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## The Settling of St. Joseph Island

*Gleaned from the Book "River of Destiny", Published in 1955  
 by Joseph & Estelle Bayliss*

*Compiled by Barbara Davies, President, St. Joseph Island  
 Historical Society*

ST. JOSEPH ISLAND IS THE LARGEST, most populous, most widely cultivated, earliest settled and most prosperous of all the islands in the Saint Mary's River. Its population is about 1,450, its area about 90,000 acres, its length 20 miles, and its width 11 and ½ miles.

From the time that Fort St. Joseph was completely abandoned in 1829, the only whites who remained were the Jean Baptiste Rousseau family and a few French families at what is now known as Milford Haven, until Major W. K. Rains and his associates arrived in the spring of 1835. The lower part of the Island, although beautiful, was unsuitable for farming. The map of T. N. Moulsworth, who made the first Government survey, 1855-55, shows only a few small patches of cultivated ground at various places near the shores.

Records show that the families of Archie Sterling and Anthony Adams, also four Richardson brothers, settled near the present K Line in the middle 1850's. Less than half a dozen families had

settled about the same time at present day Hilton Beach. Major Rains and family left the foot of the Island in 1853 and settled temporarily first at Sailors Encampment, and in 1860 (across the river) at what is now known as Bass Lodge, on Rains Island. His son, Tudor, had settled on the opposite side of the river in 1851. The reason for moving to Sailors Encampment was primarily to establish docks and sell cord wood for fuel to steamboats passing in ever increasing numbers. Also, the land in this area was very favourable for farming.

Beginning in the spring of 1851, Tudor Rains also had a dock and a small store a short distance below the Huron Line, and John Marks built a larger dock and store just below this in 1864. In 1872, Marks moved to Hilton, selling his dock to

Hoel D. Rains, who in turn sold it to John M. Ross in 1883. In all, there were five wood docks operating along the west side of St. Joseph Island.

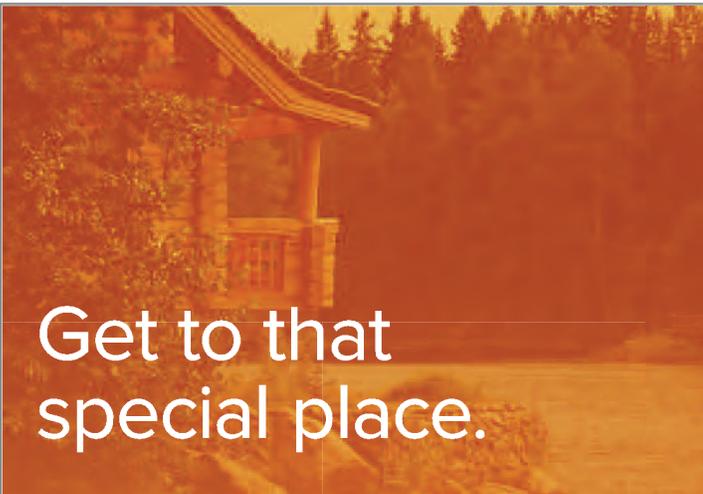
By the middle 1850's, boats were calling regularly on the east side of the Island, where the Government had built a wharf at present day Hilton Beach. Here Alexander Trainor had taken up land in 1856. By 1860, fourteen families had settled here, but only the Rousseaus, Trainors, Gordons and

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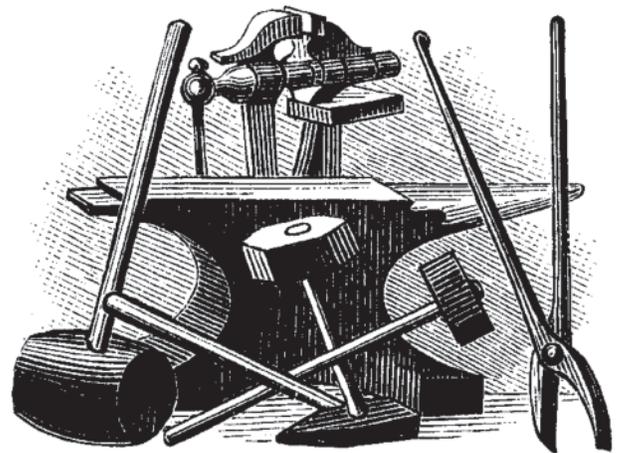
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**SETTLING . . .** *continued from cover*

Desjardins remained. Richard and Harry Bishop came in 1860 and were soon followed by other members of their family.

Land was thrown open for location in 1877. During that year the Coulters, Grextons, Elliotts and Lays came. David and Andrew Belanger had small clearings near the head of the Island, and in 1876, John Richards came and occupied one of the Belanger houses while he built a home at present day Richards Landing. Here he opened the first Post Office on the Island on October 1, 1876, under the name St. Joseph's Island, with himself as Post Master. The next year he occupied his new combination store and dwelling, and kept the Post Office in the store. On Oct. 1, 1881 the name was changed to Richards Landing.

Elijah Good came here in 1876 and opened a blacksmith shop. The John Smith and the Morton families also came in 1876. In



the spring of 1878 a number of settlers arrived near the upper end of the Island and soon trails were opened to give access to various Concessions, some by Government grants, but many by voluntary labour. In the swampy sections, the roads had to be "corduroyed" as the settlers could not afford ditching or grading.

As an illustration of the hardships confronting the pioneers, and the willingness to share with others, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Young and nine children found the wharf at Hilton without a bridge, so they had to be ferried ashore in a rowboat. John Marks assisted Mr. Young with his yoke of oxen and a "Jumper" to haul the family and belongings to a log house built by Abbott Richardson. When the Youngs arrived they found the 16 by 24 house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kent and their eight children, who had arrived the previous year. These twenty-one persons lived together in this small house for eleven weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dunn with six children arrived late in Oct. of 1878, after suffering a shipwreck when the steamer 'Quebec' went ashore east of Cockburn Island, where most of their effects were lost.

*To be continued:*

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ATTENTION ALL YOU GIFTED PHOTOGRAPHERS! Sault College's School of Media and Design Department and Algoma University's Fine Arts Department are inviting submissions for the first-ever Inner Light Photo Contest. All photographers from the Algoma District are invited to participate in this inaugural event.

"Whether you consider yourself a professional photographer or if you just happen to have caught some amazing images on your phone camera, whether you work in analogue or digital, we want to celebrate and support the diverse photographic work that you are making," says Professor Andrea Pinheiro of Algoma University.

Participants are asked to submit up to three images of their original photographic work to be considered for prizes and exhibition. A multi-venue exhibition of the chosen works will be held in January 2016 at selected exhibition spaces including Algoma University, Sault College, Camera Craft, and One Eighty Projects. Photographers can submit work, free of charge, through [www.innerlightphotocontest.ca](http://www.innerlightphotocontest.ca). The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2015.

Thanks to the generosity of a local donor, the Inner Light Photo Contest is pleased to offer cash prizes to the winning submissions.

Grand Prize - \$500

Second Prize - \$250

Student Prize - \$250

The first two prizes are open to all, while the third is open to any student at Sault College, Algoma University or any secondary school in the Algoma District. The submissions will be shortlisted by a double blind judging panel. The 2015 jury consists of Colin Crowell (Sault College), Andrea Pinheiro (Algoma University), and Donna Hopper (Village Media/SooToday). Additional prizes will be announced closer to the exhibition dates.

Competition rules and regulations as well as the submission form can be found at [www.innerlightphotocontest.ca](http://www.innerlightphotocontest.ca).

"This is an exciting opportunity for our community to inspire and be inspired by the beautiful work being done by our local artists," says Colin Crowell of the Digital Photography and Imaging program at Sault College. "I can't wait to see this year's submissions; there is so much talent in our region."

For more information or if you have any questions at all please contact:

Andrea Pinheiro at: [andrea.pinheiro@algomau.ca](mailto:andrea.pinheiro@algomau.ca) or (705) 949-2301 ext. 4284. Colin Crowell at: [colin.crowell@saultcollege.ca](mailto:colin.crowell@saultcollege.ca) or (705) 759-2554 ext. 2613.

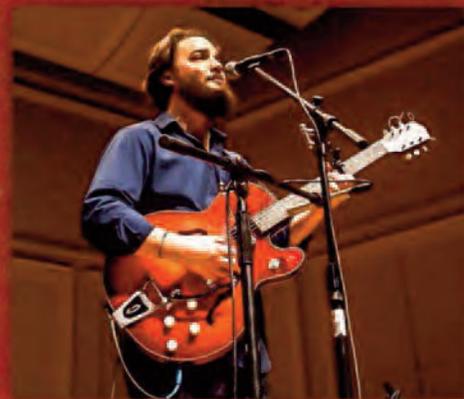
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Boat motors, tools, ice fishing gear and a chainsaw were stolen.

Any person with information regarding the person(s) responsible for these break and enters should immediately contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122 or their nearest police authority.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit information online at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com) where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.



## Help Share 'Tracy's Dream'

### to Help Cancer Patients

The new **2016 Breast Cancer Survivors** calendar is now available.

It features photos of 13 cancer survivors from throughout Algonoma, including Tracy Dinelle, who we spotlighted in our November 19th issue. A cancer patient herself, she started 'Tracy's Dream' to help ease the financial burden of cancer patients by helping to pay their parking expenses at the Algonoma District Cancer Clinic at Sault Area Hospital.

You can help in their fight! All proceeds from calendar sales go to support 'Tracy's Dream' and the difference it makes to cancer patients, by eliminating at least one of the major problems of receiving their treatments.

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**HILTON UNION  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
UPDATE**

**Welcome to the Hilton Union  
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AS WINTER APPROACHES the library is busy doing catch up as the hectic months wind down. We have plenty of news and want to remind you of all our great programs. First things first, we now have a Facebook page! Just search "Hilton Union Public Library" to see upcoming events, any programming news or what new books are at the library! "LIKE" the page to get updates.

As many of you know, the library now subscribes to OverDrive, an online service that allows patrons to borrow free eBooks right from their home or, if you prefer, download them at the library onto your own device. Library patrons, old or new, can come into the library or call during business hours to get a lending number and then access OverDrive through our library website.

Learning about loaning eBooks works well with our new Monday Technology Nights at the library. This program ran formerly on Wednesday nights, but now will run Mondays from 7 - 9 pm throughout the winter and into the spring. We will have someone on staff to help you with your computer, tablet, cell phone or e-reader questions. Monday nights will be a great night to come to get signed up for loaning eBooks on OverDrive or to get other computer related questions answered.

Another great addition to our library are two Daisy Players that we will loan to the public. Daisy Players are essentially CD players that are designed specifically to play audio books from CELA (Centre for Equitable Library Access). Each CD contains an entire book, and CELA has over 80 000 fiction and nonfiction titles. CELA's mission is to support public libraries in the provision of accessible collections for Canadians with print disabilities (A print disability is a learning, physical or visual disability that prevents a person from reading conventional print) by providing access to media and reading materials in the format of their choice. Available formats include audio, Braille, e-text and described video.

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## A Big THANK YOU From Terry Johnston

I JUST WANTED TO THANK the many people who helped me begin a new chapter of my life in so many wonderful ways. Kim Coulter and the wonderful Parent & Teacher group who organized a great retirement celebration for me on October 30, 2015. The staff and students who prepared awesome performances in my honour. The family members, friends, co-workers from past and present, parents and students who have made me feel special by showering me with many gifts, cards, retirement wishes and kind words to help me remember this special transition in my life.

Thanks to those who were able to attend my Come and Go tea to help me celebrate and reminisce about the past 37 years that I have worked as a secretary in the education system. The past 15 years that I spent at St. Joseph Island School have gone by very quickly and I have enjoyed my days with many people who have become very good friends to me. I also still have many friends and fond memories from the previous 22 years that I spent at CASS. I pray that this new avenue will be comprised of lots of fun, happy and memorable times with family, friends and new acquaintances, and maybe a little time to myself to enjoy and catch-up on all those great dreams, crafting projects and many jobs that appear at the bottom of my to-do list.

I would especially like to thank my best friend who is my

kind, considerate and loving husband who always has a positive outlook on life and along with God has been by my side making this decision to take this leap into a new phase of our lives. As an example of his kindness he has agreed to continue to get out of bed at 6 am and go to work for the next few years while I stay tucked under those cozy flannel sheets every morning. What a guy!

Also, thanks to my children who have guaranteed me that I will never have to worry about experiencing too many quiet, lonely days by myself because they are willing to send their children to Grandma's house anytime! Seeing that the 2 oldest are often asking the question, "can we have a sleep-over at Grandma and Grandpa's?", I am sure that I will be the one scheduling a few quiet days to myself just to rest up.

Mostly, thank you to God who has carried us over the mountaintops and through the valleys of life and will continue to be our guide in whatever lies ahead of us.

I know that I will miss some of those amazing St. Joe Island adventures such as working right across the hall from live performances by "The Cat in the Hat", and of course "The Queen of 10" who would always hire me as her wardrobe assistant for every performance. I will also miss those laughs in the staff room when we were often graced by one of those



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Whitley/Tulloch adventures that don't sound possible but of course are always real life situations for this family! Or, those many stories that crack us up whenever Lindy sticks around the school at nutrition break, and most recently, the driving adventures of Debbie J. And we won't forget Kelly and her hockey career stories.

Actually, I will truly miss all of the great people I have met over the last 37 years because you have each become a part of my life in some special and unique way. But, as they say friends are forever, and I am sure that our paths will cross again in the days ahead.

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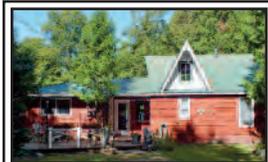
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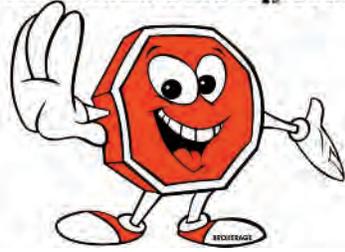


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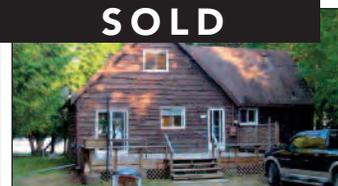
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# Is There Room at the Inn? Refugee Sponsorship

By Bob Elkin

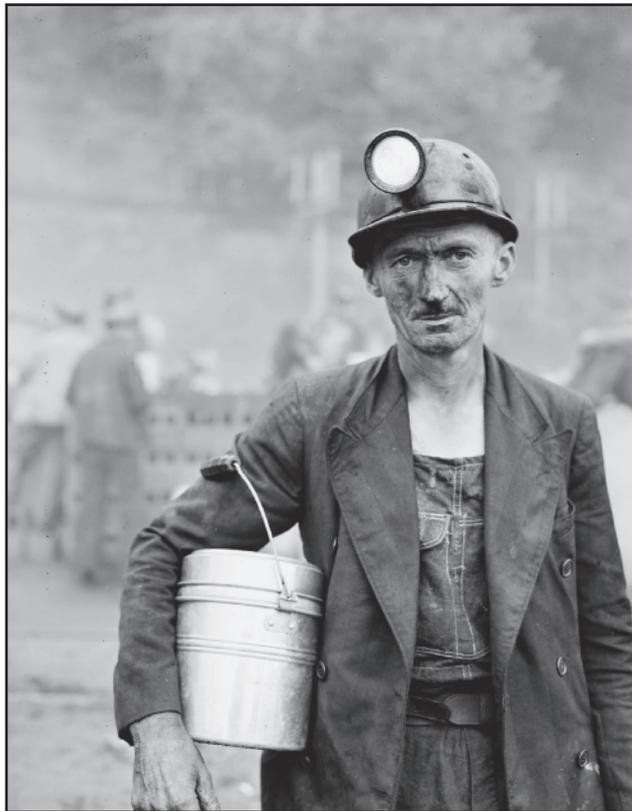
MY FATHER WAS BORN IN 1900 in England. At thirteen he was sent down in the mines to work. When World War I erupted he tried to enlist but they wouldn't take him because they needed the coal and they wouldn't let him out of the mines. Realizing he would live and die a poor miner if he stayed in England he emigrated to Canada after the war, coming as an indentured bush worker.

In two years he'd worked off his passage and moved to Hamilton where he carved out a pretty good life for himself and my family. He died at the age of eighty.

What my dad wanted all those years ago was a chance at a better life, a chance he knew he would not get if he stayed where he was born. He's not the first one to want such a chance. Unless you are First Nation your people came from away too. They probably wanted a chance or wanted to escape a war or wanted to get away from genocide.

When the early immigrants arrived all those centuries ago, the First Nation's people were welcoming and that tradition of welcome became part of the fabric of Canada. Europeans, Vietnamese, Latin Americans and many others came and were given a chance and became part of this wonderful country.

Now others want to come. Refugees displaced by war and killing are searching for a future and want to come to Canada and have a chance. Our government is bringing some and is



asking us Canadian citizens to bring some too. Refugee sponsorship carries responsibilities and should never be considered without knowing what they are.

An information meeting about sponsorship on St. Joseph Island and area will be held on Thursday December 10th at 7:30 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion in Richards Landing. Everyone is invited to attend.

It is not uncommon at this time of year to see manger scenes set up on people's lawns showing the birth of Jesus at Christmas. This year I hope the mangers remind us of other people from the Middle East who also have nowhere to go. We can do something about these people's plight. We can help give them a chance.

Come on December 10th and find out how.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The CASS Hockey team is holding a bottle drive this Sat. If you have empties you would like to donate, please drop them off before 10am Sat at either Ambeault's or Kent's Corner. Please bring them in a bag or box and check with the store clerk where to put them. Thank you Islanders for your continued support of CASS Athletics!

Grief at the Holidays - Are you dreading the Christmas celebrations because you are grieving? Join us for an evening of encouragement and discussion. We'll look at strategies to help you "Survive" Christmas. December 10th Free Methodist Church 7pm. For more info. Debbie LaRocque 705 246-2714 or Bryon Hall 705 246-3502

The Royal Canadian Legion's annual Children's Christmas Party is Sat. Dec 12th. Please register your child age 10 and under by Monday Dec. 7. Call the Legion office 705 246-2494 or Gloria 705 246-2416.

AlgomaTrad Family **Contra/Square Dance** - Sat. Dec 5, Johnson Township Community Center Hall, Desbarats. Callers will be Paul Lemelin, Donna Bisson, and Julie Schryer. Music by members of The O'Schraives and AlgomaTrad youth players. Beginner's workshop 7:30, dance at 8 pm. Adults:\$10; Students 10 and up: \$7; under 10 free. All ages are welcome. Next dance, Jan 2, in the Landing. [www.algomatrad.ca](http://www.algomatrad.ca)

The year-end Chamber of Commerce meeting, to be held December 9th at the Legion Lounge, has been cancelled. Regular meetings will resume in the New Year.

**Christmas Ham Pastie Luncheon.** Saturday, December 5, 1 am to 1:30 pm at St. George's Anglican Church in Echo Bay. Large Ham Pasties, salads galore plus coffee, tea and desserts. Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Knitting and Sewing Tables. Adults \$8. children 12-5 years \$5.

The annual Hunters and Anglers Christmas potluck dinner for members and the general public will be on December 5 beginning at 5 pm. Dinner will be served at 6 pm and will be followed by judging of this year's photo contributions to the photo contest. Members are permitted two submissions per category. Bring your favourite dish. Details are on the Club website at: [www.sjiha.ca](http://www.sjiha.ca).

Refugee Sponsorship Information Session December 10, 2015 - 7:30 PM - RCL Br. 374 Richards Landing. Have you been wondering what you can do to help the refugees? Can we sponsor a family in our area? This information Session is to find out if there is enough interest to take on the task of sponsoring a Refugee family. Please come with your thoughts and questions.

You CAN make a difference! Did you know that at age 65 you have a 1 in 10 chance of being affected by Alzheimer's disease, and by age 85 your chances increase to 1 in 2? Additionally, 72% of all people affected by Alzheimer's disease are women. In support of the increasing need for services that are provided by the local Alzheimer Society, we need canvassers for the annual door to door campaign in January. Call the Alzheimer Society at 705-942-2195 to canvass your street or a street in your neighbourhood. Funds raised support services such as Education, Recreation Therapy and Support for local people affected by Alzheimer's disease and their families.

Hilton Township Community Projects Committee welcomes all children to a Christmas Party at the Hilton Township Office, 2983 Base Line on Sunday, December 13, 2015 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Crafts, food and a free colour photo of each child with Santa!

The upcoming services at Grace and Harmony St. Mark's United Churches are as follows:



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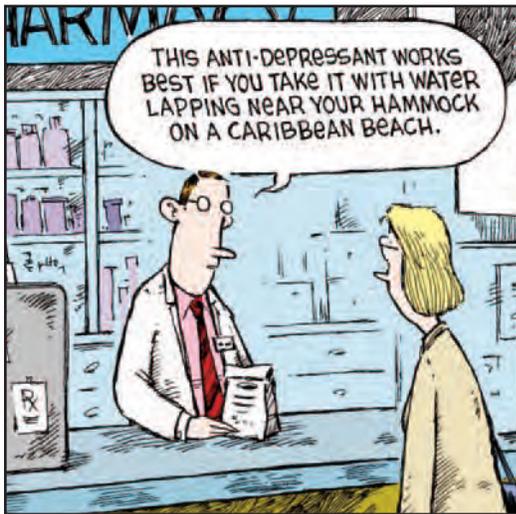
Sunday, December 6—White Gift Service: 9:30 at Grace, 11:00 at H St M; Sunday December 13, —Christmas Cantata (Joint Service at Harmony St. Mark's at 11:a.m.); Monday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Harmony St Mark's— Second presentation of the Christmas Cantata. Free will offering in support of local refugee sponsorship; Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. at HStMark's— Service of Light and Hope (in conjunction with the Anglican Church) Sunday, December 20—4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 at Grace, 11:00 at HStM; Thursday December 24 at Harmony St Mark's Family Service at 10:00 a.m. and Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. No Service at Grace; Sunday, December 27 at 10:30 at Grace Church, No service at HStM. Please join us as we celebrate the Season of Advent and Christmas.

**2016 AlgomaTrad Events** to watch for! Saturday, January 2 - AlgomaTrad Family Dance - Start 2016 right with squares and contras and pure all-ages fun. Starts at 7:30 with a beginner's workshop, the dance at 8

pm. Adults:\$10, Students 10 and up:\$7. February 5 & 6 – **Irish Music and Dance Weekend** – dance and music workshops and concerts by renowned Irish-Canadian instructors culminating in an Irish Ceili Extravaganza on Saturday night at the Legion Hall, Richards Landing. April 1 & 2 - **French Canadian Music and Dance Weekend** - dance and music workshops and concerts by renowned Québécois instructors culminating in a Maple Syrup Soirée on Saturday night at the Hilton Beach Community Hall. Costs and Times for all music and dance weekends TBA. Sign up for the AlgomaTrad Newsletter and be the first to know at [www.algomatrad.ca](http://www.algomatrad.ca).

### THANK YOU

I would like to give a big Thank You to my family for the beautiful birthday party and all our nieces, nephews and friends who attended my 90th birthday on October 17th at the Dr. Trefry Centre. It was a beautiful and very happy day. Thank you! Ruby Nelson



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Hens & Stitches, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10 am to 12 pm  
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Island Cast-a-Weights, Calorie Watchers, Hilton  
Community Hall (rear door, basmt) - 8:30 am

Walking at the Legion - 9 am to noon

Friday Foods at the Legion

AA Meeting, United Church (new addition, side door) - 8 pm

### Saturday

The Children's Library - 10 am to 3 pm, Storytime at 10:30 am

Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm

Free pool all day in the Legion lounge

St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 10 am to 3 pm

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

Teen Game Night - Legion lounge - 6 pm to 9 pm

### Sunday

The Anglican Parish of St. Joseph & St. George  
worships at 11 am at Holy Trinity, Jocelyn

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.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, at [MacLennan](#)

Hall, Primary, Priesthood, Relief Society. 10 - 10:40

Sunday School 10:50 - 11:30 Sacrament Meeting 11:40 - 12:30

### Monday

Walking at the Legion - 9 am to noon

Euchre, Legion Hall - 7:30 pm (\$4.00 per person)

Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 4 pm  
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Exercise Class, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10 am

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Carpet Bowling for 50 Plus, Legion  
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St. Joseph Twp, Public Library - 5 pm to 8 pm

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### Tuesday

Cribbage (singles), Legion Hall - 7:30 pm  
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Quilting - 1-3 pm, Main Floor Waterfront Centre, Hilton Beach  
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Childcare Algoma C.A.P. Children's Playgroup - 10 am to noon  
at Free Methodist Church

Yoga, Old Town Hall, RL - 7 to 8:30 pm, drop-ins welcome

### Wednesday

Walking at the Legion - 9 am to noon

Nordic Pole Walking at the Legion - 10 am

Life Labs at the Dr. Trefry Centre - 9:30 to 10:30 am

Free pool in the Legion lounge

Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm (Open to all seniors)  
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St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 10 am to 3 pm

Food Bank, United Church, Richards Landing  
(side door) - 1 pm to 3 pm

Children's Library 9 am - 12 Noon, Storytime at 10:30 am

Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm -  
Phone number: 705 255-3520.

League pool in the Legion Lounge at 7:30

Wednesday Food at the Legion 7:30 to 9 pm

### Thursday

Dr. Trefry Centre's Day Out Program - 9 am to 3 pm.

Coffee Connections 9 am, Dr. Trefry Centre, Come for a coffee!  
Children's Library 9 am - 12 noon, Storytime at 10:30 am, After  
school Program 3:30 pm to 5 pm,

Free pool all day in the Legion lounge

Exercise Class, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm

The Children's Library, 10 am - 3 pm, Storytime 10:30 am

St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 3 pm to 8 pm