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## Christmas 1881

PA NEVER HAD MUCH COMPASSION for the lazy or those who squandered their means and then never had enough for the necessities. But for those who were genuinely in need, his heart was as big as all outdoors. It was from him that I learned the greatest joy in life comes from giving, not from receiving.

It was Christmas Eve 1881. I was fifteen years old and feeling like the world had caved in on me because there just hadn't been enough money to buy me the rifle that I'd wanted for Christmas. We did the chores early that night for some reason. I just figured Pa wanted a little extra time so we could read in the Bible.

After supper was over, I took my boots off and stretched out in front of the fireplace and waited for Pa to get down the old Bible. I was still feeling sorry for myself and, to be honest, I wasn't in much of a mood to read Scriptures. But Pa didn't get the Bible, instead he bundled up again and went outside. I couldn't figure it out because we had already done all the chores. I didn't worry about it long though. I was too busy wallowing in self-pity. Soon Pa came back in. It was a cold clear night out and there was ice in his beard. "Come on, Matt," he said. "Bundle up good, it's cold out tonight."

I was really upset then. Not only wasn't I getting the rifle for Christmas, now Pa was dragging me out in the cold, and for no earthly reason that I could see. We'd already done all the chores, and I couldn't think of anything else that needed doing, especially not on a night like this. But I knew Pa was not very patient at one dragging one's feet when he'd told them to do something, so I got up and put my boots back on and got my cap, coat, and mittens. Ma gave me a mysterious smile as I opened the door to leave the house. Something was up, but I didn't know what.

Outside, I became even more dismayed. There in front of the house was the work team, already hitched to the big sled. Whatever it was we were going to do wasn't going to be a short, quick, little job. I could tell. We never hitched up this sled unless we were going to haul a big load. Pa was already up on the seat, reins in hand. I reluctantly climbed up beside him. The cold was already biting at me. I wasn't happy.



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**Christmas 1881 ... continued from page 1**

When I was on, Pa pulled the sled around the house and stopped in front of the woodshed. He got off and I followed. "I think we'll put on the high sideboards," he said. Here, help me." The high sideboards! It had been a bigger job than I wanted to do with just the low sideboards on, but whatever it was we were going to do would be a lot bigger with the high side boards on.

After we had exchanged the sideboards, Pa went into the woodshed and came out with an armload of wood - the wood I'd spent all summer hauling down from the mountain, and then all Fall sawing into blocks and splitting. What was he doing? Finally I said something.

"Pa," I asked, "what are you doing?" You been by the Widow Jensen's lately?" he asked. The Widow Jensen lived about two miles down the road. Her husband had died a year or so before and left her with three children, the oldest being eight. Sure, I'd been by, but so what? "Yeah," I said, "Why?" "I rode by just today," Pa said. "Little Jakey was out digging around in the woodpile trying to find a few chips. They're out of wood, Matt."

That was all he said and then he turned and went back into the woodshed for another arm load of wood. I followed him. We loaded the sled so high that I began to wonder if the horses would be able to pull it. Finally, Pa called a halt to our loading, then we went to the smoke house and Pa took down a big ham and a side of bacon. He handed them to me and told me to put them in the sled and wait. When he returned he was carrying a sack of flour over his right shoulder and a smaller sack of something in his left hand. "What's in the little sack?" I asked. "Shoes. They're out of shoes. Little Jakey just had gunny sacks wrapped around his feet when he was out in the woodpile this morning. I got the children a little candy too. It just wouldn't be Christmas without a little candy."

We rode the two miles to Widow Jensen's pretty much in silence. I tried to think through what Pa was doing. We didn't have much by worldly standards. Of course, we did have a big woodpile, though most of what was left now was still in the form of logs that I would have to saw into blocks and split before we could use it. We also had meat and flour, so we could spare that, but I knew we didn't have any money, so why was Pa buying them shoes and candy? Really, why was he doing any of this? Widow Jensen had closer neighbors than us; it shouldn't have been our concern.

We came in from the blind side of the Jensen house and unloaded the wood as quietly as possible. Then, we took the meat and flour and shoes to the door. We knocked. The door opened a crack and a timid voice said, "Who is it?" "Lucas Miles, Ma'am, and my son, Matt, could we come in for a bit?"

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*On behalf of Council and all Township staff, we wish you all a very happy and safe Holiday Season.*

Widow Jensen opened the door and let us in. She had a blanket wrapped around her shoulders. The children were wrapped in another and were sitting in front of the fireplace by a very small fire that hardly gave off any heat at all. Widow Jensen fumbled with a match and finally lit the lamp.

“We brought you a few things, Ma’am,” Pa said and set down the sack of flour. I put the meat on the table. Then Pa handed her the sack that had the shoes in it. She opened it hesitantly and took the shoes out one pair at a time. There was a pair for her and one for each of the children - sturdy shoes, the best, shoes that would last. I watched her carefully. She bit her lower lip to keep it from trembling and then tears filled her eyes and started running down her cheeks. She looked up at Pa like she wanted to say something, but it wouldn’t come out.

“We brought a load of wood too, Ma’am,” Pa said. He turned to me and said, “Matt, go bring in enough to last awhile. Let’s get that fire up to size and heat this place up.” I wasn’t the same person when I went back out to bring in the wood. I had a big lump in my throat and as much as I hate to admit it, there were tears in my eyes too. In my mind I kept seeing those three kids huddled around the fireplace and their mother standing there with tears running down her cheeks with so much gratitude in her heart that she couldn’t speak.

My heart swelled within me and a joy that I’d never known before filled my soul. I had given at Christmas many times before, but never when it had made so much difference. I could see we were literally saving the lives of these people.

I soon had the fire blazing and everyone’s spirits soared. The kids started giggling when Pa handed them each a piece of candy and Widow Jensen looked on with a smile that probably hadn’t crossed her face for a long time. She finally turned to us.

“God bless you,” she said. “I know the Lord has sent you. The children and I have been praying that he would send one of his angels to spare us.”

In spite of myself, the lump returned to my throat and the tears welled up in my eyes again. I’d never thought of Pa in those exact terms before, but after Widow Jensen mentioned it I could see that it was probably true. I was sure that a better man than Pa had never walked the earth. I started remembering all the times he had gone out of his way for Ma and me, and many others. The list seemed endless as I thought on it.

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*A heartfelt thank you also to our volunteers and the members of the Matthews Memorial Hospital Auxiliary who helped at the tree lighting and carolling, to those who donated extra strings of lights this year, and to the six sign-up locations. We could not have done it without your participation and involvement.*

# HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Island Clippings

May the spirit of an  
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Pa insisted that everyone try on the shoes before we left. I was amazed when they all fit and I wondered how he had known what sizes to get. Then I guessed that if he was on an errand for the Lord that the Lord would make sure he got the right sizes.

Tears were running down Widow Jensen's face again when we stood up to leave. Pa took each of the kids in his big arms and gave them a hug. They clung to him and didn't want us to go. I could see that they missed their Pa, and I was glad that I still had mine.

At the door Pa turned to Widow Jensen and said, "The Mrs. wanted me to invite you and the children over for Christmas dinner tomorrow. The turkey will be more than the three of us can eat, and a man can get cantankerous if he has to eat turkey for too many meals. We'll be by to get you about eleven. It'll be nice to have some little ones around again. Matt, here, hasn't been little for quite a spell." I was the youngest. My two brothers and two sisters had all married and had moved away.

Widow Jensen nodded and said, "Thank you, Brother Miles. I don't have to say, may the Lord bless you, I know for certain that He will."

Out on the sled I felt a warmth that came from deep within and I didn't even notice the cold. When we had gone a ways, Pa turned to me and said, "Matt, I want you to know something. Your Ma and me have been tucking a little money away here and there all year so we could buy that rifle for you, but we didn't have quite enough. Then yesterday a man who owed me a little money from years back came by to make things square. Your Ma and me were real excited, thinking that now we could get you that rifle, and I started into town this morning to do just that, but on the way I saw little Jakey out scratching in the woodpile with his feet wrapped in those gunny sacks and I knew what I had to do. Son, I spent the money for shoes and a little candy for those children. I hope you understand."

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"Sure we have good health coverage but we never get sick and we never get old!"

I understood, and my eyes became wet with tears again. I understood very well, and I was so glad Pa had done it. Now the rifle seemed very low on my list of priorities. Pa had given me a lot more. He had given me the look on Widow Jensen's face and the radiant smiles of her three children.

For the rest of my life, whenever I saw any of the Jensens, or split a block of wood, I remembered, and remembering brought back that same joy I felt riding home beside Pa that night. Pa had given me much more than a rifle that night, he had given me the best Christmas of my life.



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*May the beauty of the season  
bring you joy.  
May the spirit of the season  
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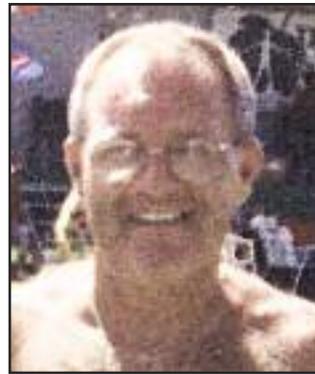


## Did you see the Lunar Eclipse?

MOST PEOPLE IN OUR AREA DIDN'T, but we hear that it was quite a show!

The eclipse started at 1:30 am Tuesday morning, reaching its peak at approximately 3:15 am. The full moon appeared to be a rusty red in colour. Astronomers tell us that this is due to the Earth being between the sun and the moon. Sunlight reaching the moon passes first through the Earth's atmosphere, which filters out most of the 'blue' light wavelengths.

This eclipse has no connection to Tuesday also being the winter solstice – the shortest day of the year. It does happen occasionally though, the last time being in 1638.



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## Michelle Obama's Shortbread Cookies

*This shortbread cookie was served in the inaugural rooms of the Ritz Carlton. Thankfully, we don't have to reserve a suite to get the recipe!*

- 1 cup or 2 sticks unsalted butter, softened
- 1 C. sugar
- 1 egg, separated
- 1-1/2 tablespoons Amaretto
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 2 C. flour
- 3/4 cup slivered almonds

Preheat oven to 300° F. Beat sugar and butter until mixture is smooth. Slowly add egg yolk, Amaretto, salt, orange and lemon rind, mixing well. Slowly mix in flour until mixture is well blended. Pat the mixture into an even layer in an ungreased 10 by 15 inch jelly roll pan. Whisk the egg white until foaming and brush on top of dough. Sprinkle with almonds. Bake for 25 to 35 minutes until lightly browned. Cool slightly and cut into two inch squares while still warm.

Yield: 40 squares

*Thanks Michelle!*



As we were putting out cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve, I accidentally dropped one. "No problem," I said, picking it up and dusting it off before placing it back on the plate.

"You can't do that," argued my four-year-old.

"Don't worry. Santa will never know."

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## Drinking and Driving? Think about it .... Carefully!

WITH THE SEASON FOR SOCIAL GATHERINGS, bright ribbons and wrapped packages now here, Crime Stoppers want to remind everyone that, if you drive drunk, you may wind up with your car wrapped in bright yellow tape that says 'Crime Scene' on it.

Police officers treat driving a car with more than the legal limit of alcohol in your system like any crime - the same as breaking into someone's home or robbing a convenience store. If you have to ask yourself "I wonder if I'm ok to drive", the answer is probably NO!

Don't ruin your life, and possibly someone else's by gambling that you're ok to drive or won't get caught.

Think about it ... carefully!



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# Johnson Township offers Stepdancing, Yoga and Curling for 2011

THE TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSON RECREATION COMMITTEE is getting January off to a big start, offering several new programs for the New Year.

Yoga will be offered every Thursday at the Johnson Township Community Hall from 4 pm to 5:30 pm with certified instructor Mary McRae, starting on January 20th.

Award-winning stepdancer and teacher Ariel Hyatt from North Bay will be available for group stepdancing lessons every 2 weeks from January to April, starting on January 17th. This program is co-presented by the Algoma Traditional Music and Dance organization (Algoma Trad), administered by Julie Schryer and Pat O’Gorman.

Johnson Township Recreation is also kicking off its Curling program on Saturday, January 8th, from 7 to 9 pm. Special rates will be offered to families and children wishing to be part of this program. Children should be at least 10 years old. The program will go for 8 weeks and will finish with a fun Bonspiel. Registration for the whole program or weekly drop-

ins will be accepted, with a discount given for signing up for 8 weeks.

The Johnson Township Arena will be open for Public Skating on Friday, December 31 from 7 pm to 8 pm for families wishing to skate out the old year. Public Skating continues in the New Year on Fridays from 7 pm to 8pm (followed by Family Broomball) and on Thursdays for the DaySkate at 10 am, great for homeschoolers, pre-schoolers, and retirees.

There will be an additional skating time on Tuesdays, after school from 3:30 to 4:30, starting on January 11th. Regular public skating admissions apply to all public skating programs.

Johnson Township welcomes everyone and anyone to join us in all or any of these events and programs. For more information about times and costs, don’t hesitate to call the Recreation Coordinator Pat O’Gorman at 782-6601, Extension 205.

## T’IS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

*As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also take time to celebrate our love for our family and friends.*

*It’s also a time for re-birth – of love, peace, joy, hope and goodwill.*

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*May your Christmas bring all that you wish for.*



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*We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



## Zoo Keeper? WHAT Zoo Keeper?

*Thanks to Pat Davey for sharing this chuckle with our readers!*

Outside England's Bristol Zoo, there is a parking lot for 150 cars and eight buses. For 25 years, a very pleasant attendant managed its parking fees. The fees were 1.40 pounds for cars and approximately 7 pounds for buses.

Then one day, after 25 solid years of never missing a day of work, the attendant just didn't show up. The Zoo Management called the City Council and asked them to send them a temporary replacement parking agent.

The City Council replied that the parking lot was the Zoo's own responsibility.

The Zoo advised the Council that the attendant was a City employee. The City responded that the lot attendant had never been on the City payroll.

Meanwhile, sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain or France or Italy, is a man who'd apparently had a ticket machine installed, completely on his own and then had simply begun to show up every day, to collect - and keep - the parking fees, estimated at about 560 pounds per day-for 25 years.

Assuming seven days a week, this amounts to just over **seven million pounds(about \$11.4 Million)**. And no one even knows his name!

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## MMH Becomes a Movie Set.

OK, WE MISSED THE STORY! Since we can't be everywhere, every time, that occasionally happens, and it sure did last week!

Your humble publishers left early Thursday morning for a few days in Southern Ontario. Little did we know that there was 'big news' happening on the Island while we were gone!

Thursday's movie filming at (and in front of) Matthews Memorial Hospital was the talk of the Island, in more ways than one! People called to tell us about the street being taken over by the movie crew, as well as some local residents being used as 'extras' in the scene. Unfortunately, these hot tips only made it as far as our answering machine, to await our return home on Sunday night - too late to cover the story!

It also seems that we weren't the only ones who had no advance notice. Nobody on the production crew notified or asked permission from the Township of St. Joseph either. The Sault Area Hospital WAS contacted for permission to film at the MMH site, which was granted, although SAH officials have no further knowledge about the movie, its cast, crew or producers. So the odds are that it WASN'T John Travolta you saw visiting the Calico Hen!

We've learned that a Soo-based production company was hired by the producers to assist with location management, such as obtaining clearances and permission from the appropriate authorities. At press time, we have had no response from this firm. We'll continue to follow the story, as best we can.

We thank those residents who thought to tell us about the breaking story, even if we were regretfully unable to cover it. When such a thing happens again - and it will - we urge our readers to take photos of the event and send them to us at islandclippings@gmail.com. After all, a picture is indeed worth a thousand words!



## This Holiday Season, Give our Environment a Gift Too!

### Think Green!

- Instead of using wrapping paper, give gifts in a re-usable bag.
- Put your outdoor lights on a timer and set it for 2-5 hours a day.
- Switch your Christmas tree twinklers to LED lights. They come in a variety of colours and use a fraction of the wattage of your older ones. Plus, you don't have to search for that one burnt out bulb!
- Save even more energy by replacing lights with garland instead.
- Before heading to the store to buy decorations, scan your backyard for pinecones or evergreens.
- Buy an organic turkey. It's better for you, your turkey, your local community and your environment.
- Are you using aluminum foil to cook your big holiday meal? Don't forget it's recyclable!
- Watch what you put in the sink. Animal grease will clog your drain and is hard on wastewater and septic systems.
- Why not switch to emailing your holiday cards to save on paper?
- Give the gift of homemade baking.
- You might also think about recycling things like your Christmas Tree, Styrofoam, printer ink and toner cartridges and old cell phones.
- The St. Joseph Island Voyageurs Snowmobile Club will be collecting christmas trees for the treelines. The drop off is by the outdoor rink in Richards Landing and the marina in Hilton Beach.
- Clean North's Depot will be set up at Propane Plus (outside Cambrian Mall) from 9:30 am - 8:30 pm on Sunday, December 26th through Saturday, January 8th. They will also happily accept your unwanted books (to be donated to the Sault Ste. Marie Friends of the Library) and blankets and towels, for the Sault Ste. Marie Humane Society.
- Clean North will also have free mulch available on Sunday, January 9th at 10 am. Please provide your own containers. And, if you'd like to volunteer your help at the Depot, contact Clean North at 705-945-1573 or by email at volunteer@cleannorth.org.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The St. Joseph Island Voyageurs Snowmobile Club wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. A reminder that we will be collecting christmas trees for the treelines. Once again, the drop off is by the outdoor rink in Richards Landing and the marina in Hilton Beach.

The Richards Landing skating rink is now open, subject to the weather cooperating, Monday to Thursday from 4 to 9 pm, Friday & Saturday from 10 am to 10 pm, and Sunday from 10 am to 9 pm. Use of the rink during the day is subject to school use in the afternoon and maintenance. Any group wishing to pre book a time should call 246-3642.

The Anglican Church will be holding a Christmas Eve Service at Holy Trinity, Jocelyn at 11 pm. Everyone welcome to come and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

The St. Joseph Township Public Library is starting a Kids' Night! During the Christmas break it will be Tuesday, December 28th from 7 to 9 pm. Starting in the New Year on January 7th, Kids' Night will be Fridays from 7 to 9 pm. We'll have Wii games, Guitar Hero, puzzles and crafts. Come out for an evening of fun!

Make your plans now for Robbie Burns Night. Saturday, January 15 at Royal Canadian Legion Br 374. Scottish food, drink and music, to celebrate the Poet.

Holiday Public Skating – Desbarats Arena. Thursday, December 30th, 10 am and December 31st, 7 pm. Also, Parents/Kids shinny game, Wednesday, December 29th, 7 pm, equipment required for children. Cost for each event: \$2/person or \$5/family. Info: 782-6601, x205.

The Jocelyn Township Office will be closed starting Wednesday, December 22nd and will reopen on Wednesday, January 5th, 2011. Jocelyn Township's January Council meeting will be on the 11th at 7 pm.

Kent's Corners will be closed Christmas Day and open from 8 am to 7 pm on December 26th. Mrs. Mac's will be closed from December 23 to December 28. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## THANK YOU

We are deeply touched by all your love and support. We'd like to thank each and every one of you for the beautiful cards, for keeping us fed, for your generous donations in Mom's memory, and for your wonderful visits and phone calls. My Mom, Ethel Rathwell, was a very quiet, gentle soul who would have been so touched by all your thoughtfulness. Thank you so much for all your kind words and deeds. They have truly been a great comfort. *Love, Carla Richardson & Family*

The extreme cold weather and no snow created a huge problem here for me and I had to call my friends for help. With one call my friends Keith Armstrong, Keith Barlow, Dan Fraser, and Carol White came to my rescue to make my world a better place. From my heart I thank you so much, I am truly blessed to have you as my dear friends. *Teresa Parker*

To our Members, Families, Friends and Communities thank you for your thoughtfulness and your generosity over this past year to our Pennies for Piggy Drive here at Northern Credit Union. I am delighted to announce our pigs have plumped up to over \$1,000. which will be presented to the St. Joseph Island and area Food Bank. No one person makes this gift happen, together we make changes. Wishing each of you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. *(NCU Delegate Chair) Kathy Drager*

## THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH OPERATOR/LABOURER

The Township of St. Joseph is currently seeking an Operator/Labourer in the Public Works Department. Under the direction of the Superintendent of Works, the Operator will be responsible for the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges, public works, parks and recreational facilities.

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## Under the Christmas Tree

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As Santa Claus opened his mail,  
But the happiness gradually faded  
And the youngest one started to wail.

The eldest tried bravely to soothe her  
In his awkward brotherly way,  
But his efforts brought her no comfort  
For he didn't know what he should say.

I called and they clamoured around me  
The little one climbed on my knee,  
Then each child I carefully questioned  
To find what the trouble could be.

The boys, it seemed, started to wonder  
When a new Santa appeared on the show,  
He was not in the least like the old one  
From his head right down to his toe.

You shouldn't have worried, my darlings  
You should have asked Mother, my son,  
So listen, I'll try to explain dears  
Then you can go back and have fun.

Now Santa, you know, is so busy  
He couldn't talk to each girl and each boy,  
But he wants to know what you like best  
And what is your favourite toy.

So he hires a whole lot of helpers  
And places them all over town,  
But he knows you'd not talk to a stranger  
Or a man who was dressed like a clown.

Thus he dresses them all up like Santa  
And no boy or girl ever knows,  
If he really talked to old Santa  
Or to someone just dressed in his clothes.

So go back my dears to your program  
And remember be good for his sake,  
For that may be the real Santa  
That you have been calling a fake!

*Mrs. E. Colynuck, Bruce Mines*



Deadline for display ads  
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Deadline for Classifieds  
is noon Tuesday.

## Sudoku Answer

Puzzle on page 8

7	3	6	4	9	5	1	2	8
5	8	1	2	3	6	9	4	7
2	4	9	8	1	7	3	5	6
8	7	3	5	4	9	6	1	2
6	9	2	1	7	3	4	8	5
1	5	4	6	2	8	7	9	3
3	6	8	9	5	4	2	7	1
4	1	7	3	8	2	5	6	9
9	2	5	7	6	1	8	3	4



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON ST. JOE

### Friday

Seniors Walking Program, Legion - 9 am to noon  
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 at the Legion  
AA Meeting, United Church (new addition, side door) - 8 pm

### Saturday

Childrens Library - 10 am to 3 pm  
Story time - 10:30 am  
Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm - New phone number: 255-3520.  
St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm  
Nordic Walking Group, Tranter Park - 10 am  
Free pool all day in the Legion lounge  
St. Boniface Roman Catholic, Hilton Beach at 4:30 pm.  
Jam Session, Legion - 4 pm to 6 pm

### Sunday

Holy Trinity Anglican, Jocelyn at 11 am.  
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.

### Monday

Seniors Walking Program, Legion - 9 am to noon  
Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm (Open to all seniors)  
60+ Exercise Program, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10:00 am  
Euchre, Legion Hall - 8 pm (\$3.00 per person)

Carpet Bowling for 50 Plus, Legion - Refreshments Available - 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 - New phone number: 255-3520.

Children's Library - 6 pm to 8 pm

### Tuesday

CAPC Play & Learn, Free Methodist Church - 9:30 am to 11:30 am

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.

### Wednesday

Seniors Walking Program, Legion - 9 am to noon

Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm (Open to all seniors)

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 - 3 pm to 5 pm - New phone number: 255-3520.

### Thursday

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; 3:30 - 5 pm  
Story time - 10:30 am

Pool, Legion - 7:30 pm

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