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Pies for PSW Prove Popular In Support Of Home Care



We thank all of those who have donated to the program! While \$1500 is a remarkable achievement the volunteers plan on doing it again next year and trying to beat this number!

Twenty-five volunteers and children assembled on this past Saturday to use apples grown on St. Joseph Island to make pies for the PSW Outreach Program.

You may recall the pies were advertised and given how many sold you also may have had a chance to sample them. 107 fresh pies were made to be picked up that day and baked at home.

The pies were sold out in less than 24 hours the week prior. \$1500 was raised to support the PSW program, which services the island with much needed home care for seniors and those with a disability. The program receives support from various sources including many events put on in the community like this one.



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ST. JOSEPH ISLAND MUSEUM MOMENT

PART TWO

After TN Molesworth's Survey in 1852-1855 and The Homestead Act of 1868, the Island saw significant growth in its population. The greatest influx of settlers arrived from 1874-1882. As settlements were growing but not yet organized, most early Island children were schooled at home. However, as more families settled, organized schooling became a need.

Due to its size and pockets of population spread out across the Island, many rural one room schoolhouses functioned over the years as the population grew. At one time there were as many as eleven schoolhouses in operation so that every family was within walking distance of a school.

In addition to having a name, schools were identified by School Sections (S.S.) and combined with a number. I have included these numbers if I have come across them in my research.

This following information was found in our archives. Some schools have more details and history recorded than others.

In 1877 St. Joseph Township was organized and the first public school was built. It was built out of logs and was opened at Westfield on the farm of Willie Rains, youngest son of Major William Kingdom Rains and Frances Double-day. It was a very primitive school, students sat on benches. There were no maps or globes and it only had one small blackboard. Miss Alice Stirling was the very first teacher. This building was moved to the St. Joseph Island Museum in 1983 for preservation.

The population of the Island was growing, by 1884 the schoolhouse at Westfield was closed and a new one was built at the corner of the A and C Lines, located on the Cheer farm. In 1950, the Orrell Memorial School replaced the old C Line School. It was located on the opposite side of the C Line. It too used the name the "C Line School". Miss Ruth Ann Halderson was the first teacher in this new modern school. It was equipped with a well-lit classroom, a library, a wood furnace and indoor facilities.

The first school on the I Line was named Cedar Grove. The land was donated by P Braniff and located across the A Line from the Blind Line, near the Two Tree River. It was made of logs but over time it fell into disrepair and a new school needed to be built. In 1899 on the corner of the A & I Lines a frame building was built, it was Schoolhouse SS #4 and was approximately \$800 to build. There were three windows on each side and two facing the road. Slate blackboards were at the front. In 1900 then teacher JT Anderson named the school "Harmony".

The first school on the other section of I Line, SS # 5 was located near the 20th Side Road, one acre of land was donated by the Irwin family. It was made of logs and was first named the Irwin School but because of its location it

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Kents Gather for Harold Kent's 99th Birthday Celebration



On Saturday, September 7, fifty members of the Kent Klan gathered at the Legion Hall in Richards Landing to meet Sheldon and Carrie Frissell from Wainwright, Alberta, and to honour Harold Kent's 99th Birthday. A tasty Italian style dinner was served by the Legion Ladies. The tables had royal blue tablecloths and Kent Crests as centerpieces.

Marie Eggesfield who organized the evening, gave sincere thanks to the willing volunteer workers, who stepped up to help, giving freely of their time and talents to make this event possible. Marie continued then, reading the following Greetings from cousin Roger Kent, the new Kent family Genealogist, now living in Boone, North Carolina.

Dear Sheldon and Carrie: Welcome to beautiful St. Joseph Island, where we trace our bloodline to our great, great grandfather Joseph Ridley Kent and his wife Margaret Jane Bentley. Your great grandmother, Edna Jane Kent, was the younger sister of my great grandfather, Wm. W. Kent, and they both moved to the Vermilion area of Alberta in the early part of the last century, where they raised their respective families and lived out their days.

Carrie and Sheldon have been married for 33 years and have two grown children Tanner and Willow, both of whom are married and providing them with four grandchildren. Carrie and Sheldon's teaching careers spanned over 30 years.

Sheldon taught Science and Outdoor Education as well as band. He plays drums with his brother Kerry and son Tanner for worship services and for local dances. Having an excellent photographic eye for wildlife he is President of the Wainwright Wildlife Society. Locally he plays accordion and sings at senior centers, as we were able to enjoy at our Kent Party Saturday evening.

Carrie teaches Math, English, Computer and Physical Education, and was a District Principal for 10 years. A competitive figure skater, and volleyball player with the team for the University of Alberta. In 1985 she competed in a fastball tournaments at the Canada Summer Games.

However, their childhood memories were of growing up on a farm near Kentvale on St. Joe's, and it is quite remarkable and wonderful that more than a century later you can enjoy a reunion with Kent cousins on the Island. May you all have

a joyful reunion! God Bless, Roger Kent.
Roger also sends the following.

Dear Harold: Congratulations and a very Happy 99th Birthday! I've been pouring over the Kent family tree and I think you have achieved a remarkable and unique longevity. To date I have not found any other Kent born family member who has lived as long as you! The entire Kent family celebrates your long and well-lived life; you are an inspiration to us all. God Bless, Roger

From Victoria, B.C. the Kents of line 3, send the following: We send Birthday wishes to Harold Kent on his 99th Birthday and Greetings to Carrie and Sheldon Frissell. Mom and I hope you all have a warm cheerful time with great stories to be exchanged. Many Blessings to you and all the Kent Clan, love from Bee Choptiany and Kathleen McCoy, her daughter.

Joseph R. and his wife Margaret Jane, (they are line eleven Kents from John & Mary who came to Canada in 1823 from England). They came to St. Joseph Island in 1875 settling in their two story log home down towards the shore from Holy Trinity Jocelyn Church. They raised eight children. All Kent's present are descended from their second child, Frederick Bentley Kent, M.M. Sheldon is descended from their second youngest child, Edna Jane, who married Dugald Carmichael and settled in Alberta.



Clan members travelled from Wainwright, AB, Saskatoon, SK, London, Toronto, Oshawa and Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario for this evening. David Kent from Kentvale, was our Master of Ceremonies for this event.

During the evening a Kent Kuiz was enjoyed with the correct answers providing a short Kent History. Door prizes and other prizes were presented.

Our guest of honour, Sheldon played his accordion and sang several comical songs, which were greatly enjoyed by all.

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Our number of units sold for the year to date is also up 11.1% from 1947.5 in 2023 to 2163 in 2024. To add to that, our average days on the market stayed even at 28 days.

These statistics when compared to the prior year are continually showing us a market that is trending upwards, with average sale prices increasing and the number of units sold increasing also. That's all from me this week!



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**Sept 20 - Regular Menu. Music
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Euchre every Monday at the RCL Br. 374 Lounge. 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome!

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The St. Joseph island and Area FOODBANK Opening hours 1 - 3 every Wednesday at Harmony-St. Mark's United Church, Richards Landing

Meals on Wheels Offered through the Dr. HS Trefry Centre Call 705 246 0036 for more information.

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became the I Line School. It was heated with a box stove that also heated up student lunches. Before its closing, the old log schoolhouse was used by 40-50 children. The new up to date school with large windows and indoor toilets was built in 1933 by Jack Currie. When the new school was opened A. Bruce Martin was the new teacher and he was paid an annual salary of \$650. This building was used until 1963, it then became a part of the St. Joseph Island Museum.

The Cheer School was located on the 10th Side Road, built in 1880. Mr. Cheer settled the property and a log school-house was built. TJ Foster was the first teacher.

Maple Hill replaced the Cheer School. It was built on the opposite side of the 10th Side Road at the Blind Line and this school was used until one room school houses were closed and students bussed to a central school.

In 1886 in Richards Landing, the Brandon Hall (built in 1878 by John Richards) was rented for 50 cents per year for the purpose of a school. The construction of seats, a new blackboard, one teacher's desk and two out buildings was \$70. Miss Josephine Kent was teacher and was paid \$200 per year. It operated for three years until 1890 when a new school was built on the present site of the elementary school. The land was purchased by John Richards for \$30. The construction of the school was \$620 and the very first teacher was Miss N. Ross in 1890-1891. In 1905 an expansion on the school was built for \$585, sadly this school was destroyed by fire in 1925. Classes had to be held elsewhere. Students were educated in an old store. A new three room brick school was built. Over the years many additions and improvements were made to the school especially in 1964 when the consolidation of all schools on the Island occurred. At that time 181 pupils were bussed to school.

Part three in next week's issue.
Carrie Kennedy-Uusitalo Curator

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On Saturday morning Barbie and John Kent toured Sheldon and Carrie to the St. Joe Museum, Kentvale Store, F.B. Kent homestead and Jocelyn Church.

Sunday morning Sheldon, Carrie and Marie, worshipped at Holy Trinity Jocelyn Church, where J.R. Kent was one of the three founding fathers. Descendants representing the Campbell and Young founding families were also present.

Truly the genealogy bug has bitten Carrie Frissell, as she was most interested in how and where everyone fit into the Kent family tree, those at the dinner and those in the cemetery, use of the numbering and colour coding systems put in use before computers 60 years ago by Marie.

They were delighted to hear the many family stories from cousin Harold, who kept us going until 11p.m on Saturday night.

Photos & Article by
Bentley Marie Eggesfield

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week's children's corner is of a tractor by Murray MacKay age 4
Submit drawings, poems, stories even business ideas to islandclippings@gmail.com

