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**

## 66 FOXBOROUGH TRAIL, SAULT STE. MARIE



**\$769,900**

Discover the perfect balance of comfort, space, and lifestyle! This beautifully maintained executive home offers bright open living, versatile finished spaces, and a private backyard retreat in one of the city's most desirable neighbourhoods.

**3+2 3 1657 sq ft 64' x 124'**

## 2504 GOVERNMENT ROAD, DESBARATS



**\$519,900**

Mennonite-built homestead with barn/miniature, barn, commercial-grade workshop, and home built in 2022. Purchase price is \$58.55 per sq. ft of above ground built space, a fraction of today's cost to rebuild these structures.

**5+ 2 Outhouse 2888 House sq ft 3.82 Acres**

## 1188 RICHARDS STREET, RICHARDS LANDING



**FOR LEASE**

**\$1,250/month-Lease**

Downtown Richards Landing—next to Island Market and Bridgelink/Matthews Memorial Hospital, steps from the post office and marina. Bathroom, storage, and stockroom included; great for office, retail, or health services.

**1 583 sq ft**

## 76 CALABOGIE ROAD WEST, LAIRD TOWNSHIP



**\$199,900 +HST**

Perched atop Laird Hill, this agricultural parcel offers sweeping views, a ready build site, and easy access just 20 minutes from Sault Ste. Marie. With wells, driveway, and Hwy 17 frontage in place, it's ideal for a custom home, hobby farm, or agricultural use.

**238' x 2588' Irregular = 42.28 Acres**

## FORESTLAND CLOTHING AND GIFTS - 168 MAIN STREET, THESSALON



**\$649,000**

Well-known, highly successful and profitable destination retail business now available! A resilient 25+ year enterprise offering essential goods, workwear, footwear, clothing, and unique gifts—with major growth potential!

**1 3070 sq ft 66' x 132'**

## 279 FINNS BAY ROAD NORTH, ECHO BAY



**\$139,000**

Ready to build lot on North Channel, driveway 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**

## 3722 HAMILTON COURT, HILTON TOWNSHIP



**\$239,900**

Premium St. Joseph Island waterfront lot with 185 ft of limestone shoreline, crystal-clear water, and sweeping Lake Huron views. Hydro at road, septic installed, and mature trees make this the ideal site for your dream home or retreat.

**185' x Irregular**

## CONTACT STEWART TEAM

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