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## The Geological History of St. Joseph Island

By *Antoni (Toni) Stasie*

Many Islanders share a passionate interest in St. Joe's history, and Antoni (Toni) Stasie of Hilton Beach is certainly no exception. Well, there IS one teeny little difference! While most of us think in terms of the last 50 years, or even way back 200 or 300 years, Toni thinks in BILLIONS of years! And he knows some pretty interesting things about our island that perhaps the rest of us don't.

Did you know that St. Joe was once located SOUTH of the equator?

Toni is a Geologist and he has kindly shared some of his fascinating work and insights about this Island we call home. Due to the scientific nature of the research, we've opted to let Toni tell this fascinating history lesson himself, to keep all of the facts straight.

ON A WARM AND SUNNY DAY some time ago, my wife and I were strolling on the shore of the Island side of the bridge when we came across, and had occasion to examine, layers of sedimentary rock that had imbedded in them a variety of fossilized marine creatures. Included in these siltstone/sandstone/limestone/shale rocks were fossilized Brachiopods (seashells), Bryozoa (similar to antler coral), and Crinoids (undersea creatures that look like flowers but are actually animals).

Having spent some time in the tropics, it was obvious to us that these fossils were characteristic of a warm tropical sea environment and not the climate of present day St. Joseph Island. Besides the very presence of fossiliferous limestone is evidence of an ancient coral reef and/or the fossilized remains of sea critters that were once protected by calcium carbonate shells or exo-skeletons. This all begged the question what is this ancient shoreline doing here in Central Ontario?

The articles that I have most enjoyed in the Island Clippings are those relating to the history of our Island. For example,



**Toni Stasie, with his wife Aleksandra**

articles that described the original pioneers, the evolution of the villages and townships, and the history of Fort St. Joseph. What follows is a history article of sorts. It attempts to answer, in a drastically abridged manner, "how did those fossils mentioned above come to be on the Island"?

To answer that, I am going to have to take you back - way, way, way back!

### Geologic Time

To understand the ancient history of St. Joe we must be aware of two things. First the immense time span represented by geologic time and second, the concept of tectonic plate shift (more popularly called continental drift). Deep in the basement under the Island, we rest on some of the oldest rock in the world that we call the Canadian Shield. This continental crust formed between 3.2 and 1.1 billion years ago. The oldest Shield rocks in Ontario are in fact 3.18 billion years old and are found near Kenora. Directly underfoot, the Shield is approximately 2.5 to 1.9 billion years old while further north, before we reach Batchawana, it is about 3.2 to 2.5 billion

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years old. Now a billion years is a very long, long period of time. To help you better understand how long, and as a matter of interest, be aware that a billion seconds adds up to just under 32 years! Along the Highway 17 corridor between the Soo and Sudbury, as well as many other places in Ontario, outcrops of the ancient Canadian Shield are exposed, while here on the Island, for the most part, it is buried under an ancient layer of sedimentary rock and most recently a substantial covering of glacial till and sediments. (1) It is in the origin of the above mentioned layer of sedimentary rock that we find the answer as to the origin of our fossils.

**Continental Drift**

The continents of the world as represented on a globe today are not in the same position as they were in the ancient past (and will not be where they are today in the distant future). Modern geology is based on, and has totally embraced, the fact of tectonic plate shift or continental drift. The countries and continents that we live on are continuously, albeit excruciatingly slowly, in a constant state of motion. The ocean basins of the world are in some cases spreading and in others subducting as the entire earth's

crust floats on a deep, hot, plastic mantle of molten rock below. Due to continental drift, St. Joseph Is-

land, and the rest of North America, is today moving towards the west at a rate of about 2.7 centimeters a year. So in a normal lifetime you will get a free west-erly ride of about 2 meters. Plate tectonics is beyond the scope of this article but be aware that Ontario has, in its over 3 billion year history, been a part of no less than four super continents and has traveled extensively about our globe. Beginning with the oldest, paleogeologists have named these super continents: Arctica, Nena, Rodina and Pangea.



**Figure 1. St. Joseph Island a billion years ago in Rodina**

1. We can in fact find Shield rocks on the Island because ice age glaciers have scoured out these rocks to the north of us and deposited them in our gravel – our own billion year old Puddingstone for example.

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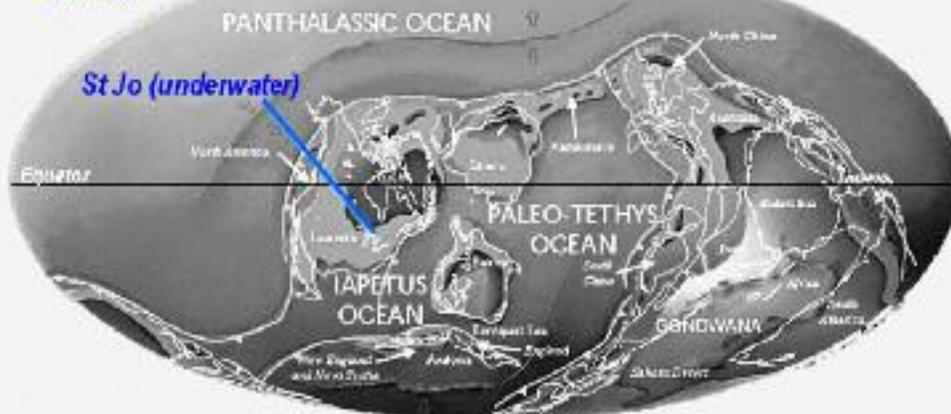
Maybe you have heard of the latest super continent Pangea? That's when Africa was so comfortably cradled next to South America and Europe was joined to our maritime provinces. Pangea began to break up about 150 million years ago, the Atlantic Ocean began to form, and India broke off from Antarctica and began its northward rush (centimeters per year) to crash into the belly of Asia and thereby up thrusting the Himalayan Mountains. But we have digressed.

Let's travel back about a billion years to Rodina (figure 1), at a time when St. Joe was not an island and in fact situated south of the equator. We see that portions of today's continents were joined in a super continent that bears no relation-

ship to today's world. India, Australia, and even Antarctica lay north of us. If you have never heard of the Grenville Mountains (a majestic range fully the height of the Himalayas) it's because they no longer exist. They have been eroded down over countless millions of years and now only their foundations can be viewed when you drive south over the Canadian Shield from Sudbury. At the turn off to Bala on Hwy 69 we picked up some beautiful pink and gray banded gneiss that we use as sauna stones. These metamorphic rocks were formed at a depth of about 30 kilometers under the great heat and pressure of the long gone Grenville Mountains. They now lay exposed for all.

**Mid Ordovician**

**458 Ma**



We have digressed again, but then history is still history.

**The Ordovician Age**

Rodina began to break apart about 750 million years ago. We take a great geological leap ahead in time to the Ordovician period (505 to 438 Million years ago). In (figure 2), St. Joe is under water at the fringe of a warm tropical sea called the Iapetus Ocean and still south of the Equator. Here ancient reefs would even-

*Figure 2. St. Joseph Island under a warm tropical sea during the Ordovician Period, 458 million years ago*

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ually form the limestone that underlies our Island. Here, ancient sea creatures inhabit the sea and their remains can be seen as fossils around the south end of the Bridge. Here finally is our answer.

Don't expect to find dinosaur fossils under the Bridge however. The Ordovician age predates the dinosaurs by almost 200 million years. Dinosaurs existed during the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods (245 to 66 million years ago) and were finally driven to extinction (according to current consensus) by a mountain-sized meteorite that slammed into the sea north of the present day Yucatan Peninsula.

Our Island fossils date back to the time of invertebrates, the first fishes began to appear only at the end of this period. This was a time before any plants populated the land, before insects buzzed in the air, before the first amphibians crawled onto the land and eventually evolved into reptiles and later into dinosaurs, before the earliest mammals. And as for the human species; well, we were still a distant evolutionary consideration on our Creator's agenda.

And then...

Towards the end of the Ordovician period, Pangea began to form. The Ordovician reefs were buried under a muddy sea and delta sediments as new easterly mountain chains called the Taconic and Acadian arose during the following Silurian, Devonian and early Carboniferous periods. By 350 million years ago the Iapetus Ocean was no more as Europe and Africa came towards us from the east. St. Joe was at last dry.

Millions of years later we would enter into a period of repeated ice ages and global warmings – glaciers would form and bulldoze their way southwards. The latest ice age saw the Laurentide glacier cover St. Joe in an ice sheet up to 2 kilometers deep. It eventually receded about 11 or 12 thousand years ago but not before it, and preceding glaciers, had exposed the layer of Ordovician sedimentary rocks that lay under the Bridge – and thus our fossils. During the post-glacial period, the Great Lakes were filled in and St. Joseph became the island we know.

Think about this history the next time you drive across the Bridge!

*Note: To learn more about all that is in this article, Google key words on the Internet and sign out an excellent and profusely illustrated book on the subject of continental drift called "Ontario Rocks" by Nick Eyles, available at the Hilton Union Library.*



Policeman: "Did you get the license number of the car that knocked you down?"

Pedestrian: "No, but I know who it was.

My mother-in-law!"

Policeman: "How can you be so certain?"

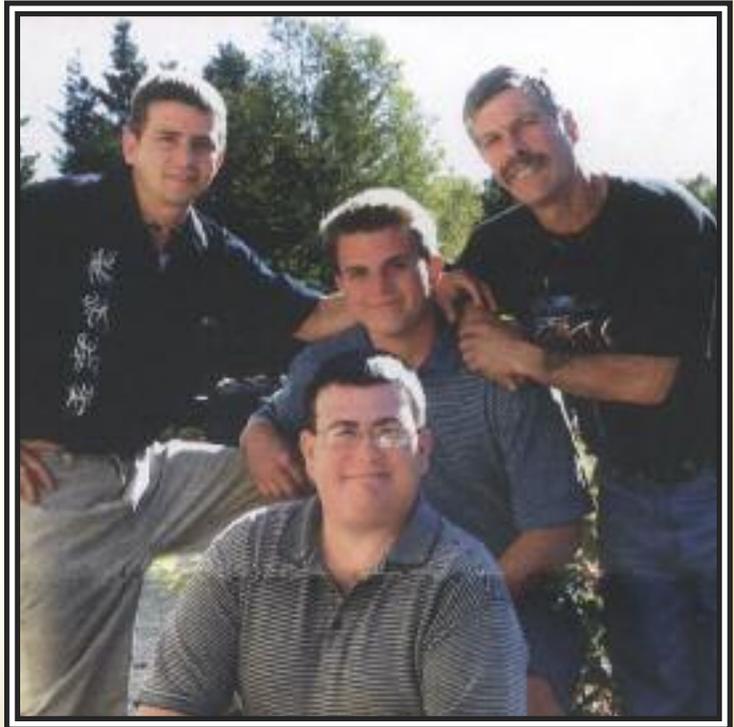
Pedestrian: "I'd recognize that laugh anywhere!"

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More than one resident commented that "this is exactly like a picture postcard" – capturing the mood and beauty of a Norman Rockwell painting. This is what Family Day is all about! We're sure that, for parents and children alike, there were many happy life-long memories made.



One of the big contributors to the day's success was the ice rink itself. The ice was perfect for a day's skating, and not by accident. Town Clerk Gloria Fischer, enjoying a rare "day off" at the rink, described what was involved in building the town's permanent, all-season surface. "A lot of hard work by almost 70 volunteers – many of them here today – went into this. There were more than 2 miles of rebar to tie, covered by 155 cubic meters of concrete."

"But the most impressive statistic is the volunteer labour!" she adds. "There were over 700 hours of volunteer work, by people from every municipality on the Island, as well as some people who just happened to be visiting when the call came to tie rebar or pour cement."

Gloria is eloquent in showing her pride in her community. "The volunteers included everyone from the very young to our Seniors. Some worked on the actual construction, some picked up and returned equipment, some helped with the food for the cement pours – it all counted. Some people worked for a few hours and others were there every time they possibly could. People did what they could, considering the other demands on their time."

Was it worth all that time and effort from so many people? The "Family Day" smiles and laughter amongst friends, neighbours, parents and children answered that!



## Butternut Squash Soup

1 Tbsp. olive oil

2 medium butternut squash (about 2 lb. each) peeled, seeded and cut into chunks

1 medium onion

1 red apple

1 clove garlic, minced

1/2 tsp. ground cumin

1/2 tsp. ground allspice

1 can (284 ml) chicken broth

1/2 cup reduced fat sour cream, divided

Salt & Pepper

Heat olive oil in a large, non-stick soup pot over medium heat.

Add squash, onion, garlic & apple; cook 10 to 15 minutes or until crisp-tender, stirring occasionally. Add allspice & cumin; cook & stir 1 min.

ADD chicken broth; bring to boil. Cover; reduce heat to low. Simmer 15 min. or until squash is tender. In food processor, add in batches and blend until smooth. Return to saucepan; cook until heated through, stirring occasionally.

Ladle soup into 8 bowls. Add 1 tbsp. sour cream to each serving; swirl slightly. Serve with crackers.

Makes 8 servings, about 1 cup each

*This contributor did not want her name used but we are grateful for the recipe—Thank you!*



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At the Garside Road Camp, the thieves broke into the camp and a shed on the property, making off with a Honda GX 340 Generator, tools, liquor and a number of other items, totaling an estimated \$1,200. Nothing was taken from the residence, although an estimated \$1,000 in property damage was inflicted.

We urge our readers to be on their guard, and to take appropriate steps to ensure the security of their homes and property. Don't let your property, or your neighbour's become a target!

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82 x 115' possible commercial **\$19,900.**

**Lot 50 Weirzbicki Dr.**  
144' frontage, 1.66 acres **\$44,900.**

## Commercial/Investment Property



**1195 Richard St. St. Joseph Island**  
Downtown Richards Landing. Commercial building for lease or sale. Take over ice-cream business or start a new one. Upstairs could be 2 bed apartment or office space. Newer deck and windows, close to marina and beach. **\$139,900 or \$600 a month** plus utilities for main floor.



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**3080 Hilton Rd. St. Joseph Island**  
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**1462 Sailor's Encampment, \$600/week**  
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**3908 Hamilton Dr. \$950/week**  
3 bedroom, spacious home with wood fired sauna and deep water with dock for easy access by boat.



**5268 Wierzbicki Drive \$1000/week or \$180/Night**  
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**1709 Russell St. \$1100/week or \$200/night**  
So much to do not far to go. Privately placed cottage in the heart of Richards Landing. Sand beach, dock for large boats. Great for business retreat or just a weekend away from the city.



**2032 Canoe Point Rd. \$1500/wk**  
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**ATTENTION MECHANICS!**

Well known island vehicle repair business. Modern shop with roll up doors, 3 hoists, office and part storage areas. All equipment and tow truck included. 5 acre site with 3 bedroom house and double garage and within walking distance of the lake. **Call Carl for more details.**



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**FAMILY BUSINESS ON BUSY CORNER!**



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# PC DOCTOR



by George Skardis

**QUESTION:** I like to visit Facebook. Recently, while checking pictures a friend had posted there, a virus alert popped up. It sure looked like the real deal. I clicked on this message and then this virus hijacked my computer. Couldn't do anything! Had to power my computer off. You know the rest of the story: a trip to the computer store; virus removal, ouch; and, back home where I can use my poor computer again. You will not believe what happened the very next time I went into Facebook. The same virus alert popped up. Without thinking I clicked on the message. Hijacked again! I'm desperate. What should I do?

**ANSWER:** That's quite a story. Fraudulent virus alerts are almost always guaranteed to hijack a computer if you are too trusting. Here's what you should do immediately and in the future. Take the computer back to the computer store where the attempted virus removal was performed. A reputable computer store will admit that virus removal can leave behind traces of the original infection. This results in a very quick re-infection rate on supposedly clean computers. The only fool-proof way to remove a stubborn virus is by wiping the entire hard-drive and re-installing a fresh copy of your Operating System ex. XP, Vista, or Windows 7. Ask the computer technician to first backup all your personal files, pictures, music, Internet bookmarks, emails, and email addresses.

For added protection, install a dependable Internet security program. Keep this anti-virus and anti-spyware protection up-to-date. Schedule automatic scans or run manual scans frequently.

Learn to recognize the look of your Internet security program's genuine virus alerts. Other virus alerts are fraudulent. Beware of temptation and deception even while visiting the most innocent web sites.

At any time, if you encounter a virus alert that looks suspicious, do not click on this pop-up. Shut your computer off as quickly as possible before this malicious program can gain a foothold. Some hijackers are so stubborn that shutting down can only be accomplished by disconnecting the power.

Stop visiting infected web sites. Never click on suspicious pop-ups.

**QUESTION:** What is the most common problem encountered by laptop computer owners when using wireless Internet?

**ANSWER:** Laptop computer owners are usually surprised to learn their computers have a very discrete radio on/off switch. Inadvertently turning the wireless radio switch off disables your wireless Internet connections. Look for a keyboard deck button, a tiny sliding button gracing the laptop edge, or a function key to turn your wireless radio on.

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## Managing your Money



by **Keith Eddy, CFP**

[Keith.Eddy@investorsgroup.com](mailto:Keith.Eddy@investorsgroup.com)

### When is the right time to invest?



YOU'VE MANAGED TO put aside a little extra cash or you're expecting a nice tax refund and wondering what to do with the money. You're thinking about investing it – maybe in your Registered Retirement Savings Plan or by purchasing a few shares of this or that to add to your non-registered portfolio. But you're hesitating – markets are volatile right now. Is it better to wait? When is the best time to invest?

The answer is: Make your investment as soon as possible.

#### Here's why:

- Most seasoned investment professionals will tell you that it is almost impossible to time the market. They will also tell you that time in the market is much more valuable than attempting to time the market.
- Markets move up and down but the historic trend is up – so staying true to a long-term investment strategy delivers far higher returns than jumping in and out of the market.
- The best long-term strategy for most investors is to make your investments immediately – even if the market is at its lowest point of the year – and, even better, try to invest regularly instead of holding off and making a lump sum investment once a year.

#### When you invest regularly, you accomplish three important investment goals:

- You take full advantage of 'dollar cost averaging' – meaning you make your investment purchases (either in non-registered stocks or by acquiring more units in your RRSP) whether the price is lower or higher and, over time, this results in a reduction in the average cost of your investments while improving the potential for longer-term returns.
- You maximize the benefits of your RRSP. Your money grows tax-deferred inside your RRSP so regular contributions and the 'magic of compounding' can add thousands to your retirement nest-egg. For example, if you contribute \$200 a month to your RRSP (at an average compounding annual return of 8%), after 25 years you will have \$190,205. But if you make a single lump sum contribution each year, you will have only \$175,454 in 25 years.
- It's much easier to come up with \$100-200 each month (say through a Pre-Authorized Contribution – PAC – plan) than finding a lump sum to invest once a year.

A regular and balanced investment strategy will ensure you achieve your financial goals. Your professional advisor can help you set up an investment plan that fits your budget and dreams.

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## Legion Sports

BRANCH 374 WAS SUCCESSFUL in the District Crib Play-downs held in Copper Cliff on February 6th. The team comprised of Lynda Reynolds, Florence Bertolo, Mary Deevey and Ann Gabel achieved 1st place and are heading to the Provincial play-downs on March 23rd in Dunnville, ON.

Because of their 1st place win, our Branch will be hosting the District Crib Play-downs next year.

Other participants were Helen Richardson, Erin Quinton, Gloria Guenther and Norna Delaney. Anyone wishing to play crib is welcome every Tuesday in the Lounge at 7:30 PM. Congratulations to all.

*Comrade Gloria Riddell  
Public Relations*

## Sudoku (answer on page 16)

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## The Canada Revenue Agency warns of mail scam

THE CANADA REVENUE AGENCY (CRA) is warning taxpayers to beware of a recent scam where some Canadians are receiving a letter fraudulently identified as coming from the CRA and asking for personal information. The letter is not from the CRA. A PDF version of the letter is available on the CRA Web site at [www.cra.gc.ca/alert](http://www.cra.gc.ca/alert).

The letter claims that there is “insufficient information” for the individual’s tax return and that in order to receive any “claims,” they will have to update their records. The letter attaches a form specifically requesting the individual’s personal information in writing, via fax or email, including information on bank accounts and passports. This letter is not from the CRA and Canadians should not provide their personal information to the sender.

All taxpayers should be vigilant when divulging any confidential information to third parties. The CRA has well established practices to protect the confidentiality of taxpayers’ information.

The CRA has notified the proper law enforcement authorities of this scam.

For information about this and other similar scams, or to report deceptive telemarketing activity, visit [www.phonebusters.com](http://www.phonebusters.com), send an email to [info@phonebusters.com](mailto:info@phonebusters.com), or call 1-888-495-8501.

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## ICE – In Case of Emergency

THESE DAYS, ALMOST EVERYONE carries a cell or mobile phone. Most of us also have several names and numbers stored in its memory. But nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the emergency response or hospital people attending us would have our mobile phone, but wouldn't know who to call. Of the many numbers stored, which one is the contact person in case of an emergency?

That's where the idea of 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) can help make a difference, as a method of contact during emergency situations. All you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted in an

emergency under the name 'ICE' ( In Case Of Emergency) in your phone list!

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose.

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply calling the number you have stored as 'ICE.' For more than one contact name simply enter ICE 1, ICE 2, ICE 3 etc.

It's a great idea that will make a difference! It could help save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest. ICE will speak for you when you are not able to.



Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "In case of emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR".  
What's my mother going to do?

Gomer walks into a lawyer's office and says: "I'd like to get one of them-thar day-voce-ees" "Yes sir, I believe I can help you" replied the lawyer. "Do you have any grounds?" "Ah shore do!", exclaimed Gomer, "Got me bout a 140 acres out back a the house thar." "No no..., I mean do you have a case?" asked the lawyer. "No sur," replied Gomer, "I drive one of them John Deer's" "You don't understand," said the lawyer, "You need something like a grudge." "I got me one of those!", said Gomer. That's what I park muh Deer in!" The lawyer, a bit frustrated responded, "Sir, you've got to have a reason to divorce your wife. Does she beat you up or anything?" "No sur", Gomer replied, "I purt near get outta bed afore her ever mornin." Finally the exasperated lawyer shouted, "WHY DO YOU WANT A DIVORCE?" Gomer exclaimed, "She says we jus can't communicate!!"

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## Friday Night Foods at the Legion

Jan. 29 - Jim Baylor is cooking off the regular menu this week.

Roy Brocklebank will be the evening's entertainment.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual "Heritage Classic" Red & White adult hockey game is scheduled for 6 pm. Saturday February 20, 2010 at the Tranter Memorial Park Rink. Please contact Jody Wildman at 246-0616 for more details.

Recycling Blue Box Orders  
The Township of St. Joseph is planning to place a bulk order for blue boxes. Residents wishing to purchase blue boxes through the Township should contact the Township

Office at 246-2625 to place their order. The cost is expected to be \$12.00 per box, tax included.

Maple Syrup Stampede Huge Success! While the day was definitely a little crisp, 88 registrants showed up on Saturday the 6th for our ski loppet. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the day was a great success. A success which would not happen without all the hard work and generous baking of our volunteers. On behalf of Jocelyn Recreation Committee a big THANK YOU to all our volunteers. You make our events successful.

"Interested in Sprouting"?  
Come join the Island Horticultural Society's February meeting on the 25th at 7 pm. Harmony - St. Marks Church Hall. For more info. contact President Sheila Campbell-246-3078.

For an evening of fun and friendly competition consider coming to Seniors Card Night held every Thursday evening at the Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre. First get together will begin March 4th, 2010 at 7 pm. For more information please contact 246-0036

The annual Ernie Eddy Memorial Children's Ice Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, March 6th at Twin Lakes. Admission is free. See our ad in this week's issue for details. Ladies wishing to donate baking, please call Sherrie Kent at 246-2176.

Madge Sanderson of Tony Martin, MP's office reminds us that the deadline for funding for this year's Canada Day Grant program is February 28th. Any municipalities, non-profit organizations, associations, etc. planning to hold celebrations can apply for funding by visiting <http://www.canadianheritage.gc.ca/special/canada/invitn/103-eng.cfm>

Jocelyn Recreation will be having their annual Irish Stew Supper on Saturday, March 13th from 5 - 8 pm at the Jocelyn Township Hall. Cost is \$10. per adult and \$5. for children under 12 years. Come enjoy some homemade stew, biscuits, dessert and beverages with your family and friends. For further information call 246-2025

The Soo's Third Annual 'Seedy Saturday' Seed Exchange and Sale will be on Saturday, February 20th from 10 am-3 pm at Sault College, 443 Northern Avenue, B Wing West - Cafeteria. Admission is by donation. Come for the Presentations and Workshops, Seed Exchange, Displays, Children's Activities and Vendors, with food & refreshments available all day. For more info, contact Suzanne Hanna at 759-2893 or by email at [wildgardener@shaw.ca](mailto:wildgardener@shaw.ca).

## MEMORIUM

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## CHURCH SERVICES

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

**Sunday:**  
Holy Trinity Anglican, Jocelyn at 11 am.

Free Methodist, 10th Side Rd. Come for 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.

## Township of St. Joseph

### Clerk-Administrator

**Closing Date: February 25, 2010**

**Salary Range: \$42,245 - \$66,830 (under review)**

The Township of St. Joseph is seeking a positive and energetic individual who will report to Council and act as their principal advisor. The successful candidate will be responsible for the statutory and administrative duties of Clerk and will work closely with all departments to ensure coordination of activities and policies and provide organizational leadership to municipal staff.

#### Candidates should possess the following qualifications:

- AMCTO training/CMO Accreditation
- College Diploma or University Degree in a related field (i.e. public administration, community development, etc.)
- Minimum 5 years experience in municipal management
- Computer literacy
- Ability to be bonded

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**Qualified Candidates may submit a detailed resume and cover letter on or before February 25, 2010 to:**

**Township of St. Joseph, Att'n: Personnel Committee**  
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 Or simply put it in one of our pick-up boxes conveniently located at Ambeault's, Kent's Corners and the Hilton Beach Post Office.

Answer to puzzle on page 13

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**Deadline for all material noon Tuesday**

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON ST. JOE	
<b>Friday</b>	Hens & Stitches, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10 am to 12 pm Island Cast-a-Weights, Calorie Watchers, Hilton Community Hall (rear door, basmt) - 8:30 am Friday Foods Menu available at the Legion - 5 pm to 9 pm AA Meeting, United Church (new addition, side door) - 8 pm Seniors Walking Program - Legion, 9 - Noon
<b>Saturday</b>	Childrens Library - 10 am to 3 pm Story time - 10:30 am Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm Free pool all day in the Legion lounge Nordic Walking Group - Meets at 10 am - Destination Stribling Park
<b>Sunday</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm (Open to all seniors) 60+ Exercise Program, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10:30 am Euchre, Legion Hall - 8 pm (\$3.00 per person) Carpet Bowling for Seniors, Legion - 1 pm St. Joseph Twp, Public Library - 6 pm to 9 pm Hilton Union Library - 3 pm to 5 pm & 7 pm to 9 pm Children's Library - 6 pm to 8 pm Seniors Walking Program - Legion, 9 - Noon
<b>Tuesday</b>	CAPC Play & Learn Best Start Hub - 9:30 to 11:30 am, Free Methodist Church Women's Physical Activities, Public School Gym - 6:30 pm to 8 pm Cribbage (singles), Legion Hall - 7:30 pm (\$3.00 per person) Quilting - 1-3 pm, Downstairs Hilton Hall except the 3rd week held at the Trefry Centre.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm (Open to all seniors) Pool, Legion - 7:30 pm St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Food Bank, United Church, Richards Landing (side door) - 1 pm to 3 pm Children's Library - 9 am to 12 pm Story time - 10:30 am Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm Seniors Walking Program - Legion, 9 - Noon Ski or Snowshoe Social - Mountain View Trails - 1:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm Dr. Trefry Centre's Day Out Program - 9 am to 4 pm Children's Library - 9 am to 12 pm Story time - 10:30 am 3:30 - 5 pm Darts at the Legion (Starting as Open; may change) - 7:30 pm

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