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Photo L-R: Dive Life owner Steve Mervyn with Scrub the Tub volunteers Bill Dunlop, Magdalene Dunlop, Sean Kuhl, Mia Toose, Emily Caulfeild, Lily Stabenow and Chris Stabenow.

## 52nd Annual Chi-Cheemaun Weekend a Huge Community Success

Tammy Raycraft,  
Bruce Peninsula Press

The 52nd annual Chi-Cheemaun Festival kicked off June 10 with "Scrub the Tub". This year 42 people, including divers, volunteered their time to help clean the peninsula before the upcoming festival.

Participants were provided neon orange t-shirts, gloves, garbage bags and grabbers. There was also a group of students from St. Edmunds Public School that cleaned their regular route. Volunteers gathered more than 515 pounds of waste from around the Tobermory area.

"That is both impressive and disappointing," said Laura Bryan, Brand Ambassador at Blue Heron Company. "So sad that we are collecting so much."

Originally scheduled for June 9, the event was delayed by one day because of

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## 2nd Annual Checkerboard Challenge Radiothon Returns June 26

Submitted by April Patry,  
BPHF Executive Director

The Brightshores Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation (BPHF) invites the community to take part in the 2nd Annual Checkerboard Challenge

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## Local Donors Strengthen Future of Health Care with Gift to "The Super Dads Endowment Fund"

Media Release

June 15, 2026 – The Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation (BPHF) is proud to recognize Stephen and Bev Miller for their thoughtful and forward-thinking gift of \$10,000 through a donation of

publicly traded securities. As longtime supporters, this marks the first time the Millers have chosen this innovative giving option—making their contribution both a meaningful investment in the

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## Council Remains Undecided on Future of Cabot Head Road, Requests Cost Analysis

Tessa Swanton (Townson),  
Bruce Peninsula Press

A lengthy discussion on June 8th at the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP) Council table again resulted in no firm direction for the future of Cabot Head Road, which remains closed due to unsafe conditions. However, councillors used this opportunity to voice their opinions regarding road access.

In November 2025, Council endorsed a draft Operational Plan prepared by Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Peggy Van Mierlo-West, describing a combined hiking/biking trail and restricted vehicle access for specific

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Photo L-R: BPHF Board Directors; Brian Taylor, Linda Myles-Gallinger, Nancy Strang and Cathy Addison with Lindsay deMalmanche and Bev Miller.

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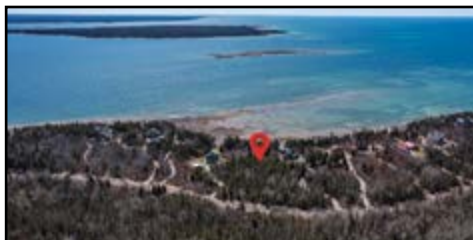
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# Connie Tackaberry Receives Award of Excellence for Volunteer Work at BPDS



Photo (L-R): Connie Tackaberry, Erin Goodyear, Melissa Davy, Paul Neuman, Katherine Reynolds-Tew and Brandon Kushnir. Absent: Theresa Quinn, Amanda Inglis.

Marianne Wood,  
Bruce Peninsula Press

Connie Tackaberry of Lion's Head was recently recognized with a 2025-2026 Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB) Award of Excellence during the board's year-end meeting on June 16.

Nominated by individuals within their school communities, recipients are community members who have made

outstanding contributions to support student success, exemplifying BWDSB's mission and values in action.

A long-time volunteer at Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) in Lion's Head, Tackaberry was honoured for her outstanding contributions in support of local students and her commitment to the school community.

Congratulations Connie on the well-deserved recognition.

## PAUL VICKERS, MPP

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# Robert Thompson Earns 3rd Place at OMFA Provincial Music Finals

Marianne Wood,  
Bruce Peninsula Press

LION'S HEAD, ONTARIO — A local youth is celebrating provincial success after an outstanding year of musical achievement.

Robert Thompson, a Grade 3 student at Bruce Peninsula District School, earned third place in the Popular Voice – Beginner Level (Ages 6-8) category at the 2026 Ontario Music Festivals Association Provincial Finals, held from June 8 to 13.

Robert qualified for the provincial competition following a strong performance at the Grey County Kiwanis Festival of Music in Owen Sound. At the provincial finals, he impressed judges with his performances of "Rockin' Robin" by Leon René (also known as Jimmie Thomas) and "What a Wonderful World" by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele.

Earlier in the festival season, Robert competed in the Popular Voice category at the Grey County Kiwanis Festival of Music, earning two Gold standings with impressive marks of 87 and 89.

Robert's accomplishments reflect his dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm for music. Advancing to the provincial level and placing among the top young vocalists in Ontario is a remarkable achievement for a performer of his age.

Family, friends, teachers, and supporters are celebrating Robert's success and the positive example he sets for other young musicians in the community.

"Robert worked so hard to prepare for Kiwanis and for Provincials! We are so proud of his commitment to the arts and can't wait to see what he does next." said Bruce Peninsula District School Music teacher Mrs. Collins.



Photo: Robert Thompson dressed to impress at the OMFA Provincial Music Finals.

"Congratulations Robert from all your family and friends" said Robert's mother Amanda Thompson. "A very special thank you to Mrs. Jordan Collins".

In addition to singing, Robert loves drawing, dinosaurs and soccer.

Congratulations to Robert on an exceptional festival season and a well-deserved third-place finish at the provincial finals.

# CANADA DAY WEEKEND In Northern Bruce Peninsula

## Le week-end de la Fête du Canada dans la Péninsule Bruce Nord

### WEDNESDAY JULY 1st TOBERMORY

TOBERMORY CANADA DAY MARKETPLACE  
10:00am to 2:00pm at the harbour

MUSIC AT THE HARBOUR  
Starts at 12:00pm - With Brian Taylor and Marty Oblak

ACTIVITIES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
10:00am to 1:00pm - while quantities last

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- Canada Day cupcakes
- Crafts for kids

### PIKE BAY CANADA DAY ACTIVITIES

1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Pike Bay Community Park

- Live music, hot dogs, kids and family friendly activities.
- Supported by volunteers from the the community and local organizations. Free event (donations gratefully received)

### LION'S HEAD MEET THE FALCONER AND HIS BIRDS

9:00am to 10:00am at Lion's Head Beach

CUPCAKES AND KIDS' CRAFTS  
10:00am to 1:00pm at Ferndale Information Centre,  
-While quantities last

FIREWORKS AT THE HARBOUR  
Lion's Head at Dusk

### FRIDAY JULY 3rd LION'S HEAD

HARBOURSIDE MUSIC  
7:00pm - 8:30pm at the beach in Lion's Head

BAYSIDE ASTRONOMY  
Lion's Head Marina at Dusk

### SATURDAY JULY 4th LION'S HEAD FARMERS' MARKET

Lion's Head Beach from 9:00am to 1:00pm

FREE HOTDOGS & CAKE  
In front of White's Garage in Lion's Head at 5:30pm  
Sponsored by the Lion's Head Community Bottle Fund & hosted by Lion's Head Fireman's Association

CANADA DAY PARADE  
Downtown Lion's Head at 7:00pm (Registration 6:30pm)  
Starts and ends at Bruce Peninsula District School (2 hour free parking downtown Lion's Head)

BAYSIDE ASTRONOMY  
Lion's Head Marina at Dusk

### SUNDAY JULY 5th THE ROTARY BIG BREAKFAST

At the Lion's Head Rotary Hall from 9:00am-11:30am

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# Pam Mielhausen Retiring After 30 Years in Education

## New VP Stéphanie Cantin Joins BPDS/St Eds for 2026/27 School Year

Media Release

Next school year will bring another change in administration at both of our Peninsula schools, as current Vice Principal Pam Mielhausen is retiring. Pam has dedicated 30 years to education, primarily serving students across Bruce County. Interestingly, her first long-term occasional teaching

position in 1996 was at St. Edmunds Public School in Tobermory when it had students from JK-Grade 6, under Principal Jim Oliver.

She later moved to Waterloo, where she taught for nine years before returning to the area in an administrative role. Over the past 21 years as a Vice Principal and Principal, Pam has served at Port Elgin-Saugeen Central, Arran-Tara Elementary, and École Hepworth Central Public School, before "coming home" to Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) and St. Edmunds Public School (St Eds). She has greatly enjoyed this past year, reconnecting with students, staff, and members of the community.

Pam leaves her role in excellent hands, as Stéphanie Cantin joins the school

as an experienced educator from the MonAvenir Catholic School Board. Ms. Cantin has taught at both the elementary and secondary divisions, served as a Program Coordinator for OYAP and Cooperative Education, and most recently worked as a Vice Principal.

Having purchased property on the Bruce Peninsula last year, Ms. Cantin has developed a deep appreciation for the area and is excited to live and work here full-time. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Cantin, who will be joining Mrs. Gilbert in leading the school into the next chapter.



Photo L-R: Bruce Peninsula District School /St Edmunds Public School Principal Lisa Gilbert and retiring Vice Principal Pam Mielhausen with incoming Vice Principal Stéphanie Cantin.

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# A Cappella Choir "Ladies of Note" Planning Summer Concerts July 11 & 13

Submitted by Denise Burnett

The Ladies of Note, an a cappella choir, is pleased to announce that they are having not one BUT two concerts this July!

Our first concert this summer will be held at a new venue for us, as we are hoping to share our music with a wider audience. Come join us at the Colpoys' Bay Women's Institute Hall on Saturday July 11th at 7:00 pm. Your presence is our biggest asset! Your attendance at this concert helps provide the resources our group needs to thrive.

Last year we held our very first Benefit Concert and it went over so well that we have decided to host another one this year.

Our second concert will be held at the Lion's Head United Church on Monday July 13th at 7:00 pm in support of The Women & Youth Crisis Centre Grey/Bruce. Want to support this worthwhile cause? Just show up! All donations from this concert will go to the Centre.

The Ladies of Note hope that you will come out and enjoy one or both of our concerts!



Photo: The a cappella group Ladies of Note preparing for their upcoming summer performances.

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## JOHN'S COLUMN

By John Francis

As the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula's Council slides towards its lame duck period prior to this fall's election, it is a good time to think about what has been accomplished (and what has not). I looked back five, ten, fifteen and twenty years to offer some context.

In 2006, two stories got a lot of space in this newspaper: the new National Park Visitor Centre and the decision to pave the East Road.

The visitor centre made our collection of land parcels feel like a real National Park. The building felt huge at the time, but that was before Facebook, Instagram and TikTok turned the park into a must-see destination.

The East Road didn't get a lot of traffic back then. Heck it doesn't get that much

## Pre-Election Thoughts – Looking Back on Twenty Years in MNBP

traffic even now. But the province and the feds were willing to pony up two thirds of the cost to pave it, because it was an important alternative evacuation route if Highway 6 ever got blocked. Staff recommended (and Council agreed) that a two-thirds cost subsidy was enough to push this project to the front of the line. The Public Works Manager told me that "water distribution systems" were a higher priority but that no funding was available for that project. (Twenty years later, Tobermory is still waiting for a water system.)

Also an issue in 2006 (and 2001 and 1996 and...) was the need for a stoplight at the intersection of Head Street and Highway 6 in Tobermory. I believe that when the new Council took office in late 2006, one of their first actions was to pass a resolution asking the Ministry of Transportation to install that light.

Fifteen years ago, in 2011, there was a lot going on. It was the second year for the Cardboard Boat Races at Chi-Cheemaun Weekend. Rob Hellyer brought the National Lacrosse League Champion's Cup to the Lion's Head Canada Day Parade. There were serious overcrowding problems at Indian Head Cove/The Grotto in Bruce Peninsula National Park.

The peninsula's increasing status as a destination was generating steadily heavier traffic on Highway 6. There were a lot of complaints about the lack of a stoplight at the intersection of Highway 6 and Head Street in Tobermory.

Ten years ago, in 2016, one of the major issues was a proposal to improve Isthmus Bay Road.

The cardboard boat Cheeky-Men raced for the first time. It has proved remarkably resilient, participating annually ever since, winning the children's races several times with several different crews, including four years running.

But tourism/overtourism was the main story in 2016. TripAdvisor rated Tobermory as the 4th most popular destination in Canada, behind Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. The crowding on Canada Day Weekend was bonkers. By late afternoon on Saturday, the National Park had turned away 1,836 cars on Cyprus Lake Road. That's about four per minute. Imagine what it must have been like that day — for park staff and for disappointed would-be visitors.

Traffic coming into Tobermory that year occasionally backed up to Cape Hurd Road. Cars were parking on both sides of Dorcas Bay Road, Little Cove Road and Moore Street in Lion's Head; it got so bad that ambulances or firetrucks wouldn't have been able to get through. And it wasn't just the parking. The crowding at Little Cove, Indian Head Cove/The Grotto and Singing Sands spoiled the experience for many visitors.

Spoiler Alert — it actually got worse

the following year, when the Canada 150 celebrations included free admission to the National Parks.

One of my Opinion Page pieces in 2016 talked about the long-anticipated stoplight at the intersection of Highway 6 and Head Street in Tobermory.

Five years ago — 2021 — was the second summer of the pandemic.

MNBP decided to levy a 4% Municipal Accommodation Tax on Short-term Accommodations (MAT on STAs).

Private parking lots in Tobermory proposed by the Bruce Anchor and Blue Heron companies were the subject of much controversy. Had Sauguen Ojibway Nation (SON) been adequately consulted before the permits were issued? After a great deal of argument, the permits were withdrawn.

Paid parking in Lion's Head caused a lot of problems in 2021 as summer visitors parked where they had always parked and came back to find a \$60 ticket under their windshield wiper.

A consortium of stakeholders was awarded a \$124,000 Trillium Grant to turn (washed out) Cabot Head Road into a hiking and cycling trail. (Spoiler Alert: it got bogged down in controversy and the issue is nowhere near resolved, five years later).

In an Opinion Page piece that summer, I noted that I had listened to three different Councils talking about how badly a stoplight was needed at the intersection of Highway 6 and Head Street in Tobermory.

A year and a half later, I listened to a fourth Council (the current one) agreeing that a stoplight was badly needed at the corner of Highway 6 and Head Street in Tobermory.

I'm sure that later this year, our next Council will pass a resolution that a stoplight is needed at Highway 6 and Head Street. Will it do any good?

## Letter: More Vandalism on Borden Drive

We are owners of a seasonal cottage on Borden Drive. It faces south towards the lake. In July last year we wrote about vandalism to our name sign on the signage frame at the corner of Borden and Dorcas Bay Road. It was removed from its slot and thrown into the forest. We finally moved the sign to a different location on the frame and have not had a repeat incident.

However, the vandalism continues. In 2018 we obtained a survey of our property to confirm the boundaries. The surveyors found a survey marker on the southeast corner of the properties that had been buried in rocks due to water and ice movement. The surveyors placed a stake in a rock cairn at the site of the pin. During the high-water period peaking in 2020 the pin was submerged, and the stake moved by the action of ice and water. In 2023 when the water receded, we found the pin again buried under rocks. We rebuilt the cairn and replaced the stake. We did the same to the marker on the southwest corner.

Late last summer we noticed that the southeast cairn had been disturbed and the stake removed. The southwest cairn and stake were not disturbed. We rebuilt the cairn and reset the stake, but a few weeks later we found that the cairn and stake were disturbed again. We then built a new cairn that was on our property and placed a stake on our property a few centimeters east of the pin, so that we were not intruding on our neighbor's lot. We sprayed both the stake and cairn in red.

On our first two trips to the cottage this year the cairn and stake were untouched. But when we arrived at our cottage earlier this week, we found that the stake had been broken and removed from the cairn (see photo). We reinserted the stake.

We do not know who is responsible for this vandalism, which may seem petty or harmless, but it is not. Disturbing a survey marker is in fact a serious offence under both federal and provincial law (see [www.aols.org/site\\_files/content/pages/resources/monument-protection/orcga-article.pdf](http://www.aols.org/site_files/content/pages/resources/monument-protection/orcga-article.pdf)).

We hope the perpetrators of this vandalism take note.

Patrick and Mary O'Rourke



Photo: The cairn marking the property edge disturbed and the stake broken.

## Three Weeks Until the Church of St. Edmund's Yard Sale July 18th

Submitted by Jane Greenhouse

The community yard sale hosted by The Church of St Edmund (the Church at the Gap) will take place on Saturday, July 18th from 9am-12pm.

The church will accept donation drop-offs from Monday, July 13th, to Friday, July 17th, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. We have already received generous donations, including a brand-new "Little Chief" Electric Smokehouse and three

bags of "Alders" all-natural wood chips—ideal for smoking this summer's catch.

Many people have also said they plan to bring interesting items during the week before the sale, knowing that all proceeds stay in Tobermory. This year, the income from the sale will go to support the Community Outreach programme and "Summer in the Spirit".

We look forward to seeing you July 18.

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## Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary Annual Yard Sale Extravaganza July 4 & 5

Submitted by Cathy Viscount

The time is drawing near for our Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary (LHHA) annual yard sale. Those of you in attendance last year know we lost power shortly after opening. We are hopeful that all the mischievous goblins stay away this year, but the "Firefly Sale" did make for a good story.

If you haven't already started to clear out items to donate now is the time. The sale is always the weekend following July 1st and as July 1st falls midweek this year the sale falls a little earlier than usual, too.

Drop off of donated goods is at the Lion's Head Arena, Friday, July 3rd from 8:00 until noon. Donations will be accepted at the back of the arena. (Please review the list of items that we cannot accept below.) The sale itself kicks off Saturday, July 4th at 8:00 sharp until 1:00 p.m. The doors open Sunday, July 5th at 10:00 a.m. closing promptly at noon.

Unlike many yard sales there are no prices marked on the items. At the checkout is where you make an offer and negotiate with our cashiers. For furniture items we have designated people with whom you can negotiate the price. This year we have two boutique areas; jewelry and collectible goods and new this year an art boutique. Do remember that every dollar raised, and that means EVERY dollar, supports the equipment and capital needs of our very own Lion's Head Hospital.

We are fortunate enough to have musical entertainment at the Yard Sale and the Lions Club will be providing a food booth on Saturday, as well. It's always nice to be able to take a load off your feet and enjoy something to eat and a cup of coffee or a soft drink. We always look forward to chowing down on their sausages and other delights.

And now for the list. Kindly remember that this list is in place for health and safety reasons. Our primary goal is to protect our shoppers, buyers and volunteers from items that could present a risk to health and safety. If you had considered donating any of these items please consider donating them elsewhere. The following items are not accepted: mattresses of any kind including mattresses on lounge chairs; knives of any description including hunting, fishing, camping and kitchen knives; weapons of any

kind; televisions, computers, keyboards, monitors; exercise equipment such as treadmills, stationary bikes or rowing machines; cribs and children's car seats; propane and gas tanks; anything that could be considered hazardous waste (solvents, paints, batteries); clothing, boots and shoes (save them for our autumn clothing drive); and finally major appliances. Kindly test items before donating to ensure that they do work.

We are so lucky to have such a generous community. Thank you for your ongoing support. Whether you are a permanent, seasonal, transient or passing through part of the community, we all benefit by maintaining good health care locally. We're in this together.

### When it Rains it Pours – Perennial Sale Gets Rained Out

The Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary Perennial sale this year took place under less-than-ideal circumstances. While the sale is always held rain or shine this year the heavens opened. The plants were well watered throughout but so, too, were the soggy shoppers and volunteers. Gardeners, however, are a hardy bunch and many brave souls came out to peruse and purchase new additions for their gardens. This year there was also on offer rhubarb stalks and mulch. Both sold well.

We would very much like to thank the following for their contributions and support: Everyone who donated perennials for the sale, Hastings Tree Services for the mulch, Blooming Lion Garden Centre for potting soil and Hellyer's Foodland. Donated items and support help us increase the funds raised while lowering expenses.

### 50/50 Draw: And the Winner Is...

The Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary held a 50/50 draw, winner to be drawn on June 6 at the Rock The Bruce (97.9) Birthday Party, a fundraising event for The Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation. All tickets sold, the draw took place and the lucky winner of \$990 was Lori Richer from Guelph.

Congratulations, Lori and thank you so much to everyone who purchased tickets. The proceeds from the draw will go towards funding an updated air conditioning system at Brightshores Lion's Head Hospital.

## Litter Ambassadors Continue to Keep the Bruce Clean & Green

Submitted by Keep the Bruce Clean & Green

The recent Scrub the Tub community cleanup, organized by Blue Heron Company with support from Keep the Bruce Clean & Green, was another great success, thanks to the efforts of volunteers and local organizations committed to keeping the Bruce Peninsula clean and beautiful.

The students at St. Edmunds Public School also participated in roadside cleanup excursions, collecting litter and demonstrating outstanding environmental stewardship. Rotarians and members of the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club participated in the "Butt Blitz", helping remove cigarette waste from public spaces and trails.

Bruce Peninsula District School and Bruce Peninsula Environment Group continued their commitment to the environment through their

annual roadside cleanup efforts. Their contributions, along with those of many other volunteers, help make a visible difference throughout the community.

The dedication of our Litter Ambassadors—young and old—continues to support the mission of Keep the Bruce Clean & Green, an inspiring example of what can be achieved when a community works together toward a common goal.

KTBC&G is always looking for volunteers to join our growing team of Litter Ambassadors. Tools and supplies are provided. Anyone interested in participating can contact Keep the Bruce Clean & Green by email at [keepthebruceclean@gmail.com](mailto:keepthebruceclean@gmail.com).



Photo: Free, effective advertising comes in different displays. Do you know what road this is on?

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# Tobermory United Annual Summer Chicken BBQ August 1st

Submitted by Rev. Sheryl Spencer

Tickets will become available July 1 for the Tobermory United Church Summer Chicken BBQ which will take place Saturday August 1. The Chicken BBQ has been a beloved Tobermory tradition for more than fifty years! Tickets are \$26.00, and each meal includes a barbecued half chicken, baked potato, sour cream, roll, coleslaw and dessert.

Though the meal used to be a sit-down affair, it's now a finely-tuned drive-through pickup at the church in Tobermory. Meals are also delivered, with thanks to Peninsula Parcel, to a pick-up point in Lion's Head.

To order tickets, please call 519-596-2227 or e-mail [tucbbqtickets@outlook.com](mailto:tucbbqtickets@outlook.com). For Lion's Head dinners, please call 519-793-3119. Tickets often sell out, so order early!

The Tobermory Thrift Shop, an initiative of Tobermory United, is doing a brisk business this summer! The purchase of a sea shipping container has given the Thrift Shop more space to collect donations. As a result, the Thrift Shop has been able to expand its hours and is now open for donations and sales every day of the week – except Wednesday and Sunday – from 1 to 4 p.m.

In coming days, if the weather cooperates, the sea container will be painted white to match the old settlement church that houses the main area of the Thrift Shop. Many thanks to the 38 volunteers that keep the Thrift Shop running and to this amazing community that offers a steady flow of donations. The Thrift Shop is located at 7101 Highway 6.

Tobermory United offered a meaningful and moving Pride service on June 7 featuring the hymn "An Ocean of Love" written and arranged by Mary-Ellen Kish and Gwen Chapman and sung by Peter van

Ryn, Michael Rouse, Pat Neuwelt and Rev. Sheryl. Each of the singers offered a reflection on a specific line from the hymn. The Pride flag has graced the entrance of Tobermory United for the month of June.

Summer in the Spirit, a joint initiative of Tobermory United and St. Edmund's Anglican, whose aim is to "Build Community, Honour the Sacredness of Place and Celebrate Spirit," will begin July 22 3:00 to 9:00 p.m., with a sacred fire, teachings and ceremony offered by Nawash Three Fires on the grounds of St. Edmund's Anglican. This is a come-and-go event, with a potluck feast at 6:00 p.m.

Residents, cottagers and tourists alike have all taken part in Summer in the Spirit in recent years, which will continue every Wednesday evening through to September with events such as – Brews and Hymns at the Legion (August 12); Songs of the Canadian Spirit with Brian Taylor and friends (July 29); a meditative forest walk (August 5); a concert in partnership with Music on the Bruce (August 26), and more! Watch for posters!



Photo: Smoke rises from Jim's Mobile Chicken BBQ at the Spring Chicken BBQ, as fixings for the dinner await pick-up. The Summer Chicken BBQ will be held August 1.

# 4th Annual Pike Bay Canada Day Celebration Set for July 1st

Tessa Swanton (Townson),  
Bruce Peninsula Press

The Pike Bay Community Association (PBCA) is hosting its 4th annual Canada Day Celebration at the Pike Bay Community Park (732 Pike Bay Road) on Wednesday, July 1st from 1-3pm. The park will be arranged with several local community organizations offering activities and information for guests. Attendees can expect to see the Bruce Men's Shed, St. Edmunds Bruce Peninsula Museum, and Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association, to name a few.

Like in past years, there will be many activities for children. A vibrant new playground structure — equipped with slides swings and an accessible ramp

and swing — is sure to be a huge hit with the young ones. The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Fire Department will be appearing with a bright red fire truck for young firefighter enthusiasts!

Hot dogs will be available during the event and live music will create a celebratory ambiance.

The event is free, but donations are greatly appreciated by the PBCA.

Locals are encouraged to walk or bicycle to the event as parking is limited. Please bring a water bottle to stay hydrated.

Volunteers are always welcome! To inquire about volunteering please email [pikebay.ontario@gmail.com](mailto:pikebay.ontario@gmail.com).

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## Sailboat Tryst Winner of 16th Annual Tigert Cup

Joanne Rodgers,  
Bruce Peninsula Press

Sailboat Tryst emerged the winner of the 16th Annual Tigert Cup. Dealing with the prospect of inclement weather throughout the weekend, the annual Spring boat races were held on Isthmus

Bay on 13 and 14 June 2026. Seven sailboats competed on Saturday with the races starting about 11 a.m. Five boats competed on Sunday. On both days the sailors had to deal with variable winds, anywhere from 4 to 14 knots out of the WNW.



Photo: Saturday morning of the 16th Annual Tigert Cup sailboat races on Isthmus Bay.

## 200 People Attend 91.9 The Bruce Birthday Dance Party

Joanne Rodgers,  
Bruce Peninsula Press

Two hundred patrons, coming from Owen Sound to Tobermory, turned out on June 6, 2026, to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the popular radio station 97.9/91.9 The Bruce.

On hand to provide entertainment for the dance party at the Lion's Head Arena were radio personalities "Longy and Brouger" and "Rockin Robin" along with the band RoadRash.

The lively party music brought many to the dance floor. There were also games and giveaways.

Overall, six hundred tickets were sold for the 50/50 draw offered by the Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary.

April Patry, Executive Director of Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation thanked the staff of Bayshore Broadcasting for their tremendous support to the community hospitals.

Funds raised from the Birthday Bash are to be donated to the Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation.

The final tally of the amount raised will be announced during the Second Annual Checkerboard Challenge Radiothon on June 26, 2026. Community members are invited to drop by the 97.9/91.9 The Bruce live broadcast location - The Shops at 84 Main in downtown Lion's Head. (see article on page 1)



Photo L-R: Dr Brian Taylor and 91.9 The Bruce Radio Personality Mike (Brouger) Brough.



Photo: Nancy Strang and Lauren Barrow from the Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary selling 50/50 tickets.

## Theft of Golf Cart in South Bruce Peninsula Under Investigation

OPP Media Release

(SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - The Grey Bruce Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is currently investigating the theft of a golf cart from a local business in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula.

On June 12, 2026, police received a report of a theft at a business located on Bruce Road 8. Investigation revealed that at approximately 5:00 a.m., a person of interest was captured on surveillance video entering the property and stealing a white older model gas powered Club Cart golf cart.

The golf cart has a ripped driver-side seat.

The person of interest is described as a taller individual, possibly walking with a limp.

If you or anyone you know has information that would assist in this investigation, please call the Grey County OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a secure web-tip at www.cstip.ca, where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2000.

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Especially thanks to my son Rob and his wife Andrea for putting it all together.

~George Bowman~



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- McCurdy Drive (May 15th to Oct 15th)

These maps outline the parking limits, rates and "Pay & Display" machine locations within Lion's Head and Tobermory.

#### Parking Violations:

Payments for parking violations can be made through the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula website:  
northbrucepeninsula.ca

### PARKING RATES

- 3 Hour Parking - \$3/hr
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- All-Day Parking - \$15/day

Pay and Display Machines are located throughout town. Parking stub must be placed on dash.

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- Non-resident parking passes are available to purchase for a fee of \$100 per year.
- Commercial (Bus) passes are available to purchase for a fee of \$300 per year.
- A parking pass does not at any time guarantee availability of a parking space.

#### HOW DO I OBTAIN A PARKING PASS?

Residents may apply in person at the Municipal Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, or by email to parking@northbruce.ca

If you have a Parking Pass you are not required to renew your pass unless you have changed vehicle ownership/licence plates.

#### WHAT IF I RENT LONGTERM OR HAVE MOVED BACK HOME?

- Vehicle ownership
- Government issued valid photo identification (e.g. Driver's Licence)
- Rental agreement, phone or a hydro bill that ties you to the property



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- Resident passes are limited to two (2) per improved (cottage) property. A maximum of only two (2) passes will be issued even if one person owns multiple properties. In the case of properties registered as corporate names, proof showing the principals of that corporation will be required.
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# Win Big While Keeping Care Close to Home: 50/50 Lottery Returns to Support Local Hospitals

Submitted by April Patry,  
Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation  
Executive Director

South Bruce Peninsula, ON — Get your tickets and get ready—because the Keeping Care Close 50/50 Lottery is back, and it's your chance to win big while making a meaningful difference in local healthcare.

Following the tremendous success of last year's lottery, which saw thousands of tickets sold and a massive \$30,910 jackpot won by Kris Dawson of Hepworth, the excitement is building once again. Previous winners have taken home impressive prizes, including \$35,670 claimed by Shelley Elliot of Sauble Beach in 2024, and Early Bird winners Terry and Mary Lynn Bernard of Pike Bay. Who will be this year's BIG winner? It could be YOU.

Beyond the thrill of winning, every ticket purchased plays a vital role in strengthening care at Brightshores Warton and Lion's Head Hospitals. Proceeds from last year's lottery funded critical pharmaceutical equipment, directly enhancing patient care when it mattered most.

This year, funds raised through the Keeping Care Close 50/50 Lottery will support a major upgrade to the Medical Device Reprocessing Department (MDRD)—an essential service for patients requiring scope-based procedures at Brightshores Warton Hospital. This important investment will strengthen

patient safety and infection prevention, improve access to endoscopy and diagnostic procedures, enhance workflow and efficiency for healthcare teams and support high-quality care for hundreds of patients each year.

"A modernized MDRD helps ensure the highest standards of safety, reliability, and quality," says Jamie Nigh Milbrandt, Manager of Brightshores Warton and Lion's Head Hospitals. "When reprocessing happens safely and efficiently, it strengthens every procedure and every patient experience. This upgrade is an investment in care for our entire community."

Every Ticket Grows the Jackpot. The more tickets sold, the larger the prize—meaning every ticket purchased increases the jackpot while helping keep exceptional care close to home.

Get your tickets now to have a shot at winning the early Bird Draw of \$2,500 on June 26, drawn live at 4pm on air during the Checkerboard Challenge Radiothon on CFOS 89.3 and The Bruce 91.9, broadcasting from downtown Warton and Lion's Head. The final 50/50 jackpot will be drawn at 9:00 p.m. on August 1 during Warton Homecoming Weekend at Bluewater Park.

Community members are encouraged to participate, spread the word, and be part of something that delivers both excitement and impact. Please visit [bphfoundation.com](http://bphfoundation.com) or call the foundation office at (519)534-5856.

## Checkerboard Challenge Radiothon Continued from page 1

Radiothon on Friday, June 26, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

More than a fundraiser, the Radiothon reflects a shared mission to advance rural healthcare—bringing together donors, partners, and the community to ensure access to high-quality care close to home.

The Foundation works to enhance local healthcare by uniting donors in funding vital equipment, programs, and technology that keep hospitals strong. In a rural region, this care depends on partnership, leadership, and community commitment.

This year, that collaboration grows stronger with the addition of CFOS 89.3, joining The Bruce 91.9 as a second Bayshore Broadcasting partner.

**Listeners and supporters are encouraged to visit the live broadcast locations:**

- 91.9 The Bruce at The Shops at 84 Main, downtown Lion's Head
- CFOS 89.3 between TD Bank and The Bread Bowl, downtown Warton

Both sites will feature a fun, welcoming atmosphere with live music, a hotdog BBQ by donation, and opportunities to connect and give back.

"Together with Bayshore Broadcasting, we're proud to create a day that celebrates the strength of our community and our shared commitment to local care," said April Patry, Executive Director. "Their deep local roots and trusted voices help inspire generosity and connection across the region."

A highlight of the day will be the Keeping Care Close 50/50 Early Bird draw, featuring a \$2,500 prize, taking place at 4:00 p.m. at the CFOS broadcasting tent in Warton.

Community members are encouraged to listen in or stop by, grab a hotdog, purchase a lottery ticket, make a donation, and enjoy the day—all in support of a cause that impacts everyone.

With a goal of \$100,000, this year's Radiothon will support two essential priorities that directly enhance patient care across the region.

Proceeds will support a major renovation of the Brightshores Warton MDRD (Medical Device Reprocessing Department), modernizing the space where surgical instruments and equipment are cleaned, sterilized, and prepared for patient use—an essential part of safe, high-quality care.

The upgrade will enhance workflow, strengthen infection prevention, and better support Bruce Peninsula patients requiring endoscopy procedures.

Funds will also support the purchase of five ceiling lifts for the Regional ICU, enhancing both safety and dignity in patient care. These systems enable healthcare teams to move and reposition patients more safely, reducing the risk of injury while improving comfort and supporting recovery in a critical care setting.

Together, these investments will transform community generosity into meaningful improvements in safety, dignity, and quality of care.

As a rural community, access to care close to home is essential. Through this expanded Radiothon, the Foundation and Bayshore Broadcasting share a common goal: ensuring patients and families can receive the care they need—when they need it, without having to leave home.

If you would like to join in with support, you can donate at [bphfoundation.com](http://bphfoundation.com) or call (519)534-5856.

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# Rotary Club July 5th Pancake Breakfast To Be Held At Rotary Hall

Submitted by Rob Hiscott

Our next community Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Rotary Hall (59 Main Street, Lion's Head) on Sunday, July 5th, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM on the coming Canada Day holiday weekend.

We anticipate that the new concrete patio at the front of the Hall will be open by then, and additional picnic table seating will be available outside of Rotary Hall, in addition to table seating inside the main Hall.

Come join us for a delicious breakfast of buttermilk & vanilla pancakes with real maple syrup, scrambled eggs, pork sausages, seasoned hash browns, orange juice and coffee/tea, served by Rotarians and Friends of Rotary.

Once again, Rotary thanks our individual and corporate sponsors who generously donate product and money to help defray our costs of putting on these breakfast events, allowing us to return more of the proceeds back to the community of Northern Bruce Peninsula! We hope to see you at our next Pancake Breakfast at Rotary Hall!

Our next Friday Pub Night at the Rotary Hall will be July 3rd, followed by Pub Nights on July 17th and 31st. In addition to a wide range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, a variety of snacks are available at Rotary Pub Nights. Please join us for fun Friday Pub Nights at the Rotary Hall!

## Super Dads Endowment Fund Continued from page 1

future of local healthcare and a notable milestone in their philanthropic journey.

The Millers have directed their gift to a fund established in 2021 by the Savage and Miller families.

The "Super Dads Endowment Fund" will support Brightshores Lion's Head Hospital in perpetuity, ensuring that their future generations continue to enjoy the benefits of a well-equipped hospital in Northern Bruce Peninsula.

"We are so grateful to Stephen and Bev for their continued leadership in giving," said April Patry, Executive Director of BPHF. "This gift not only reflects their deep commitment to family and community—it also demonstrates a powerful and often underutilized way to give that can make an even greater impact."

By donating appreciated securities such as stocks or mutual funds directly to a registered charity, donors can avoid paying capital gains tax while still receiving a charitable tax receipt for the full market value of the gift. This makes donating securities one of the most tax-efficient ways to support causes that matter.

For the Millers, it was an opportunity to maximize their impact while building on a legacy they had already begun. "This Endowment fund describes my dad (Alfred Savage) perfectly," said Bev Miller. "He was a super dad. He was a gentle, caring, giving soul that always helped those in need in his community. Now like him, I want to be helpful and giving to my community. I have seen this community step up so many times to support healthcare here on the Bruce Peninsula which is a vital part of any community. I am stepping up by donating to the Super Dad's Endowment Fund so it will give back every year. If you are able, I urge you to donate to the Bruce Peninsula Hospital Foundation. No donation is too small. It all helps keep healthcare close to home."

Unlike one-time donations, endowed funds are designed to last forever. The original gift is invested, and only a portion of the annual income it generates is granted each year to support priority equipment, technology, and patient care enhancements. The fund continues to grow, ensuring a steady, reliable source of funding in perpetuity.

The "Super Dads Endowment Fund," was established to honour the important role fathers play in families and communities. It is a powerful example of how philanthropy can reflect personal values while creating lasting change.

Graduation ceremony for Grade 12 graduates of Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) will be held at the school on the evening of Thursday, June 25th. Members of the Rotary Scholarships Committee (Gwen Bestard, Doug Embleton, and your Rotary reporter Rob Hiscott) will attend this event to celebrate the graduating class and present four Rotary scholarships and award valued at \$1,500 each to support graduates pursue post-secondary studies.

Rotarians will present the 'Highest Academic Proficiency' Scholarship (to the graduating student with the highest Grade 12 average), the Bob Spearing 'Service Above Self' Scholarship (to a student whose community volunteer and extra-curricular activities best exemplify the Rotary motto of 'Service Above Self'), the Keith Hopkinson Memorial Scholarship (to a graduate proceeding into a post-secondary program in a medical, health or related field), and the Mary Cameron Award for 'Most Improved Student' (to the graduating student who has shown the most improvement over the course of their high school studies).

Your local Rotary Club has supported graduates of BPDS in their pursuit of post-secondary studies through scholarships and awards since 1972, over half a century! The names of this year's Rotary scholarship and award recipients will appear in the next Rotary article in Bruce Peninsula Press.

"With this gift, the Millers are not only supporting care today—they are helping to secure the future of local healthcare," added Patry. "Endowment giving allows donors to turn a single act of generosity into a lifetime of impact."

As healthcare needs continue to grow, innovative and sustainable approaches to giving are more important than ever. The Millers' decision to donate securities and contribute to an endowed fund offers a model that others in the community may wish to consider.

"This type of giving is accessible to more people than many realize," said Patry. "Whether you are planning your estate, reviewing your investment portfolio, or simply looking for a meaningful way to give, donating securities to an endowed fund can be a powerful option."

Through their generosity, Stephen and Bev Miller are helping ensure that patients across the Bruce Peninsula will continue to benefit from excellent, close-to-home care—today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.

For more information about donating securities or establishing an endowment fund, please contact the Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation.

# Harbourside Music to Feature Twenty Seven Live Acts in 2026

Submitted by Dominik Franken

Do you enjoy live music? Then you are in for a treat. Harbourside is a local music festival featuring 3 live acts every Friday evening at the Harbourside Stage located at the Marina in Lion's Head. The music starts at 7pm and normally finishes before 9pm. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy our performers in magical surroundings. All events are free, donations welcome.

Harbourside started this year on the 19th of June. The opening musicians were Solo act Gibbram Aka Chief, Tobermory's duo The glowing Coles and local adventurer and environmentalist Scott Parent.

In case of rain, the Rotary Hall in Lion's Head on Main Street provides an alternate venue.



Photo: Barry Diamond and friends perform on the Harbourside stage at last year's Harbourside Music.

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# Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Minutes May 25, 2026

Members Present: Rod Anderson, Deputy Mayor, Todd Dowd, Councillor, Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Councillor, Aman Sohrab, Councillor

Members Absent: Milt McIver, Mayor

Staff Present: Peggy Van Mierlo-West, Chief Administrative Officer, Alexandra Croce, Clerk, Mark Coleman, Parks and Facilities Manager, Kara Smith, GIS/IT Manager, Emily McDougall, Chief Building Official, Cally Mann, Deputy Clerk, Bob Stewart, Committee and Planning Coordinator

## 1. Call to Order and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Deputy Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and Council members were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof that may arise during the meeting.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

a. Approval of the Agenda

13-01-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden

That the content of the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

## 3. Adoption of the Minutes

a. Re: Council Meeting No. 26-12, May 11, 2026

13-02-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That the minutes of Council Meeting No. 26-12, May, 11, 2026 be approved.

Carried

4. Delegations – a. Nil

## 5. Consideration of Agenda Items

### Bruce County Planning

#### a. Addendum to Zoning By-law Amendment - Z-2025-080 (Buchanan c/o Davidson)

Deputy Mayor Anderson welcomed Bruce County Planner, Megan Stansfield to the Council meeting.

Ms. Stansfield provided Council with an overview of the changes made, based on comments provided at the public meeting, held on April 27, 2026, regarding Application Z-2025-080.

Council requested clarification on the lot grading and frontage concerns.

Ms. Stansfield confirmed that a lot grading and drainage plan will be required.

13-03-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council approve Addendum to Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2025-080 by Buchanan and the necessary by-law be placed on an upcoming Council agenda for adoption.

Carried

#### b. Zoning By-law Amendment - Z-2025-081 (Loney c/o Davidson)

Bruce County Planner, Megan Stansfield, provided an overview of Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2025-081.

Ms. Stansfield left the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

13-04-2026

Moved by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council approve Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2025-081 by Loney and the necessary by-law be forwarded to Council for adoption.

Carried

## Office of the CAO

### a. CA026-05 Lion's Head Shuttle System

Peggy Van Mierlo-West, CAO provided Council with an overview of the report and noted a slight increase in cost.

Council asked about the potential of receiving a report on the usage of the service, and asked about the insurance reimbursement.

13-05-2026

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That Council receives the report titled 2026 Lion's Head Shuttle Service Agreement; and;

That Council approves entering into an Agreement with Golden Dawn Senior Citizen Home for the provision of shuttle services within the Village of Lion's Head from July 3, 2026 to September 7, 2026, and;

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Agreement between the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula and Golden Dawn Senior Citizen Home for the provision of shuttle services within the Village of Lion's Head.

Carried

6. Ms. Stansfield left the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

## Treasury

### a. Accounts Payable Voucher Re: March and April 2026

13-06-2026

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That Council receives approved Accounts Payable Voucher for March 2026, in the amount of \$5,333,295.65 and April 2026, in the amount of \$1,136,903.83.

Carried

## Parks and Facilities

### a. PF26-08 Lease Agreement for Stokes Bay Community Centre

13-07-2026

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden

That Council receives report PF26-08 Lease Agreement for Stokes Bay Community Centre; and

That Council approves entering into a Lease Agreement between The Stokes Bay Community Centre Group and the Municipality for occupation and use of the Stokes Bay Community Centre, and;

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Lease Agreement between The Stokes Bay Community Centre Group and the Municipality for occupation and use of the Stokes Bay Community Centre.

Carried

### b. PF26-09 Vending Machine Services Lion's Head Harbour

Council requested clarification on provided services and potential impact on local businesses.

13-08-2026

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That Council receives report PF26-09 Vending Machine Services Lion's Head Harbour for information; and

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with 11135511 Canada Inc. for machine services agreement with as a trial for the 2026 season at Lion's Head Harbour.

Carried

## Building Department

### a. BD26-10 Amend Holding Zone Provision - 35 Howard Bowman Dr

13-09-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives report BD26-10 Lift Holding Zone (H) – 35 Howard Bowman Drive for information; and

That the removal of the Holding "H" zone requested by Mr. Thomas Martin Lee Cowan & Ms. Donna Lynn Cowan of the properties legally described as Plan 571 Lot 155, Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula be approved, and;

That Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to lift the Holding "H" zone.

Carried

## 7. Committee Minutes

### a. Drainage Committee

Deputy Mayor Anderson requested clarification on the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association re-directing water to Judges Creek.

### b. Chi-Cheemaun Committee

### c. Physician Recruitment and Retention

## 8. Correspondence - for Information

a. Bruce Peninsula National Park, 2026 Community Days

b. Grey Bruce Public Health West Nile Virus Year End Report 2025

c. Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Municipal Compliance Results, 2025

All correspondence items were noted and filed.

9. Other Business - Nil

## 10. Closed Session

a. Closed Session

13-10-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council move into a closed meeting with the CAO, and Clerk in attendance pursuant to Section 239 (2)(b) of The Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the following reasons:

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; specifically related to a personnel update.

Carried

b. Reporting Out

Council met in closed session with the CAO and Clerk in attendance regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees specifically related to a personnel update. Council approved the closed session minutes from May 11, 2026.

## 11. Reading of By-laws

a. BY-LAW 2026-45 - Amend Zone for Holding Provision - 35 Howard Bowman Dr

b. BY-LAW 2026-46 - Being A By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on May 25, 2026.

13-11-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden

That the listed by-laws be given a first, second, and third reading, and enacted.

Carried

## 12. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn

13-12-2026

Moved by Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That the meeting adjourns at 1:56 p.m.

Carried

Original signed by Rod Anderson, Deputy Mayor and Alexandra Croce, Clerk



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## Great Lakes Explorer, Filmmaker and Bruce Peninsula Resident Yvonne Drebert Receives National Geographic 2026 Wayfinder Award

Media Release

SAUGEEN PENINSULA, ONTARIO, June 2026 — Today, Inspired Planet Productions proudly announced that Yvonne Drebert, documentary filmmaker, freshwater explorer, and co-founder of Inspired Planet Productions, has been named a 2026 recipient of the Wayfinder Award presented by Kia, an honour extended annually to 15 visionaries whose outstanding achievements in science, conservation, education, technology and storytelling further the National Geographic Society's mission to illuminate and protect the wonder of our world.

Drebert is being recognized for her dedication to freshwater exploration and conservation in North America's Great Lakes region. Through her work at Inspired Planet, she has helped pioneer the use of advanced underwater robotics to document rarely seen freshwater ecosystems and behaviours, including capturing the first known footage of wild lake whitefish spawning, co-leading the discovery of the shipwreck Africa in Lake Huron, and most recently exploring Superior Maximus, the deepest point in the Great Lakes, as part of an ongoing effort to reveal the hidden biodiversity of North America's freshwaters.

"Receiving this award during the same week that we explored Superior Maximus, feels especially meaningful," said Drebert. "Our team spends much of its time using underwater robots to venture into places that are rarely seen and often overlooked. Whether we're documenting aquatic life, exploring shipwrecks, or diving to the deepest reaches of the Great Lakes, our goal is always the same: to reveal the wonder of the freshwater world and inspire people to care about it."

Drebert's work has reached audiences through award-winning documentaries, educational initiatives, museum exhibits, live-streamed underwater expeditions, and partnerships with scientists, conservation organizations, Indigenous communities, and public broadcasters. Today, Drebert is channeling the skills, knowledge, and exploration tools she has spent decades developing into her most ambitious project yet: Hidden Below: The Great Lakes. Currently in production, the feature-length wildlife documentary will take audiences beneath the surface of the Great Lakes and their tributaries to reveal a freshwater world every bit as dramatic, surprising, and awe-inspiring as any ocean.

While the Wayfinder Award presented by Kia recognizes an individual, Yvonne is quick to point out that meaningful



exploration is always a team effort. She works most closely with her husband and co-founder of Inspired Planet, Zach Melnick. The husband-and-wife team have spent more than two decades bringing stories from the natural world to audiences around the globe.

"As Yvonne's creative partner I've had the privilege of watching her pursue ideas that many people initially thought were impossible," said Zach Melnick. "She has an incredible ability to combine curiosity, persistence, and storytelling in a way that inspires others to see freshwater differently."

"Every step forward has been a shared effort. This award is a wonderful acknowledgement of the many scientists, partners, crew members, and supporters who have joined us on this journey," said Drebert from the water as the team continues filming for Hidden Below: The Great Lakes. "I couldn't be more excited for what comes next."

To learn more about Yvonne Drebert's work and the 2026 Wayfinder Award presented by Kia, please visit: <https://news.nationalgeographic.org/national-geographic-society-honors-15-bold-changemakers-with-2026-wayfinder-award-presented-by-kia/>

About Inspired Planet Productions: Inspired Planet Productions is an Ontario-based documentary production company dedicated to exploring and communicating the natural world through innovative storytelling. Founded by filmmakers Yvonne Drebert and Zach Melnick, the company specializes in science, conservation, and environmental documentaries that connect audiences with the hidden wonders of freshwater ecosystems. Their productions have been broadcast internationally and have helped advance scientific understanding while inspiring public engagement in conservation.

Yvonne Drebert and Zach Melnick reside in Miller Lake, Ontario.

## "Hike For Hospice" Nearing \$35,000 Goal, Not Too Late to Donate



Photo: The 2026 Hike for Hospice volunteers and participants at the Bluewater Outdoor Education Centre on June 7th.

Submitted by Bonnie Warder

The weather was beautiful for the Hike for Hospice on June 7th! The annual fundraising hike was held at the Bluewater Outdoor Education Centre in South Bruce Peninsula, and it was a wonderful location for our hikers to experience.

The participants, volunteers, Hospice Staff and Directors gathered in the Meeting Room for registration and the "Kick-off" ceremony. Board of Directors Chair, Bill Klingenberg, opened the event with the Land Acknowledgement and introduced Heather Dunlop as the new Executive Director of Bruce Peninsula Hospice. Heather welcomed everyone and outlined how the afternoon would unfold.

The organization of this event was managed by Theresa Coburn. She introduced South Bruce Peninsula Mayor Jay Kirkland and Northern Bruce Peninsula Mayor Milt McIver and both expressed their appreciation for the great service provided by Bruce Peninsula Hospice.

Theresa read a letter of encouragement from MP Alex Ruff, who also expressed his regrets at not being in attendance.

Board of Directors Chair, Bill Klingenberg thanked the sponsors, hikers and those that made donations for this year's hike. Thanks to the Bluewater Outdoor Education Centre for the use of the facility and the staff that provided the hikes and made them so interesting with their commentary.

The sponsors for this year's fundraiser were Bruce Power, EPH Tools, Walker Industries, Sunshine Drugs McKenzie's IDA, and Middlebro' and Stevens. We appreciate your support!

In the past several years, Bob Cunningham worked very hard to make the "Hike for Hospice" successful by making the arrangements for the event and collecting and inspiring donations.

Although Bob could not attend this year, he was recognized for his huge contributions. Bruce Peninsula Hospice is so grateful for his assistance and support. Thanks Bob!

The Hike was followed by refreshments and a time to socialize.

A special thank you to all of our participants, our donors, our sponsors, the Bluewater Outdoor Education Staff, and Foodland Warton for the sandwiches and donated dessert trays.

We are close to our goal of raising \$35,000 this year, and it would be great if we reached that amount by July 1. If you would like to donate, please visit our website [www.bphospice.ca](http://www.bphospice.ca) and click on the Hike for Hospice link, or stop by our office in the Warton Hospital! We are just inside the double doors to the left.



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# Biosphere Association Honours Elizabeth Thorn for 18 Years of Environmental Stewardship

Submitted by Donna Cole

The Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association (BPBA) is bidding farewell to its longest-serving and most influential board member.

After 18 years of volunteer service, Elizabeth Thorn is stepping down from the BPBA Board of Directors, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of environmental leadership, community engagement, and conservation achievements across the Bruce Peninsula.

Elizabeth joined the Biosphere Association in 2008, bringing a strong business background and a passion for protecting the natural environment. Over the years, she became a driving force behind many of the organization's most significant initiatives. Alongside her husband Jeremy, she devoted countless volunteer hours to grant writing, financial management, project development and management, and strategic planning.

"As Board Chair for 14 years, Elizabeth has helped shape the Biosphere Association into the organization it is today," said Victoria Lant, the current Board Chair. "Her vision, dedication, and leadership have had a lasting impact on conservation efforts throughout the region."

Elizabeth's first strategic initiative as Board Chair was advocating for dark sky protection, as a dark sky is an important part of habitat. Together with Doug and Paula Cunningham, she conceived and launched Bayside Astronomy. Since 2010, it has been enjoyed by over 20,000 people who now know the importance of preserving a dark sky and how to do it! Mike Warkentin, Dark Sky Board Lead for several years now, continues this crucial program.

Next, working with Sean Liipere and a 20 person Steering Committee, the board created the region's first Conservation and Stewardship Plan which helps guide sustainable development while protecting the globally significant biodiversity that earned the region its UNESCO Biosphere Reserve designation.

Recognizing the importance of collaboration among environmental organizations Elizabeth worked to convert the Steering Committee into the Environmental Network which today meets twice yearly to share ideas, reducing duplication and realizing economies of scale.

As water quality is foundational to habitat health, Elizabeth worked with Neils Munk to develop and implement the Six Streams Project, her third strategic initiative. John Rodgers, VP, leads this important project today. It is a water quality initiative that works with local farmers and has installed more than 25 kilometres of fencing along inland waterways and provided incentives to landowners to replace problem septic systems polluting a watercourse. The project helps protect sensitive stream ecosystems by having properly functioning septic systems and maintains agricultural productivity through alternative livestock watering systems.

Worried about an overreliance on government grants, in 2018 Elizabeth designed and launched EcoAdventures, a social enterprise that combines environmental education with fun outdoor adventures in small groups for a fee. Working together with Graham Thomas, Rick Roman and Caeli Mazara, Eco Adventures has reached 1,000 people with adventures such as Snowshoe to the Grotto, Owl Prowl and Brave the Caves. Dr. Mike Sehl, current Board Lead, has developed new partnerships with SON, schools and other groups and revitalized Saugeen Sojourn, offering participants an immersive overnight Anishinabee cultural experience with four guided experiences in Neyaashiinigiing.

Elizabeth also played a leading role in the development of the Climate Action Plan for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. In concert with Mike Campbell, Glen Estill and Rod Layman, they brought together community

organizations, local residents, and municipal leaders to create a roadmap for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building community resilience.

Other projects she championed with John Rodgers include an innovative bioremediation program aimed at removing phosphorus from agricultural runoff.

She is proud of saving a wetland from becoming an ATV park and in 2021/22 spearheaded the purchase of a 100-acre wetland property. Working with Board Members Dr. Kathryn McLeod and John Rodgers she is pleased that the property has been cleaned up and restoration is continuing.

Her commitment to community fundraising has also left a lasting mark. She created the annual Easter Egg Fundraiser, a popular event enjoyed by local families and supported through the years by Chief Easter Bunnies Sue Ellen and Tom Boyle, and Pat Sein. Lotteries started by Elizabeth continue to be an important fundraiser and Board Lead Pat Sein has tickets for this summer's raffle.

Throughout her tenure, Elizabeth remained focused on building partnerships and creating practical solutions to environmental challenges while inspiring others to become involved. Although she is stepping down from the Board, colleagues say her influence will continue to be felt through the many projects she helped establish and the strong foundation she leaves behind.

The Biosphere Association expressed its gratitude for Elizabeth's years of service at its recent AGM. Elizabeth noted that the organization remains in very capable hands under the



Photo: The BPBA Dark Sky Committee holding Milky Way chocolate bars in 2011. L-R: Doug Cunningham, Elizabeth Thorn, Jeremy Thorn, Rod Steinacher (front), Jim Kuellmer, Ken Clark, Tom Boyle, Jessica McGarry and name unavailable at press time. (Missing from photo Paula Cunningham).

leadership of Board Chair Victoria Lant.

For the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association and the many community members who have worked alongside her, Elizabeth Thorn's contributions represent nearly two decades of dedication to protecting and enhancing one of Canada's unique and ecologically important regions.



Photo: Celebrating the solar powered Cattle Watering Systems in 2015, part of the Biosphere's Six Streams Project. L-R: Elizabeth Thorn, MP Larry Miller, Neils Munk, Findlay Cameron, John Rodgers and Tom Boyle.

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## Fresh Threads – Game On!



Submitted by Pam Mielhausen, Vice-Principal  
Bruce Peninsula District School

Photo: Check out our new t-shirts! Our Panthers will be attending the BESC (Bluewater Elementary Sports Council) Track and Field Meet in style, thanks to the generous support of the Kaydence Ford Athletic and Trades Foundation and Spring Meadows Ranch, owned by Earl Cameron and family.

These shirts will be worn with pride by many B.P.D.S. (Bruce Peninsula District School) Panthers for years to come.

## Debunking the Myths: BPBA and Climate Action Committee Seminars Spark Intense Interest in EVs

Submitted by Donna Cole

Last month, the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association (BPBA) and the Municipal Climate Action Committee hosted two highly successful electric vehicle (EV) seminars in Lion's Head and Tobermory. Driven by soaring gas prices, more than 50 residents attended to explore the realities of EV ownership and dismantle the common myths circulating on social media. Ironically, we are now fortunate to have the EV charging stations working again at the Tobermory community while the closest gas station is Ferndale.

### Simplicity, Efficiency, and Major Savings

Attendees learned that EVs are fundamentally simpler machines than internal combustion vehicles (ICE). By eliminating complex components like transmissions, mufflers, radiators, timing belts, and fuel injectors, EVs radically reduce maintenance needs—meaning drivers can say goodbye to routine oil changes.

EVs are also vastly more efficient:

- Energy Efficiency: EVs convert 95% of their electrical energy into motion.
- Gas Vehicle Waste: Conventional cars waste 75% of their fuel energy as excess heat. At a gas price of \$1.75/litre, that equates to wasting \$1.30 of every litre purchased.

### Overcoming the Misinformation Fog

The seminars directly addressed prominent anti-EV objections, which are often amplified by groups with financial

or political interests that benefit from stalling the green transition.

**The Fire Myth:** While EV lithium-ion fires burn hot and require specialized extinguishing techniques, data shows that EVs are 20 times less likely to catch fire than gasoline cars. Gas cars essentially carry highly volatile fuel, yet EV incidents receive disproportionate media coverage.

**The Battery Longevity Myth:** Attendees often ask, "What if the battery fails?" In reality, modern battery packs routinely outlast the lifespan of the vehicle itself. Furthermore, robust manufacturer warranties—frequently covering 8 years or 160,000 km—provide substantial peace of mind.

### Real-World Insights from Local Drivers

A lively panel of local EV owners—including Terri Munn, Dr. Adam Matheson, Mike Campbell, Glen Estill, and Tim Matheson—shared their diverse experiences driving everything from the Kia EV and Chevy Bolt to the Tesla and Ford F-150 Lightning and Silverado EV pickups.

The panel highlighted key lifestyle benefits:

- 90% of charging is done conveniently at home, allowing drivers to wake up to a "full tank" every morning.

Ultimately, the consensus was clear: between the low cost of ownership, instant torque, and a quiet, smooth ride, EVs are no longer just the future of transportation on the Peninsula—they are the present.

## Bruce Men's Shed "Flamin' Idiots" Competes at Annual Cardboard Boat Races



Photo Credit: Jack Salen

Photo: Vessel "Flamin' Idiots" (right) crewed by Geoff Cunliffe (far right) and volunteer from the crowd, Gavin Belsher, collide with Dana Holmes in "Moby Dunk" at the annual Chi-Cheemaun Weekend Festival cardboard boat races.

Submitted by Gerry Tilmans,  
Team Leader

On Saturday June 13 our group entered the Chi-Cheemaun Festival's cardboard boat race. Once again the intrepid "Flamin' Idiots" took to the water. Retired seaman Geoff Cunliffe was able to rope a volunteer from the crowd, Gavin Belsher, to climb aboard and paddle. After making it through the first heat, they lost the second but had fun in the process. Better luck next year!

On Saturday May 30th we held a bicycle tuneup event at the Lion's Head Farmers' Market that drew a lot of attention. We are considering a second round, likely in mid-July.

Come out to Pike Bay Wednesday July 1 for the Canada Day festivities at Pike Bay Community Park, 732 Pike Bay Road. We will have an information booth and will bring birdhouse kits for kids of all ages to assemble with the help of parents or Bruce Men's Shed guys. The kits are free but donations are always accepted!

This year at the Wiarton Homecoming Festival we will be selling pulled pork sandwiches again on Saturday August 1 at Bluewater Park in Wiarton. The festival runs Friday July 31 to Sunday August 2.

Ever since our group formed we have been receiving donated tools, usually in ones or twos, sometimes in a small batch. This spring we received a generous amount of tools from Judy and Larry Miller (thank you to Dan Bryans for that connection), and recently took in an entire workshop from another North Bruce resident. After spending hours categorizing the tools into a spreadsheet, the list was shared with our members with the intent of setting up a lending library. The next job is to figure out where to store all of these tools, and possibly share with other groups.

Our next monthly meeting is Saturday September 19 from 9am-11am but every Monday morning we gather for coffee from 9am-11am at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 202, 6 Hellyer Road on Highway 6, 4 km north of Ferndale. Doors open at 8:45 am. There is also a Bruce Men's Shed coffee gathering every Wednesday at 10:00 am in Wiarton at 451 Frank Street, Matthew Mutch hosting.

If you would like further information on how to get involved with the Men's Shed movement, please contact us at brucemensshed@gmail.com or call Gerry at (519) 793-3005.

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# Bruce County Memories

## John A. Macdonald's Perilous Adventure on The Ploughboy

Submitted by Robin Hilborn,  
Bruce County Historical Society  
Written by John C. Carter

It all began as a pleasure excursion. The Sheriff of Simcoe County, Benjamin Walker Smith, had invited premier John A. Macdonald and members of his cabinet on a planned five-day outing to Sault Ste. Marie, aboard the steamer Ploughboy. The party left Toronto by train and headed to Collingwood, where they boarded the Ploughboy and departed on July 3, 1859, up-bound for Sault Ste. Marie.

Those aboard included John A. Macdonald, some of the most prominent gentlemen of the province, head officers of government, over 30 members of the Parliament of Canada West and many others, with friends and family. The Chicago Press & Tribune wrote, "...everything promised a delightful voyage for the distinguished company of excursionists." Unfortunately, such was not to be the case.

While on course to Little Current, on Manitoulin Island, the steamer's cross-heads snapped without any explanation. This happened in the North Channel just off Lonely Island, in Georgian Bay. Mr. Davis, the Ploughboy's engineer, could not repair the damage and as a result the vessel "... was rendered perfectly helpless by the accident" and left drifting dangerously towards rocks on shore. Long accounts of the accident appeared in the July 4 [Toronto] Colonist, the July 6 [Barrie] Northern Advance, the July 7 [Detroit] Free Press, the July 8 [Kingston] Weekly Chronicle, the July 8 Buffalo Express, the July 9 New York Herald and many other newspapers.

Eyewitness accounts were also recorded. Passenger John Prince, the recently appointed Algoma Judge, recorded the misadventure in his diary for July 2-3:

*"We reached 'Owen Sound' at 5 this morning, & Vankoughnet and most of us were up and admired the place (Collinwood) much. Then at 7 (a.m.) we proceeded on our voyage towards Killarney; as usual, en route for The Sault. The Sea a little rough, but not too much so. But, about 3 p.m. and a distance about 15 miles from Cabot's head, and not less than 100 miles from Collingwood, the Iron crossbeam of our Engine broke in two, and the fine Steamer was left at the Mercy of the Sea and Waves! Nobody could hold the smallest Command over her rudder or any other part of her! The Shore, which is one of the most dangerous and rocky in the World!*

*At 4 p.m. we manned a boat and sent her off to Owen Sound for aid, hoping to find the 'Canadian' S.B. there. We kept on drifting all night. Expecting to go ashore among the rocks and breakers every hour. The ladies behaved Cool and admirably, as indeed did Every body Else on board. But nothing short of wreck & loss of life stared us in the face.*

*We were miraculously saved BY the following event. After drifting towards one of the most rocky, perpendicular and dangerous Shores on lake Huron, and at 2 o'clock this morning, just as we discovered rocks 100 feet high and within 20 yards of our helpless vessel, the 2 Ankers which had been out for 12 hours, while we were drifting but which never got anchorage once because of the great depth of the water, suddenly took hold of a ledge of rock, in about 30 fathoms, and close upon the shore, and they held the Boat firm! We remained swinging at anchor, not knowing but that she might part with her anchors Every minute, and then Shipwrecked & loss of, probably, Every Soul on board (for Swimming in such a place would be useless & the swell & surf were very high). We remained there 'till 12, noon, when the swell and wind abated, and a boat was manned, and by degrees Every female and nearly all the passengers went ashore in a small bay about a Mile distant, intending to remain 'till relief came.*

*I never left the unfortunate 'Ploughboy' once, as in Case of wreck I thought I co'd be useful, and no use on the land where so many had gone. The Canadian hove insight, and by 11 pm, all got on board, & left the rocks."*

Other detailed observations from passengers aboard were published in the July 4 Toronto Colonist and the July 11 Chicago Press & Tribune. On July 7, John A. Macdonald wrote a brief note to his sister Margaret Williamson about the event. He said, "You will see by the papers what a narrow escape we had. None of the party will again be nearer their graves until they are paced in them. The people behaved well, the women heroically." He closed his correspondence, concluding that he was "none the worse of the trip," considering his and others harrowing experiences during the ordeal.

Newspapers also reflected upon the calamity. The [Toronto] Leader of July 5 dramatically stated that "Death seemed inevitable—in a few minutes not a soul would be left to tell the tale. Husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, and all friends therefore took a last farewell, commended themselves to Providence, and prepared to meet their doom."

In reporting the accident, the July 11 Chicago Tribune concluded by saying, "It was escape for all concerned, and our northern brethren feel grateful for this deliverance from calamity."

The Ploughboy's July adventure was so newsworthy that it was included in "Remarkable Occurrences in 1859," published in the Canadian Almanac. The entry said that "The steamer Ploughboy with several members of the ministry and other Provincial celebrities on board, nearly wrecked on Lake Huron, on her way to Sault Ste. Marie; she drifted all night at the mercy and dragged her anchor until within

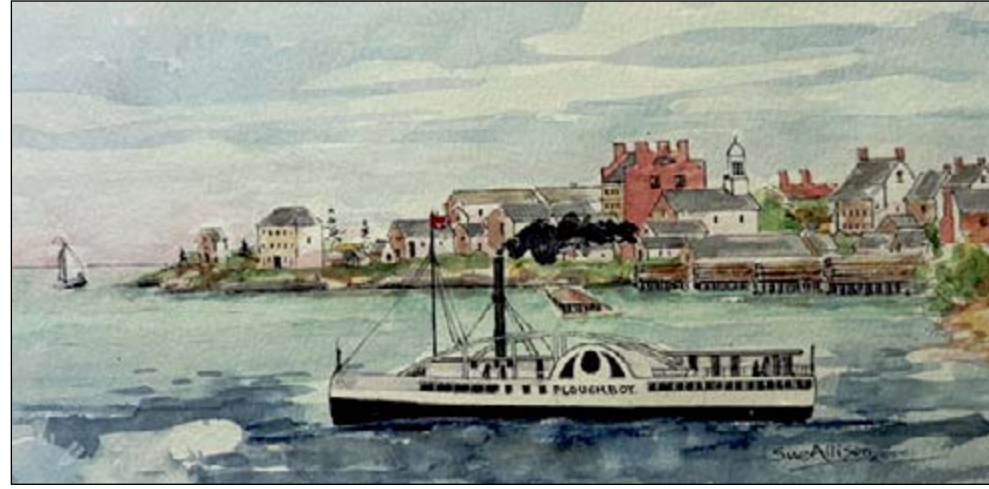


Photo: Ploughboy leaving Amherstburg for summer quarters in Collingwood, by Grey County artist Sue Allison. (John Carter collection).

20 feet of land." The mishap was also memorialized in a poem entitled "The Doleful Tale of a Dismal Shipwreck," published in the [Kingston] Daily British Whig of July 13.

Eventually the disabled Ploughboy was towed to Collingwood for repairs by the steamer Canadian. There a new cross-head was procured from Buffalo and installed at a cost of \$850. While out of service, the steamer Racine (afterwards Algoma) took its place on the Fort William route as a fill-in for the Ploughboy.

In a July 6 letter the Ploughboy's purser, Thomas Wright, said that he had heard that the Ploughboy would soon again be in service. By July 7, she took ten cords of firewood and a load of

sheep and steers from Meaford to Bruce Mines. The July 20 [Kingston] Daily British Whig noted regular service had resumed, with the Ploughboy making a quick trip from Collingwood to Fort William.

In conclusion, the course of Canadian history could have been drastically altered if complete disaster to the Ploughboy had not been averted. As a direct result, John A. Macdonald's political career successfully continued, and ultimately he was knighted on June 29, 1867 for his contributions resulting in the confederation of Canada. The Ploughboy would return to service on the Great Lakes, and serve in a number of different capacities for 11 more years until its destruction by fire on June 3, 1870 at Detroit.

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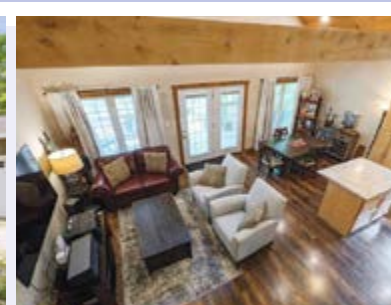
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**\$515,000**



# Medical Students Visit Northern Bruce Peninsula During ROMP Week

Submitted by Pamela Loughlean, Executive Director, Peninsula FHT

an opportunity to experience both the practice of rural medicine and the strong sense of community that

makes Northern Bruce Peninsula such a special place to live and work.” Our goal is that this rural clinical experience encourages these medical students to return to our area in the future to build their careers and provide care for our community.



Photo: Dr. Reid with our two visiting ROMP Students Gabriella & Christina.



Photo: Dr. Dave Thomson leads a suture clinic with ROMP medical students Christina Paraskevopoulos and Gabriella Pelletier.

The Peninsula Family Health Team (FHT) recently welcomed two medical students from Queens University as part of the Rural Ontario Medicine Program (ROMP). ROMP Week is a one-week elective experience that provides an opportunity for medical students to get a snapshot early in their training of what it is like to live and practice medicine in a community outside of a large urban centre.

Now in our 18th consecutive year of participation, the Peninsula Family Health Team is a strong advocate for the Rural Ontario Medicine Program. This year, during the first week of June, Gabriella Pelletier from Thunder Bay and Christina Paraskevopoulos from Aurora spent their time job shadowing at the PFHT clinics in Lion's Head and Tobermory, the Tobermory Hyperbaric Facility, and the Brightshores-Lion's Head Hospital site.

Pam Loughlean, Executive Director of the Peninsula FHT highlights that "ROMP Week gives medical students

In their free time throughout the week, Christina and Gabriella had a chance to explore the Bruce Peninsula through activities which included hiking on the Bruce Trail, visiting the Grotto and a lovely afternoon on the water with a boat cruise to Flowerpot Island.

The Peninsula Family Health Team extends their appreciation to the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee for their support and assistance in making this a memorable week for our visiting medical students.



Photo: Dr. Matheson with ROMP medical students Christina Paraskevopoulos and Gabriella Pelletier aboard the Blue Heron Cruises boat to Flowerpot Island.

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# Peninsula SWANS Present Donations to Checkerboard Challenge and Footprints Conference

Submitted by Bonnie Warder

It's hard to believe we have reached the final meeting for the 1st half of 2026 and it's time for the summer break from regular meetings of the SWANS but it is and our agenda for the June meeting was very full. Reports from the events held in May were discussed and tabled for future consideration. Our list for upcoming events is long, so the SWANS will be busy for the remainder of the year. We look forward to all events because, seriously, getting together is fun!

Sarah Hamilton and Connie Tackaberry made our donation to Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) for the Annual Footprints Conference. This is a 3-day event held at Bruce Peninsula National Park for the Secondary students, engaging them in outdoor stewardship. This important activity relies on donations from the community and SWANS are very happy to contribute \$1,000.00 toward the expenses.

On another note, with respect to our wonderful local school, we want to congratulate Connie Tackaberry for being recognized for her endless volunteerism to support our students at BPDS. This is a very deserved honour and the SWANS want to say thanks to Connie.

Treasurer Bev Miller made our donation to the "Checkerboard Challenge" of \$1,000.00. This is a great fundraiser for Bruce Peninsula Hospitals

Foundation and we wish them all the best and also thank the community for their support in "Keeping Healthcare Close to Home".

Dannah Oliver performed the induction of another new member. We welcome Jannette Allen to SWANS and she has already been helping out at events!

Thanks for your continued support at our fundraisers and if anyone is looking for a great way to volunteer in the community, please consider joining SWANS. Further information is available by contacting Roberta Mielhausen at 519-374-4110.



Photo L-R: Dannah Oliver, new SWANS member Jannette Allen and Janette's Sponsor Lianne Timbers-Sharp.

# Red Schoolhouse Gallery Artist Spotlight Mary Campbell and Kim McKellar

Submitted by Janet Whittington

Mary Campbell, one of 12 member artists, describes herself as a curious painter. She is keen to experiment with watercolour, collage and texture to capture the landscapes of the Bruce Peninsula, featuring its fiery sunsets, turquoise waters, and stormy waves. Mary's artwork has been showcased at The Durham Art Gallery, Owen Sound Artist Co-op, Bruce County Museum, Southampton Arts Gallery, Grey Gallery (Owen Sound), Back Alley Gallery (Hamilton) and the L.E. Shore Memorial Library (Thornbury) and has found its way into homes in Canada, the United States and Europe.

Kim McKellar, guest artist, has been working with kiln-fired glass for almost twenty years. Her landscape panels and windows are created using a multi-fired process. Small crushed glass, glass rods and powder are added to sheet glass and are kiln-fired up to five times, building a detailed image with depth and dimension. Kim often works from photos taken on the Bruce Trail and is constantly inspired by the beauty and spirit found in the forests, rural landscapes and on the shoreline.

During May and June, the gallery is open every Saturday, Sunday and holiday Monday from 11am to 5pm. During July and August, the gallery is open from Thursday to Monday.



Photo: Spring Day by Mary Campbell.



Photo: Shoreline by Kim McKellar.



Photo: SWANS present a \$1,000.00 donation to the Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation Checkerboard Challenge.

L-R: Dr. Brian Taylor, Linda Myles-Gallinger, Nancy Strang, Cathy Addison, Lindsay deMalmanche (SWANS Past President) and SWANS Treasurer Bev Miller.



Photo: SWANS present a donation to Bruce Peninsula District School students for their annual Footprints Conference.

L-R: Sarah Hamilton, Secondary Student Representatives, Emily Cameron (2nd from right) and Connie Tackaberry (right).



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### Chi-Cheemaun Weekend Recap Continued from page 1

forecasted storms. Volunteer numbers remained similar to last year, even with the date change (49 the year prior).

Participants gathered at the Crowsnest for a celebratory dinner following a successful day.



Photo L-R: Volunteers Oksana Zhuravel and Alan Graham pick up garbage around Tobermory during the annual Scrub the Tub event.

### Fashion Show Draws Full House

A full house gathered for the annual fashion show on June 11. This year the fashion show featured The Blue Heron Shops and Mementos of Tobermory. Traditionally, The Shops at 84 Main in Lion's Head participates in the show as well but had to back out this year due to an emergency.

Local models walked the runway and entertained the crowd while showing off comfortable, cozy and fashionable items from each shop. Music and lighting for the evening were provided by DJ Maxx, and the event was emceed by Blue Heron's own Mitchell Edwards. Charcuterie snacks were provided at each beautifully decorated table and included a dessert plate. A cash bar was also provided to add to the festivities.



Photo: Mementos of Tobermory model Michael Marcotte stops on the runway to let the ladies in the audience appreciate the feel of his hoodie.



Photo Courtesy of Aman Sohrab

Photo: Ultra Division Champions of the J.P. Johnstone Memorial slow pitch tournament, local team the Swampy Beavers.



Photo Courtesy of Aman Sohrab

Photo: Export Division Champions of the J.P. Johnstone Memorial slow pitch tournament, The Dingbats.



Photo Courtesy of Aman Sohrab

Photo: Canadian Division Champions of the J.P. Johnstone Memorial slow pitch tournament, Miller Wasted.

### Over 160 Pancake Breakfasts Served

A steady stream of residents and visitors turned out for the annual pancake breakfast hosted by the Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary (THSA).

Volunteers from the THSA served more than 160 pancake breakfasts making the event a huge success. The event raised more than \$2,200 to help enhance local health care services and support THSA initiatives benefitting residents of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

### A Community Event

According to Aman Sohrab, councillor for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula, the festival's greatest impact is the way it unites residents and visitors each year.

"Many local organizations, including Tobermory Primary Place Daycare, the Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary, Friends of the Library, the Tobermory Food Bank, and others, work hard to host events and raise funds that support their work in the community," Councillor Sohrab said.

Many events were set up for children attending the festival as well, kicking off with a movie in the park Friday evening. Other events included "Touch - a - Truck" where children (and children at heart) could get up close and personal with many big engines, including the local fire trucks.

HandsOnExotics provided an exotic animal display at the Tobermory Community Centre on Sunday, showcasing a variety of exotic animals and an exciting educational opportunity for all ages.

The annual book sale was held at The Tobermory Library and was sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The Tobermory Foodbank held a hotdog barbecue fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. down at Little Tub Harbour. Both events were by donation. Across the harbour the Northern Bruce Fire Department and Parks Canada each set up interactive displays including information on the importance of fire safety and airbrushed tattoos.

The harbour filled with an excited crowd Saturday afternoon for the annual cardboard boat races, cheering on each participant with excited screaming and clapping. (see article on page 21)

The Owen Sound Transportation Company Chi-Cheemaun dinner cruise and silent auction was held Saturday evening. The cruise travelled along the Georgian Bay shoreline, with music provided by the talented Marty Oblak, returning to the Tobermory harbour where her passengers, as well as many gathered on the shoreline, enjoyed an impressive fireworks display at dusk.

Sunday morning the annual ecumenical Chi-Cheemaun service was held at The Light and Life Community Chapel. All four community churches gathered to put on the service, while Laura and John Bryan lead the worship music. Pastor Lloyd interviewed John Bryan with many questions about boats, and special music was provided by the Ladies of Note. A blessing was offered for both boats and the waters, and a luncheon of finger foods was provided by volunteers from each church.

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Tobermory Primary Place volunteers ran the food booth at the Tobermory Baseball Diamond, alongside the beer gardens at the J.P. Johnstone Slow Pitch Tournament. The food booth sold more

than 250 burgers on the opening night, and even though Saturday brought some inclement weather, the booth had a very successful weekend.

The slo-pitch tournament held games starting at 6 p.m. Friday evening and wrapped up the final championship game at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. The Export

Division was won by the Dingbats, while the Canadian Division was won by Miller Wasted. The Ultra Division was won by local Tobermory team, the Swampy Beavers.

"The festival is a testament to the connectedness and generosity of Tobermory. Each year, it is organized

entirely by volunteers and supported through donations and any grants we are fortunate to receive," stated Councillor Sohrab. "It brings together residents, visitors, families, volunteers, and community groups for a weekend of celebration, while highlighting the people, traditions, and places that make our community unique."

**Cardboard Boat Races Begin With Starting Line Capsize**

*By John Francis,  
Bruce Peninsula Press*

The 2026 Chi-Cheemaun Weekend Cardboard Boat Races were well attended, despite the gloomy forecast, strong winds and looming thunderheads.

Several hundred people ringed the head of Tobermory's Little Tub Harbour when the first lot of boats were launched. Emcee Linda Bain kept things moving briskly, determined to complete the event before the thunderstorms hit.

The first race was for kids, with three vessels competing for a by into the championship round. One vessel, *We Slay*, capsized at the starting line but was righted and completed the course.

Chicken Jockey, paddled by Odin and Oaklynn Soulliere, won the race by a nose.

The second race was won by Izak Lefebvre and Tristen Barges in *Cheeky-men*, who then raced against *Chicken Jockey* in the Kids' Final Race and won the day. *Cheeky-men* was built in 2016 and has been a regular participant in these races since then. It has won several times, with different crews, including each of the last four years.

In the first heat of the adult races, Dana Holmes piloted the Tobermory Yacht Club's *Moby Dunk* to victory over *Finesse Express*.

The second heat saw Jacob Lefebvre paddle *Taco-boat* past *Fish N Fury*.

In the third heat, *Flamin' Idiots*, piloted by Geoff Cunliffe and volunteer from the crowd, Gavin, outlasted the *Chi-Cheemaun Jr*.

The adult final race was a face-off among the winners of the three adult races.

The excitement was all at the starting line, where *Flamin' Idiots* and *Moby Dunk* got tangled up, allowing Jacob Lefebvre to paddle *Taco-boat* to an easy victory.

Everybody is looking forward to next year (and hoping for better weather).



Photo: Jacob Lefebvre (front) outpaced *Fish N Fury* to win the second heat of the adult races.



Photos: The first race of the day featured *Chicken Jockey* (left), paddled by Odin and Oaklynn Soulliere, *We Slay* (centre) with crew Isabella Vanderkooij, Reid West and Ariel Barges and *The Micro Wave* (right) with Captain Lincoln. After capsizing at the starting line, *We Slay* cut the crew down to two and finished the race. *Chicken Jockey* was the winner of the heat.



Photo: Tristen Barges and Izak Lefebvre paddled *Cheeky-men* to victory, for their second year in a row. First launched in 2016, *Cheeky-men* has now won four years in a row, with three different crews.



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# How Were the Flowerpot Rock Structures Created?

Submitted by Daryl Cowell & Judy Cowell

The northern Saugeen-Bruce Peninsula is famous for its flowerpot rock structures. Flowerpots are a type of rock stack found throughout the world where water and land meet although ours are unique because of their distinctive shape resembling a garden flowerpot. Other well-known stacks include the "12 Apostles" (now 7) off the west coast of Australia and New Brunswick's famous "Picture Rocks".

Flowerpots are created from wave erosion of the dolostone bedrock created during declining glacial lake and postglacial lake water levels. The most critical control on the shape of these stacks is the presence of thick bedrock beds overlying thinner bedrock beds. It is not a function of harder rocks over softer rocks: all the beds are equal in hardness.

The ultimate development of the features is the creation of a rock pillar completely isolated from the rock face. Length of time and erosive strength varies from location to location and thus we find many 'incipient' stacks where the process was active but the stack could not be completely separated from the cliff face. Continued wave action at or near the base of the stack will eventually topple it; the "boulder" on top of Boulder Bluff at Cabot Head is likely the best example.

The stages of flowerpot stack structure formation are illustrated below.

*Editor's Note: Daryl W. Cowell, B.A., M.Sc., P.Geo., is a retired environmental geologist and karst specialist who has worked across Canada and internationally. A Tobermory resident since 2002, he has contributed to environmental research, land management, scientific publications, and public education, including co-authoring a book on Bruce-Grey geology.*

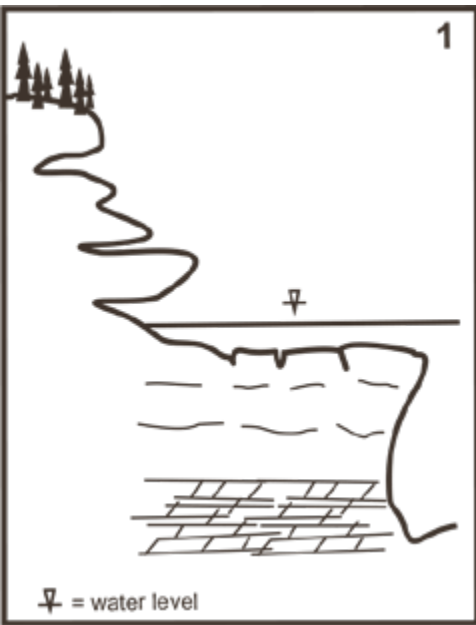


Diagram 1: Wave erosion begins above the thicker strata creating a bedrock shelf of variable width. The shelf at Overhanging Point is the result of a single massive biostromal reefal bed whereas at Flowerpot Island the shelf is in the order of 10's of m beyond the cliff face.



Diagram 2: As water levels recede further, waves begin to attack the edge of the shelf as well as lower layers. Joints are a critical component allowing the waves access to the rock mass enhancing the separation process.

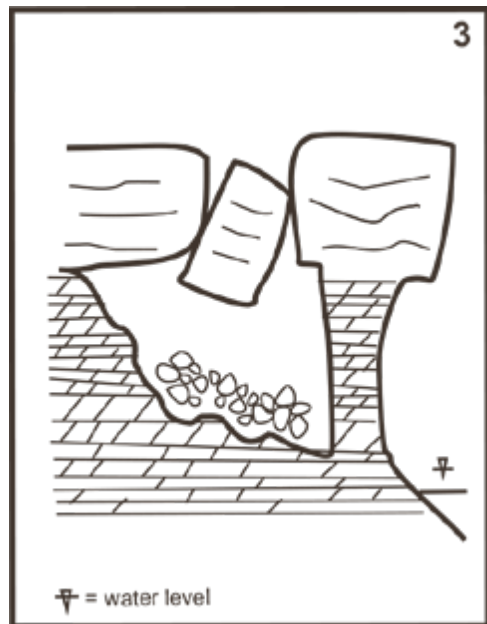


Diagram 3: The shelf is undermined as water levels continue to recede eventually collapsing the thicker shelf bed(s) on either side and behind the developing stack.

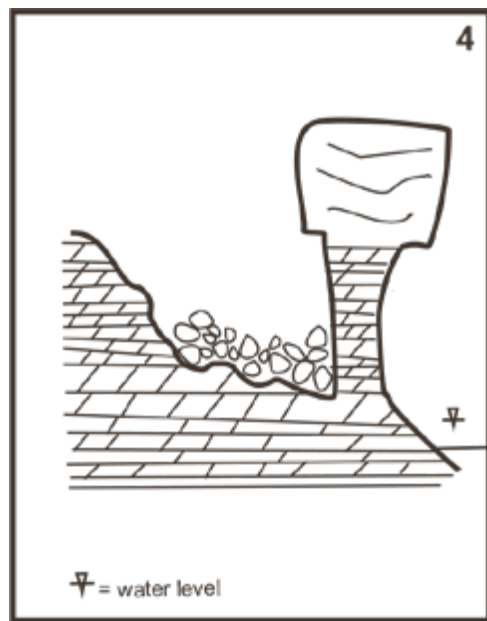


Diagram 4: Final shaping occurs as the stack becomes isolated and the lower, thinner beds become narrower creating the landmark shape.

## Future of Cabot Head Road *Continued from page 1*

groups/users. The resolution states the plan will be used as "a conceptual framework only, with the understanding that it will be refined following the completion of public, stakeholder, and partner engagement."

Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden explained that Council needs to consider broader long-term ramifications and the needs of residents and visitors. "A lot of what we are talking about belongs to the people of Canada," she said. "I'm not advocating for open access, just trying to give the most people the opportunity to experience history in one of nature's most spectacular areas while protecting it." She noted that Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) funds could partially fund the project.

"I would support the combined model," stated Mayor Milt McIver, referring to the proposed hiking/biking trail with restricted vehicle access. "Vehicles, cyclists, and hikers don't really mix well together, maybe we can restrict times if we go to a combined model," he suggested. The mayor referenced concerns with gate security, cellphone service in case of an emergency, and parking within the community of Dyers Bay. He emphasized that the Dyers Bay community is his first consideration.

Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson suggested incorporating a hiking/biking trail with cooperation from Bruce Trail who could supply a parking lot and access to avoid impacting Dyers Bay residents. Rather than spending money to make Cabot Head Road fully accessible, the Deputy Mayor suggested improving accessibility within the villages of Tobermory and Lion's Head to construct accessible washrooms and sidewalks/paths. "If we're going to spend money on a road, let's spend money on roads people use and want repaired or upgraded," he said.

Councillor Aman Sohrab showed support for a combined hiking/biking trail based on results from the public survey with almost 1,000 respondents. "I'm sure in the future we could find ways to address accessibility," said the councillor, such as a shuttle service or permitting vehicle access in the off season. He described constructing a hiking/biking trail as the "most reasonable approach" to "prevent overloading that little hamlet [Dyers Bay] with cars and garbage;" and avoid hiring significant by-law staff and developing infrastructure for Cabot Head to be a "full-blown tourist attraction."

Councillor Todd Dowd expressed, "Maybe we can't financially support a road, and it automatically becomes a hiking trail for that reason." He cited concern with increased hikers/bikers causing issues on Dyers Bay Road and people driving to the Cabot Head Road gate assuming parking is available to shorten their hiking distance. He recommended reconstructing the road to a drivable standard so the Municipality can consider allowing vehicle access in the future, in some capacity.

A decision of this magnitude requires careful consideration of cultural, historical, and financial implications. Is accessing Cabot Head a right or a privilege? Should everyone be able to visit the destination regardless of physical limitations? How much is Council willing to spend?

A quote from Deputy Mayor Anderson accurately reflects the complexity of the project, "The more I get into this, the more complicated it becomes."

Council directed staff to bring back a report outlining levels of service and access, legal rights, and a detailed cost analysis.

## MNBP Expects to Collect \$255,000 in Municipal Accommodation Tax in 2026

A report from Treasurer, Teresa Shearer, indicated that the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) reserve balance was \$291,000 at the end of 2025, with another \$255,000 expected to be collected this year. Ten projects were listed totaling \$306,100 that will be funded fully or partially through MAT. MNBP also makes MAT payments to the Tobermory Chamber of Commerce with \$308,055.53 paid in 2025. The Chamber receives 50% net revenues for tourism promotion and development. In Ontario, is it standard practice for municipalities to give half of MAT to a non-profit tourism entity.

Funds for short-term accommodations (STAs) are collected through licensing and inspection fees. A report from the Treasurer revealed a \$238,000 STA reserve balance at the end of 2025 and \$408,000 expected by 2026 year end. This collection ensures the STA program is funded by STA owners not general taxpayers.

## Councillor Dowd Inquires About Permitting Poultry on Residential Lots

Councillor Dowd asked staff to investigate allowing hens on residential lots. Currently, the MNBP Zoning By-law restricts poultry to rural areas.

Neighbouring town, South Bruce Peninsula, amended their Zoning By-law in 2025 permitting backyard poultry on residential lots with an existing house. Stipulations include no roosters, waterfowl or birds; no sale of poultry/poultry products; and enclosure limits of 10 square metres and 3 metres high.

Nearby Township of Georgian Bluffs permits backyard poultry in residential areas following adoption of a Poultry By-law in 2024. The by-law outlines rules including a maximum of six hens and no roosters, a property owner must live on the land, chickens and hens are for personal use only (not for sale), and no home slaughtering. Coop and enclosure specifications are also listed to ensure safety of chickens and appropriate distance from neighbours.

The township explains that backyard chickens offer several benefits like supplying fresh eggs, pest control, natural fertilizer for gardens, educational opportunities for teaching children, and building a sense of community though sharing eggs and knowledge.

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## OBITUARIES

**RIACH, Dave** – peacefully surrounded by family at his Stokes Bay home on Wednesday May 27, 2026. David George Riach at the age of 79 years. Devoted husband and best friend of Tamara for over 37 years. Proud father of Edward Riach, and Jeremy Riach, both of Woodstock, James Hyland (Lily Cheng), of Barrie, and Kris Hyland (Janet Brown), of Woodstock. Cherished grandfather of 8, and great-grandfather of 2. Dear brother of Bill Riach, of Manitoulin Island, Grace (Mark Evans), of Guelph, and Susan Riach, of Burford; and brother-in-law of Vicki (Jim Davey), of Simcoe. Dave will be deeply missed by his nieces, nephews and friends, especially those from the Ferndale Lion's Head & District Lions Club. Dave's early years in farming paved the way for a significant career in the swine and bovine agricultural industries. After retiring, he contributed to his community by serving on county and municipal councils, while also running a pottery and stained-glass studio. For over 40 years he was an active member of various Lions Clubs, dedicating his time to community service. His diverse interests included gardening and woodworking, and he was well known for always keeping himself BUSY. He found immense joy in spending time with family and friends, and indulging in activities like, hunting, fishing, boating, and walking his springer spaniel Ruby. A gifted storyteller, he also had a passion for fine scotch. Family wish to express their gratitude to Dr. Megan Grigg and staff, the VON, and local Paramedics for the wonderful care given to Dave. Private family arrangements entrusted to the Thomas C. Whitcroft Funeral Home & Chapel, Sauble Beach (519) 422-0041. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides ([www.dogguides.com](http://www.dogguides.com)), Ferndale & District Lions Club (Box 312, Lion's Head, ON N0H 1W0), or to Brightshores Health System Foundation ([www.brightshores.ca](http://www.brightshores.ca)). Condolences may be expressed online at [www.whitcroffuneralhome.com](http://www.whitcroffuneralhome.com)

**ASHCROFT, Beverlie Darlene** - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Darlene Ashcroft. She passed peacefully with family by her side on Thursday, June 11th at the age of 72. Remembered by her sons, Troy and his partner Michelle, and Derek and his wife Jamie; grandchildren, Aiden (April), Calder, Tucker, Ellie, and Ruby; siblings, Morris Ashcroft, Debbie Hellyer, Dona Ashcroft, Marydale Ashcroft, and Brenda Ashcroft; long-time friend Judy Adams, and her special companions, Juniper and Oreo. Predeceased by her parents Doug and Juanita; and her former husband, Rodney Adams. Though life took Darlene and Rodney down different paths, the love and history they shared through family remained meaningful, and they continued to care deeply for one another through the years. Darlene was born in Michigan in 1953 and moved to the farm on the Bruce Peninsula shortly after. She was the first of six children. The farm was full of adventures and the perfect place to learn a strong work ethic and the value of community. Darlene married Rodney just after high school and moved to Tobermory where their children were born. In 1980 they moved to Edmonton Alberta and lived there for several years before returning to Ontario. Darlene never liked winter. In fact, she detested it. Being cold and having to deal with snow made her long for a climate of sunshine and heat. She did spend a few years in British Columbia which was better, but still not quite what she was looking for. In 2001, just after 9/11, Darlene packed up her car and moved to Key West, Florida. She had found a place where she truly felt at home. Sunshine, heat, and a quirky vibe. She could play in her garden all year round. She worked in high-end resorts and restaurants, was a regular on a local radio station, a member of the Rotary Club, and well-known around town. She loved it there and stayed for several years, but when the political climate started to change, she felt it was time to come back to Canada. Darlene's last few years were spent in Owen Sound. Darlene was never interested in the pursuit of material wealth. She wanted to keep a small footprint and live a simple and sustainable life. Her love of plants, flowers and cats made her happy. She was creative and artistic. She had compassion for the downtrodden and served many meals to the homeless. Darlene challenged the status quo, and was firm in her convictions. She was very intelligent and well-prepared when it came to backing up her beliefs. She was feisty and courageous. She was truly one-of-a-kind and will be deeply missed. Darlene passed knowing that she was surrounded with the love of her family and friends. Special thanks to Dr. Cox, Care Partners and Michelle and Sarah who provided loving and compassionate care to Darlene in her final days. A Memorial Scattering in the Garden at Christ Church, Lion's Head, will take place on Sunday, June 28th at 2:00 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life at the Lion's Head Arena from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**BURLEY, Donna Helen** - peacefully at Lion's Head Hospital early Friday morning June 19, 2026. Donna Burley (nee Ackerman) of Lion's Head in her 96th year. Beloved wife of the late Clifford 'Cliff' Burley. Cherished mother of Linda Bartley (John pre) of Stokes Bay, Phyllis Braga (Tony pre) of Wiarton, Brian of Cambridge, Brenda Santos (Domingos) of Mount Forest and Bruce of Cambridge. Much loved grandmother of Leaonda (Gerald), Jennifer (Sam), Jackie (Mike), Lisa, Jeffery (Rene), Joel, Nathan and Noah and great grandmother of Jake (Maddy), Luke, Zaiden, Ben (pre), Jade and Jasmine and great great grandmother of Anthony. Missed by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Helen (nee Walker) and Robert Ackerman and brothers Robert (Grace) and Ross. The funeral service will be conducted at the Bethel Missionary Church, 18 Ferndale Road, Lion's Head on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. with visitation 1 hour prior to the service. Interment Stokes Bay Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the GEORGE FUNERAL HOME, Wiarton. In lieu of flowers, expressions of remembrance to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through [www.georgefuneralhome.com](http://www.georgefuneralhome.com)

**ARNOLD, Janet "Jan"** - of Tobermory, peacefully at Brightshores Health System, Owen Sound on Monday June 15, 2026. Janet Helma Arnold (nee Smart) at the age of 86 years. Beloved wife and best friend of the late David Arnold (2021) for 59 years. Dear mother of Alison Gath (partner Charles Benham), of Grand Valley. Cherished grandmother of Luke Fife, Aaron Fife, and Ashley Gath. Sister-in-law of Lawrence, and Julie Lister, of the United Kingdom. Sadly missed by her nieces, nephews, and many friends in the community. Predeceased by her parents, Cecil and Nora; brothers-in-law, Christopher and John; and dear son, Simon (1984). Family wish to express their gratitude to the doctors and nursing staff of the Lion's Head and Owen Sound hospitals for the wonderful care given to Jan. Family invite friends to gather for a service to celebrate Janet's life from the Thomas C. Whitcroft Peninsula Chapel, 272 Berford St., Wiarton (519) 534-5341 on Thursday July 2, 2026 at 2 o'clock with visitation one hour prior to service. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, or to St. Edmund's Anglican Church would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Thomas C. Whitcroft Funeral Home & Chapel, Sauble Beach (519) 422-0041. Condolences may be expressed online at [www.whitcroffuneralhome.com](http://www.whitcroffuneralhome.com)

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**MONDAY**

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**VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes.** Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Visit [von.ca](http://von.ca) for more info. **10am**  
**VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes.** Tobermory Community Centre. Visit [von.ca](http://von.ca) for more info. **10:30am**  
**Laugh Yourself Healthier.** Part of Senior's Centre Without Walls (SCWW). Phone 519-793-3473 for the link. **11-11:30am**  
**Chair Yoga with Karin.** Tobermory United Church. See [tobermoryunited.ca](http://tobermoryunited.ca). **11:15am-12:15pm**  
**Bid Euchre.** Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Bid Euchre and/or Bridge. [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com). **1pm**  
**Mahjongg Monday.** Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. All are welcome. Contact [nbprotary@gmail.com](mailto:nbprotary@gmail.com) for more information. **1pm**  
**Hatha Yoga with Karin.** Tobermory United Church. See [tobermoryunited.ca](http://tobermoryunited.ca) **1-2:30pm**  
**MNBP Council Meeting.** 56 Lindsay Rd, Lion's Head. Or view online at [northernbrucepeninsula.ca](http://northernbrucepeninsula.ca) **(2nd & 4th Mon.) 1-4pm**  
**Pickleball.** Tobermory Tennis Court. Guests welcome. \$10. **4-8pm**  
**Euchre.** Pike Bay Community Centre. \$4 entry, includes light refreshments and prizes. Contact [pikebay.ontario@gmail.com](mailto:pikebay.ontario@gmail.com) **7pm**  
**Stokes Bay Community Meeting.** Stokes Bay Community Centre. **4th Mon. each month. 7pm**  
**Bayside Astronomy.** Summerhouse Park, Miller Lake. Free. [Facebook.com/baysideastronomy](https://www.facebook.com/baysideastronomy) for details. **Starts June 29. Sunset.**

**TUESDAY**

**Pickleball.** Tobermory Tennis Court. Guests welcome. \$10. **8am-12pm**  
**Mindful Movement with Joann.** Tobermory United Church. See [tobermoryunited.ca](http://tobermoryunited.ca). **10am**  
**Line Dancing.** Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. May not be suitable for beginners. [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com). **Not July/Aug. 10-11am**  
**Meeting Place Gym.** The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. **Drop in 10am-1pm**  
**Senior Chair Yoga.** Tobermory Community Centre. Free. 55+. Limited spots. Register ahead [northbrucepeninsula.ca/news/posts/tcc-chair-yoga](http://northbrucepeninsula.ca/news/posts/tcc-chair-yoga). **11-11:30am**  
**Meditation with Joann.** Tobermory United Church. See [tobermoryunited.ca](http://tobermoryunited.ca). **11:20am-12pm**  
**Rug Hookers.** Hosted by Lion's Head Friendship Club. Call Linda at 519-377-6592 for info. **1pm**  
**Hand Drummers.** Tobermory United Church. Everyone welcome. See [tobermoryunited.ca](http://tobermoryunited.ca). **1-2:30pm**  
**Tobermory Legion Branch 290 General Branch Meeting.** Tobermory Legion. **2nd Tues. each month, not July/Aug. 7pm**  
**The Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula.** Hybrid virtual and in-person meeting. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. More info at [facebook.com/LionsHeadRotaryClub](https://www.facebook.com/LionsHeadRotaryClub) or 519-793-4040. **1st and 3rd Tues. 7-8pm**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Yin & Yang Yoga.** Via Zoom. Contact [barbara@lovingyoga.ca](mailto:barbara@lovingyoga.ca). **7am**  
**Tea Time Quilters.** United Church Hall, Lion's Head. Quilters meet to work on their projects. **9am-3pm**  
**Tobermory Quilters.** Light & Life Chapel. Quilt, share ideas, collaborate. Contact Glenna at 519-596-8332 if interested. **9:30am-4pm**  
**Chair Yoga.** Hosted by Lion's Head Friendship Club. Call Maxine at 519-375-0959 for info. **10am**  
**Tobermory Marketplace.** At the harbour, Tobermory. **10am-1pm**  
**Tip of the Bruce Woodcarvers Meeting.** Tobermory Community Centre. **11am-2:30pm**  
**Tobermory Muses.** Tobermory United Church. See [tobermoryunited.ca](http://tobermoryunited.ca). **2nd Wed. ea. month. 1pm**  
**Afternoon Jamboree.** Wiarton Legion Br. 208. Music & Dancing. All are welcome. **Doors 1pm, Music 2-5pm**  
**Pickleball.** Tobermory Tennis Court. Guests welcome. \$10. **4-8pm**  
**Peninsula SWANS Meeting.** Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. New members welcome, contact Roberta at [rjmielhausen@gmail.com](mailto:rjmielhausen@gmail.com) or 519-374-4110. **1st Wed. Not July/Aug. Social time 5:30pm, Dinner 6pm.**  
**Bingo.** Tobermory Community Centre. Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. **Doors 6:30, starts 7pm**  
**Bruce Peninsula Environment Group Meeting.** Anglican Church Hall, Lion's Head. Presentations each meeting. **1st Wed. 7pm**  
**Darts.** Wiarton Legion Br. 208. All are welcome. **7pm**  
**Euchre.** Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com). **7pm**  
**Lion's Head & District Lions Club Dinner Meeting.** Swan Lake Legion Hall. **2nd & 4th Wed. ea. month. NOT Jul./Aug. 7-9pm**  
**Sauble Beach Concerts in the Square.** Lakeshore Blvd, N of Mainstreet. Free. Bring a blanket or chair. **7-9pm**  
**Bayside Astronomy.** Summerhouse Park, Miller Lake. Free. [Facebook.com/baysideastronomy](https://www.facebook.com/baysideastronomy) for details. **Starts July 1. Sunset.**

**THURSDAY**

**Good Food Box Program, Lion's Head.** Not-for-profit sustainable food program. Fresh fruits & vegetables. Drop off order before last Thurs. Each month. Pickup box first Thurs. Bring sealed envelope with your name & \$25 to LH Pharmacy or e-transfer to [lionsheadgfb@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadgfb@gmail.com). Pickup at LH Rotary Hall 2:30-4:30pm. Info on Facebook [@LHGoodFoodBox](https://www.facebook.com/LHGoodFoodBox).  
**Good Food Box Program, Tobermory.** As above. Drop off order and payment at The Meeting Place, Tobermory during business hours or contact 519-596-2313 or [food@tobermorymeetingplace.com](mailto:food@tobermorymeetingplace.com). Pickup at the Meeting Place 5:30-6:30pm. **Not July/August**  
**Pickleball.** Tobermory Tennis Court. Guests welcome. \$10. **8am-12pm**

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**THURSDAY (CONTINUED)**

Lakeview Vendor Market. Sauble Town Square, Sauble Beach. [facebook.com/saublemarket](https://www.facebook.com/saublemarket). *Until Sep. 7, 9am-4pm*

VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Visit [von.ca](https://www.von.ca) for more info. *10am*

VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Tobermory Community Centre. Visit [von.ca](https://www.von.ca) for more info. *10:30am*

Tai Chi. Tobermory United Church. See [tobermoryunited.ca](https://tobermoryunited.ca). *10-11:30am*

Meeting Place Gym. The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. *Drop in 10am-3pm*

Friendship Club Luncheon & Bingo. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. \$8 for members. Contact 519-375-0959 [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com) for time & more info. *2nd Thurs. each month. 11:30am.*

Bridge Club. Tobermory United Church. See [tobermoryunited.ca](https://tobermoryunited.ca). *1-4pm*

Lion's Head Legion Branch 202 General Branch Meeting. Lion's Head Legion. *1st Thurs. each month. 2pm*

Warton Rotary Club Virtual Meeting. [Wartonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:Wartonrotary@gmail.com) for more info. *6-8pm*

Alcoholics Anonymous. United Church. 54 Main St, Lion's Head. 519-376-4193. *7-8pm*

Darts for Fun-Tobermory. Tobermory Legion Branch 290. *7pm*

Bruce Peninsula Sportsman's Association Monthly Meeting. BPSA Clubhouse, 611 Northacres Rd, Wiarton. Guests welcome. Visit [bpsportsmen.com](https://bpsportsmen.com) for info. *Last Thurs. each month. 7:30pm*

Euchre. Stokes Bay Community Centre. \$3 entry. *7:30pm*

Warton Legion Branch 208 Members Meeting. Warton Legion. *3rd Thurs. Not Jan/Feb. 7:30pm*

**FRIDAY**

Body Rolling for Myofascial Release. Via Zoom. Contact [barbara@lovingyoga.ca](mailto:barbara@lovingyoga.ca). *8:50am*

Tai Chi. Lion's Head Legion. All are welcome. Bring dry shoes. *9:30-10:30am*

Coffee Chat. Tobermory United Church. All are welcome. *9:30am-12pm*

Myo Yin Yoga. Via Zoom. contact [barbara@lovingyoga.ca](mailto:barbara@lovingyoga.ca). *10am*

Line Dancing. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. May not be suitable for beginners. [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com). *Not July/Aug. 10-11am*

Warton Farmers' Market. Berford St. parkette. [facebook.com/wartonfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/wartonfarmersmarket). *Until Thanksgiving, 10am-2pm*

Laugh Yourself Healthier. Part of SCWW. Phone 519-793-3473 for the link. *11-11:30am*

Bid Euchre. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Bid Euchre and/or Bridge. [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com). *1pm*

Lion's Head Legion Monthly Movies. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. All are welcome. Free. Tea, coffee, snacks provided. *Jun. 26: A Complete Unknown. Doors 1pm, Starts 1:30pm*

Lion's Head Knitting Group. Lion's Head Library. 51-9-793-3844 for more info. *2-4pm*

Cornhole. Tobermory Legion Br. 290. *3pm*

Euchre. Tobermory Legion Br. 290. All are welcome (19+). [tobermorylegion.org](https://tobermorylegion.org). *Last Fri. each month. 7pm*

Harbourside Music. Harbourside Stage, Lion's Head Marina. Live music. Bring your chair. Free. Donations welcome. Rain location Rotary Hall. *7pm*

Trivia. Tobermory Legion Br. 290. \$10 entry, proceeds to the Food Bank. All are welcome (19+). [tobermorylegion.org](https://tobermorylegion.org). *2nd Fri. each month. 7pm*

Narcotics Anonymous. Frank St. Baptist Church, 365 Frank St, Wiarton. For more information call 519-375-7125. *7-8:30pm*

Karaoke. Warton Legion Br. 208. All are welcome. *8pm*

Bayside Astronomy. Peninsula Observation Deck, Lion's Head Marina. Free. [Facebook.com/baysideastronomy](https://www.facebook.com/baysideastronomy) for details. *Sunset.*

**SATURDAY**

Bruce Men's Shed General Meeting. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Contact [brucemensshed@gmail.com](mailto:brucemensshed@gmail.com) or 519-793-3005 to get involved. *Third Sat. each month. 9-11am*

Lion's Head Farmers' Market. The beach, Lion's Head. Full list of vendors at [lionsheadfarmersmarket.com](https://lionsheadfarmersmarket.com). *9am-12pm (until 1pm on long weekends)*

Tobermory All Seasons Market. At the ball diamond park. [facebook.com/tobermoryallseasonsmarket](https://www.facebook.com/tobermoryallseasonsmarket). *10am-3pm*

Laugh Yourself Healthier. Part of SCWW. Phone 519-793-3473 for the link. *11-11:30am*

Repair Café. Owen Sound Library. Email [GBOSRepairCafe@gmail.com](mailto:GBOSRepairCafe@gmail.com) to get involved, or [osngupl.ca/repair-cafe](https://osngupl.ca/repair-cafe) for info. *Second Sat. each month. 1-4pm*

Music & Dancing. Warton Legion Br. 208. All are welcome. *Doors 1pm, Music 2-5pm*

Meat Draw. Tobermory Legion Br. 290. \$7 for 3 draws, plus bonus draw. All are welcome (19+). [tobermorylegion.org](https://tobermorylegion.org). *4pm*

Friendship Club Meal. Friendship Club Lion's Head, 6 Tackabury St. Full course meal. \$15 members, \$18 non-members. Contact 519-375-0959 [lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com) for time & more info. *Last Sat. each month.*

Club 290. Tobermory Legion Br. 290. \$10 cover. With DJ Maxx. All are welcome (19+). [tobermorylegion.org](https://tobermorylegion.org). *Every other Sat. 9:30pm-1am*

Bayside Astronomy. Peninsula Observation Deck, Lion's Head Marina. Free. [Facebook.com/baysideastronomy](https://www.facebook.com/baysideastronomy) for details. *Sunset.*

**SUNDAY**

Pickleball. Tobermory Tennis Court. Guests welcome. \$10. *8am-12pm*

Bingo. Stokes Bay Community Centre. *Until Sep. 6. 1pm*

Summer Concerts. Earthbound Gardens, Red Bay. Local musicians. Bring a chair. Free, donations appreciated. *2-4pm*

Fuel Our Youth. Hungry Hiker, Ferndale parking lot. Children under 12 eat free. \$5 from every dinner special sold goes to the Bruce Peninsula District School Breakfast program. Cash donations accepted. *6-8pm*

Bayside Astronomy. Singing Sands, Tobermory. Free. [Facebook.com/baysideastronomy](https://www.facebook.com/baysideastronomy) for details. *Sunset.*

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#### Ongoing

**Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Hikes.** Dates, times, locations, and registration at [peninsula.bruce-trail.org/hikeitloveitkeepitclean](http://peninsula.bruce-trail.org/hikeitloveitkeepitclean), or follow us on Facebook under PeninsulaBTC.

#### Tuesday June 23

**Lunch & Learn – Let's Talk about Senior Resources.** Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. Speaker Francesca Dobbyn. Free. Register ahead at 519-793-3473 or [dshcolter@cabletv.on.ca](mailto:dshcolter@cabletv.on.ca). 10am-1pm

#### Friday June 26

**2nd Annual Checkerboard Challenge Radiothon.** Lion's Head: The Shops @ 84 Main; Wiarton: Between TD Bank & The Bread Bowl. Live music. Hot dog BBQ by donation. Proceeds support Brightshores Wiarton. Can also donate at [bphfoundation.com](http://bphfoundation.com) or 519-534-5856. See ad pg. 13. 10am-6pm

#### Saturday June 27

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Wiarton.** 441048 Elm St. No commercial, industrial, agricultural waste, PCB materials, ammunition, or flares. Full list at [brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste](http://brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste). See ad pg. 21. 8am-1pm

#### Sunday June 28

**Pancake Breakfast.** Beach pavilion, Lion's Head. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula. \$15/person, \$9/child 12 and under. 9-11:30pm

#### Wednesday July 1

**Canada Day Celebrations.** Events in Lion's Head, Pike Bay, Sauble Beach, Tobermory, and Wiarton. See back page.

**Fireworks.** Lion's Head, Sauble Beach, Tobermory, and Wiarton. See back page. Dusk

#### Friday July 3

**Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary Yardsale Fundraiser Donation Drop Off.** Behind the Lion's Head Arena. Proceeds support the auxiliary. See ad pg. 9. 8am-12pm

**Rotary Hall Pub Night.** Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Bar and Trivia. 7pm

#### Saturday July 4 – Sunday July 5

**Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary Yardsale Fundraiser.** Lion's Head Arena. Proceeds support the auxiliary. Musical entertainment. Lion's Club food booth open Saturday. See ad pg. 9. Sat. 8am-1pm; Sun. 10am-12pm

#### Saturday July 4

**Canada Day Parade.** Downtown Lion's Head. See back page. 7pm

#### Sunday July 5

**Rotary Pancake Breakfast.** Rotary Pavilion at Lion's Head beach. Hosted by the Northern Bruce Peninsula Rotary Club. See ad pg. 6. 9-11:30am

#### Tuesday July 7

**Roast Beef Dinner.** Lion's Head Legion, Branch 202. Tickets \$30 each. Call 519-793-3473 or 519-477-4924 for tickets. 5-7pm

#### Saturday July 11

**Parks Canada Community Day.** Cyprus Lake (Grotto) & Halfway Log Dump. Parking and reservation fees waived for residents of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. ID required. For more info contact [bruce-fathomfive@pc.gc.ca](mailto:bruce-fathomfive@pc.gc.ca). Cyprus Lake 8am-1pm; Halfway Log Dump 2-8pm

**Legion BBQ.** Tobermory Legion, Branch 290. Burger and bag of chips for \$15. After the meat draw. Meat draw starts 4pm.

**Ladies of Note A Cappella Choir Performance.** Colpoy's Bay Women's Institute Hall, South Bruce Peninsula. By donation. Donations support The Women & Youth Crisis Centre Grey/Bruce. 7pm

#### Sunday July 12

**Lion's Head Legion Open House.** Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. Celebrate the 95th anniversary of Branch 202 and the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. Cyprus Lake 8am-1pm; Halfway Log Dump 2-8pm

#### Monday July 13

**Ladies of Note A Cappella Choir Performance.** United Church, Lion's Head. By donation. Donations support The Women & Youth Crisis Centre Grey/Bruce. 7pm

#### Monday July 13 – Friday July 17

**Community Yard Sale Donation Drop Off Days.** St. Edmund's Anglican Church, Tobermory. 10am-4pm

#### Friday July 17

**Royal Canadian Legion 100th Anniversary – Tobermory.** Tobermory Legion, Br. 290. More info to come. See ad pg. 4. 3pm

#### Saturday July 18

**Community Yard Sale.** St. Edmund's Anglican Church, Tobermory. Proceeds support community outreach programmes. 9am-12pm

#### Sunday July 19

**Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Rainbow Hike.** Inglis Falls Arboretum, Owen Sound. Hosted by Sydenham Bruce Trail Club. Relaxed walk led by certified SBTC hike leader. Bring-your-own lunch & social time. All skill levels. Register ahead at [hikes.bruce-trail.org](http://hikes.bruce-trail.org). More info on Pride events at [bruce-trail.org/pride-2026](http://bruce-trail.org/pride-2026). 11am

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**Wednesday July 22**

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**Saturday July 25**

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Lion's Head.** Eastnor Landfill Site. No commercial, industrial, agricultural waste, PCB materials, ammunition, or flares. Full list at [brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste](http://brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste). **8am-12pm**

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Call us before July 8, 2026 to provide updates or new listings to be included in the next Press.

### COMMUNITY FOOD BANKS

**Lion's Head.** Pentecostal Country Church.  
2627 Hwy. #6, Lion's Head. 226-923-1936. [lhfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:lhfoodbank@gmail.com)  
2nd & 4th Thurs. each month.  
Pick up Thursdays. 10am-12pm  
Walk-in hampers now available, no appointment required.  
Call day before if you require delivery.

**Neyaashiinigiing.** Community Centre.  
34 Community Centre Rd, Neyaashiinigiing. 519-534-3266 ext 105.  
Order. **Tuesday, 9am-12pm**  
Pick up. **Thursday, 1-3:30pm**

**Tobermory.** The Meeting Place.  
20 Centennial Dr, Tobermory. 519-596-2333. [hello@tobermoryfoodbank.ca](mailto:hello@tobermoryfoodbank.ca)  
Walk in service. **Tuesday, 1-3pm**  
Emergency service. **Contact for service.**

**Warton.** The Salvation Army.  
576 Edward St, Warton. 519-534-0353.  
Walk in service. **Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1-3:30pm**

### CHURCH SERVICES

Services with an asterisk (\*) are also available online.

**Christ Church Anglican** [christchurchlionshead@djohuron.org](mailto:christchurchlionshead@djohuron.org)  
226-949-9105. 55 Main St, Lion's Head. **Sunday, 11:30am**

**Lutheran & Anglican Services** [laamb.ca](http://laamb.ca). 519-534-1604.

- **St. Edmund's** 38 Big Tub Rd, Tobermory. **Sunday, 10am**
- **St. Margaret's** 133 East Rd, Cape Chin. **Victoria Day, Labour Day, & Thanksgiving weekends, July & Aug, Sunday, 7pm**

**Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church** [bethelc.ca](http://bethelc.ca)  
18 Ferndale Rd, Lion's Head. **Sunday, 10:30am**

**Pentecostal Country Church** [pentecostalcountrychurch.org](http://pentecostalcountrychurch.org)  
226-559-0564. 2627 Hwy #6. **Sunday, 10:30am\***

**Pentecostal Light & Life Community Chapel** [lightandlifecommunitychapel.ca](http://lightandlifecommunitychapel.ca)  
7347 Hwy#6, Tobermory. **Sunday, 10:30am\***

**St. Mary's & the Missions Catholic Church** [stmarysandthemiissions.ca](http://stmarysandthemiissions.ca)  
519-376-0778.

- **St. Mark's** 54 Main St, Lion's Head. **Saturday, 9:30am**
- **St. Thomas Aquinas** 552 Gould St, Warton. **Sunday, 11am**
- **St. Thomas the Apostle** At Tobermory United. **Saturday, 11:30am**

**Lion's Head United Church** [lhpc@amtelecom.net](mailto:lhpc@amtelecom.net). 519-793-3312.  
54 Main St, Lion's Head. **Sunday, 11am, Not Jan-Mar.**

**Pike Bay United Church** [lhpc@amtelecom.net](mailto:lhpc@amtelecom.net). 519-793-3312.  
575 West Road, Pike Bay. **Sunday, 9:30am, Not Jan-Mar.**

**Tobermory United Church** [tobermoryunited.ca](http://tobermoryunited.ca)  
519-596-2394. 5 Brock St, Tobermory. **Sunday, 10:30am**

### ONLINE URGENT CARE

[www.urgentcareontario.ca](http://www.urgentcareontario.ca)  
Non-emergency care for Ontario residents.

### BRUCE PENINSULA ADULT LEARNING CENTRE

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### LIBRARY HOURS

See [library.brucecounty.on.ca/locations](http://library.brucecounty.on.ca/locations) for information.

	LION'S HEAD	TOBERMORY	WIARTON
<b>MON</b>	9:30am-5pm	Closed	Closed
<b>TUES</b>	Closed	10am-5pm	10am-7pm
<b>WED</b>	2-6pm	10am-5pm	10am-6pm
<b>THU</b>	10am-2pm	10am-6pm	10am-7pm
<b>FRI</b>	9:30am-5pm	10am-2pm	10am-6pm
<b>SAT</b>	9:30am-2pm	10am-3pm	10am-4pm
<b>SUN</b>	Closed	1-4pm	2-6pm

## Hidden History Beneath the Waves: Dr. James Conolly Explores Ontario's Underwater Past at SOK Talk

Submitted by Moira Parker

Approximately 55 people attended the latest Sources of Knowledge (SOK) talk on June 11, where archaeologist Dr. James Conolly shared stories of hidden archaeological treasures resting beneath Ontario's lakes. A professor at Trent University, Dr. Conolly has helped advance marine archaeology in Ontario. Throughout his career, he has supervised more than 40 graduate students across a variety of disciplines, including marine archaeology. At a time when opportunities to study marine archaeology at Ontario universities were limited, Dr. Conolly helped establish and expand the field, inspiring a new generation of researchers to explore the province's submerged past.

During his presentation, Dr. Conolly provided an overview of the archaeological potential found within the Great Lakes and inland waterways, spanning from pre-contact Indigenous sites to shipwrecks from the early twentieth century. Among his current research projects is the identification and documentation of submerged pre-contact archaeological sites in the Kawartha-Rideau region. He is also involved in using GIS to predict where undiscovered shipwrecks may be located and studying the environmental factors that contribute to the deterioration of wrecks in different underwater settings.

One such project led Dr. Conolly and his colleagues to investigate a mysterious deep-water wreck in Lake Ontario. The discovery was initially reported by others, prompting a closer examination. However, the wreck's depth, nearly 300 feet below the surface, proved too great for Dr. Conolly's ROV, which lacked the cable length necessary to reach the site.

Instead, a team of technical divers were deployed. Equipped with heated dry suits, 6 scuba tanks, and cameras, the divers descended to the wreck for a brief

20-minute exploration. Following the dive, they spent approximately two hours decompressing before returning safely to the surface.

Tasked primarily with photographic documentation, the divers captured remarkable images that revealed evidence of what appears to be an early nineteenth-century vessel, likely dating to the 1820s. Clues included the ship's hull design and propulsion features, which suggest a transitional period in maritime technology. The photographs also revealed an impressive array of preserved artifacts, including anchors, a rudder, masts, a figurehead, a belaying pin, a double-sheave block, a stove, and remnants of a deckhouse. Despite the wreck's considerable depth, invasive quagga mussels have already begun colonizing portions of the vessel.

The presentation shed light on Ontario's rich underwater heritage and the complexities of investigating archaeological sites resting deep below the surface of its lakes. Thank you to everyone who attended, and a special thank you to Dr. Conolly for sharing his expertise with a community shaped by maritime history.

SOK will now take a break from its public lecture series for the summer months. Organizers extended thanks to Parks Canada for its continued partnership in supporting the program. Behind the scenes, work will continue as the organization finalizes its bursary program, plans next year's forum, explores additional initiatives to support the community, and prepares to launch a new website in the fall. Those who missed the presentation will be able to listen to the talk on Spotify. Updates on upcoming talks and initiatives will continue to be shared through the website ([sourcesofknowledge.ca](http://sourcesofknowledge.ca)) and social media channels. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!

## Lion's Head Friendship Club Celebrates Successful Anniversary Dinner

Submitted by Geraldine Loker

The Lion's Head Friendship Club continues to thrive as a hub of friendship, fun, and community involvement, with members recently enjoying two memorable events.

The Club's Anniversary Dinner, held on May 30, was a tremendous success, drawing 70 attendees for an evening filled with excellent food, laughter, and camaraderie. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Roberta, Jeff, and the staff of Bear Tracks Inn and Restaurant. A special thank you is extended to the entire Bear Tracks team for the outstanding meal and presentation. The food was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance and helped make the evening a memorable celebration.

The Friendship Club would also like to recognize the many volunteers whose hard work contributed to the success of the event. From those who organized the dinner to the individuals who set up and dismantled the tables, every contribution was greatly appreciated.

The Anniversary Dinner marked the final supper gathering before the summer season. Members can look forward to several summer barbecues, including a popular corn roast. Dates and details for these events will be posted at the Club at a later time.

Club members also enjoyed a special outing on Thursday, June 11, when they travelled to King's Wharf Theatre in Penetanguishene to see the musical Sister Act. The bus departed Lion's Head at approximately 9:45 a.m., with the first stop being the scenic Memorial Park in Meaford, where

everyone enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch.

Following lunch, the group continued to Penetanguishene for the 2:00 p.m. performance. The musical was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After the show, members gathered for dinner at Swiss Chalet in Collingwood before returning home. Tired but happy, everyone agreed that the trip was exceptionally well planned and executed.

Members are already looking forward to their next adventure.

The Friendship Club would also like to remind members that there will be no Euchre on Wednesday, July 1, in observance of Canada Day. Everyone is encouraged to attend the festivities, activities, and fireworks display at the beach in Lion's Head.

Happy Canada Day to all!



Photo: Club members enjoyed a special outing to King's Wharf Theatre in Penetanguishene to see the musical Sister Act.



# MUNICIPALITY OF NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA

## PUBLIC NOTICES

Office Hours  
Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
56 Lindsay Road 5, Lion's Head  
Ontario N0H 1W0  
Telephone: 1-833-793-3537  
Fax: 519-793-3823  
Website: [www.northbrucepeninsula.ca](http://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca)

### MUNICIPAL OFFICE CLOSURE

The Municipal office will be closed for Canada Day on Wednesday July 1st, 2026, and will re-open on Thursday July 2nd, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. Happy Canada Day!

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Council Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and held at the Council Chambers at 56 Lindsay Road 5, Lion's Head, ON N0H 1W0.

Council meetings are open to the public and are available to watch via livestream.

For more details, including access to public meeting agendas and minutes, please visit [www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/government](http://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/government).

### MUNICIPAL ELECTION UPDATES

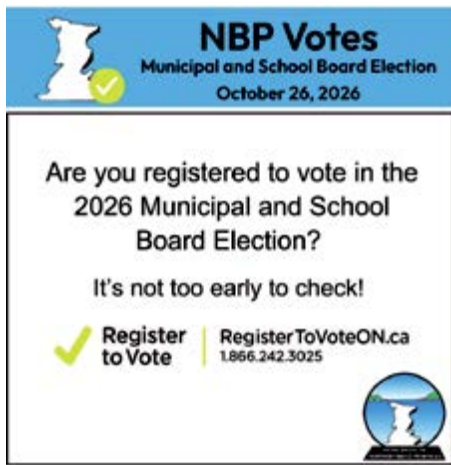
#### NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

Nominations for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election open on May 1, 2026.

Candidates may be nominated for Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council, including the offices of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and three (3) Councillors.

Candidates may also be nominated for School Board Trustee positions with the Bluewater District School Board, BruceGrey Catholic District School Board, Conseil scolaire Viamonde, and Conseil scolaire catholique Providence.

Nomination papers may be filed with the Municipal Clerk in person beginning May 1, 2026, during regular business hours until August 20, 2026, and on August 21, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.



More information, including the Official Notice of Nomination, workshop details, and election resources, are available at <https://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/government/council-committees/elections/>.

For questions, to pick up a Candidate's Package, or to book an appointment to file nomination papers, please contact or visit the Office of the Clerk.

### 2026 DECORATION DAYS AT MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES

Eastnor Cemetery on Sunday, June 28, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Decoration Day Services at the cemeteries will include a remembrance service, offering and music. In the event of rain, the service will be relocated to the following locations:

- Eastnor Cemetery Service at the Lion's Head Rotary Hall
- Everyone is welcome. Please bring a lawn chair.

### LANDFILL SITES HOURS OF OPERATION APRIL 1ST TO OCTOBER 31 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lindsay 9-5	Eastnor 9-5		St Edmunds 9-5		Lindsay 9-5	Eastnor & St Edmunds 9-5

Eastnor Site - 1252 West Road | Lindsay Site - 627 Ira Lake Road | St. Edmunds - 71 McArthur Road

To ensure your materials are collected, please have them curbside no later than 8:00 a.m. on Mondays. All issues with curbside waste and recycling collection, are to be directed to the contractor at 1-800-561-1655 or [canresidential@wm.com](mailto:canresidential@wm.com)

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

Now is a great time to remove hazardous materials and dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner. Bruce County staff will be at the following locations within the Municipality on the assigned dates for the collection of hazardous materials

Event Location	Date	Hours of Operation	Location
Lions' Head	July 25	8:00-12:00	Lion's Head-Eastnor Landfill-1252 West Road
Tobermory	August 15	8:00-12:00	Tobermory - St Edmunds Landfill - 71 McArthur Rd

For more information, and for a full comprehensive list on what can be collected, visit: [brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste](http://brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste)

### MONTHLY COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER

Our E-newsletters will be sent out on the first business day of each month, filled with upcoming events, cool activities, important announcements, and so much more. You don't want to miss out! Now, you might be wondering, how can I be part of this fabulous E-newsletter club? Just head on over to our website at [www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/newsletter](http://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/newsletter)

It's that simple! Say goodbye to FOMO because you'll be the first to know about all the fantastic things happening in our community.



### FOOD TRUCK OPERATORS

Attention all food truck operators! The 2026 registration for food truck licences is open!

Whether you're launching a new food truck or renewing your existing licence, now is the perfect time to ensure compliance with local regulations and prepare your business for a successful year ahead.

For information on how to register your Food Truck, please visit <https://northbrucepeninsula.ca/foodtrucks>

### MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX

Do you own or operate a Short-Term Accommodation, Bed & Breakfast, Hotel, Motel, or any other establishment offering short-term lodging (30 days or less) in all or part of a dwelling? You are required to collect and remit the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT). For more information about the MAT, visit our website at [www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/MAT](http://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/MAT)

#### MAT Remittance Deadlines

- Q2 (April-June) - Due July 31
- Q3 (July-September) - Due October 31
- Q4 (October-December) - Due January 31

#### How to Pay

Visit the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Payment Page on the municipal website or scan the QR code provided to submit your remittance. The Municipality does not have agreements with third-party booking platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO, or similar services.

These companies do not collect or remit MAT on your behalf. Property owners/operators remain responsible for compliance.



### SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION LICENCING PROGRAM

For information on how to register your Short-Term Accommodation, please visit <https://northbrucepeninsula.ca/sta/>

If you wish to report a concern regarding a Short-term Accommodation property, please call (1) 855-331-0489.

Any person who obtains a licence shall comply with the regulations set out in the Municipality's STA Licence By-law.

### BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

Municipal law enforcement is provided by the By-law Enforcement Department. The goal is to serve, protect, and provide a desired quality of life for residents and visitors of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. By-law Enforcement is committed to raising awareness of community standards and enforcing the Municipality's by-laws using a timely, professional and unbiased approach.

By-law Enforcement complaints can be submitted 24/7 through the three following methods:

1. Online By-law Complaint Form by visiting our website at [www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/government/by-law-enforcement/](http://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/government/by-law-enforcement/)
2. Phone: 1-833-793-3537 Ext. 235
3. After Hours Emergency/Animal Control: 1-866-750-8219

### FRIENDLY REMINDER: FIRE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED

As we head into fire season, just a reminder that fire permits are required each year for all outdoor fires in Northern Bruce Peninsula, including campfires.

- Permits are free and must be renewed annually
  - Never leave a fire unattended
- Keep water or an extinguisher nearby
- Check weather and conditions before burning

Getting your permit is quick and easy, apply online today! <https://nbp.burnpermits.com/home>

Thanks for helping keep our community safe!

### WEED SPRAY CONTROL PROGRAM - NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula will be conducting a Weed Spray Control Program in accordance with the Weed Control Act R.S.O. 1990. Notification is required as per current regulations under the Pesticides Act Ontario Regulation 63/09.

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula will be spraying for Noxious Weeds on all road rights-of-way within the boundaries of July 5, 2026, to October 9, 2026

Weeds included are: Wild Parsnip, Giant Hogweed, Poison Ivy, or other noxious weeds listed on the Noxious Weed list Regulation 1096 under the Weed Control Act

Pesticide: Navius Flex Merge  
Registration No: 26163 24702

To Control: Noxious Weeds Spray adjuvant

For More Information, Contact: The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula, Public Works Dept.  
1-833-793-3537

### 2025 ANNUAL UTILITY REPORTS

The Annual Performance Reports for the Tobermory and Lakewood Subdivision Sewage Treatment Systems, as well as the Lion's Head drinking water system is now available for viewing on the Municipal website. To view, please visit: [northbrucepeninsula.ca/develop/utilities/](http://northbrucepeninsula.ca/develop/utilities/).

### AFTER-HOURS TELEPHONE NUMBERS

If you require immediate assistance with a municipal water or sewer emergency, please call (519) 372-3034.

For a municipal road hazard, by-law or livestock claim emergency, please call 1-866-750-8219.

### EVENTS CALENDAR

Scan the QR Code to access the events calendar:



### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 2022-2026

Mayor Milt McIver: [mayor@northernbruce.ca](mailto:mayor@northernbruce.ca)

Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson: [deputymayoranderson@northernbruce.ca](mailto:deputymayoranderson@northernbruce.ca) - (519) 373-2601

Councillor Todd Dowd: [councillordowd@northernbruce.ca](mailto:councillordowd@northernbruce.ca)

Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden: [councillorgolden@northernbruce.ca](mailto:councillorgolden@northernbruce.ca) - (519) 596-2614

Councillor Aman Sohrab: [councillorsohrab@northernbruce.ca](mailto:councillorsohrab@northernbruce.ca) - (647) 890-0632



# WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE A...

FROM THE STUDENTS AT ST. EDMUNDS PUBLIC SCHOOL



Ada wants to be a babysitter!



Aedan wants to be a big brother!



Ashton wants to be a Jedi!



Ava wants to be an ice cream maker!



Benjamin wants to be a construction worker!



Daisy wants to be a mayor & dancer!



Elliott wants to be a chef!



Emma wants to be a neurosurgeon!



Finley wants to be a mom!



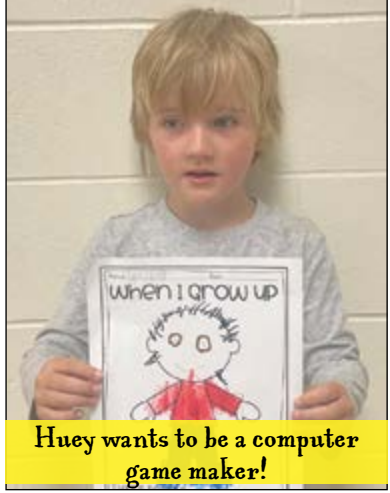
Fiona wants to be a ballerina!



Gus wants to be a chef!



Holden wants to be a zookeeper!



Huey wants to be a computer game maker!



Huxley wants to be an astronaut!



Isaac wants to be a teacher!



Jonah wants to be a musician & dad!



Liam wants to be a policeman!



Michael wants to be a pilot!



Nova wants to be a mommy!



Oaklynn wants to be a tattoo artist!



Odin wants to be a spy!



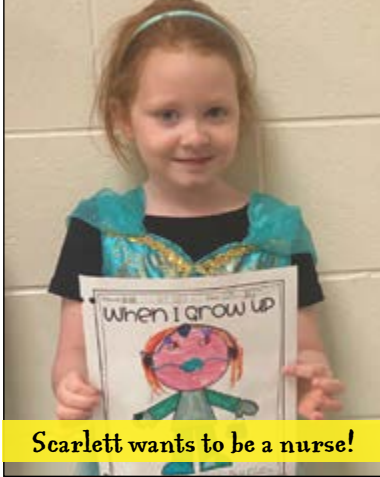
Revan wants to be a sushi chef!



Rosemary wants to be a tattoo artist & cake decorator!



Sadie wants to be a doctor & teacher!



Scarlett wants to be a nurse!



Sydney wants to be an engineer!

# Lunch & Learn at Lion's Head Legion Focuses on Senior Driving Safety

Submitted by Gerry Tilmans, 1st VP, Public Relations

Saturday June 13 we celebrated George Bowman's 95th birthday at our branch with a huge turnout of family and friends to wish him well.

On Sunday July 12 we will be holding an open house to celebrate the 95th anniversary of Branch 202 as well as the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. More information will be shared in a future article about both, but please mark your calendars. If you have anything you'd like to loan to us for that day to put on display, or some memorabilia that you'd like to donate, we will be happy to collect the information and make up an information card for that item.

A reminder that tickets for the Roast Beef Dinner on July 7 and for the August 11 Fish Dinner are available. Contact us to reserve yours before they sell out!

Our free monthly movie this month is Friday June 26 showing "A Complete Unknown" a story about Bob Dylan. We will provide tea, coffee and snacks. This event is provided in partnership with the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula's Senior Active Living Centre (SALC) funding with support from the Government of Ontario. Doors open at 1:00pm, movie starts at 1:30pm.

On June 12 we listened to Let's Talk Lunch & Learn guest speaker Kristy Kastelic of MTO who presented "Driving Safely into Your Senior Years". In Ontario, there are currently over 2 million out of

10 million drivers over the age of 65. This age group is expected to grow by 1.8 million over the next twenty years. Those over 75 are about 2.8 times more likely to have an accident, higher even than ages 16-24 that are 2.4 times more likely to have one. Some things you can do to maintain your drivers license is to drive regularly, carefully manage your medications, stay active mentally and physically, and take a refresher driving course. Important to note - there are three official photo ID cards available in Ontario: the driving license, health card, and an Ontario Photo ID card available at the MTO office.

As an aside, leading up to this seminar, I'd heard from a number of people that there's some new legislation coming to restrict

seniors' driving rights. Kristy assured us that this is "fake news" and there is no pending change in the works or being discussed.

The next Let's Talk Lunch and Learn - "Let's Talk About Senior Resources" with Francesca Dobbryn, Grey Bruce United Way, and Guest speaker Charlene Scharlach of the Lion's Head and District Food Bank. Tuesday June 23, 10:00am to 1:00pm. The event is open to the public and free to attend, but please register with Sharron Colter at 519-793-3473 or at dshcolter@eastlink.ca. This series is sponsored by a 2026 Community Grant from the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula, the Northern Bruce Peninsula Community Support Advisory Action Committee (NBP CSAAC), the Council on Aging Grey Bruce (COAGB) and Legion 202 Lions Head.

Wednesday July 22nd is the next Lunch & Learn at 11:00am with Kim Follis talking about Financial Planning.

Our free weekly Tai Chi classes are Fridays, 9:30 to 10:30 am. This is open to the public, so if you're interested just come out a few minutes early, and bring a dry pair of shoes with you. The focus of the moves are to stretch, improve balance, and of course, have fun. This is not a "hot" workout so casual wear is fine.

Our address is 6 Hellyer Road. Come out to play cornhole every Thursday at 1 pm, but bring your darts in case it rains. Contact me at branch202pro@gmail.com for more information about our Branch.

~ Lest we forget ~



Photo Credit: Elizabeth Bowman  
Photo: Sharron Colter poses with George Bowman, who is holding the Municipalities' congratulations for George's 95th birthday.



Photo L-R: Celebrating Jean Shearer's 92nd birthday, and showing off their new Ladies Auxiliary Branch 202 shirts - Jean Shearer, Mo Ready, Mary Sager and Leona McCarthy.

# Tobermory Legion Holds Decoration Day Ceremony



Photo Credit: Mike Reid

Photo: Members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 290 Tobermory attend the annual Decoration Day ceremony at Dunk's Bay.

Submitted by Kathryn Hauck, Poppy Chair

We have officially passed the longest day of the year! Summer Solstice was on June 21st. While we still have long daylight hours and hopefully warmer weather, come and support your local branch.

Decoration Day was held at the Dunk's Bay Cemetery on Sunday June 7th. Thank you to those that attended the ceremony. Did you know that Decoration Day was established on June 2, 1890 as Canada's first national day to honor military veterans, particularly those that fought in the Battle of Ridgeway during the Fenian Raids. Due to a gradual decline in prominence, the Parliament of Canada transitioned to Remembrance Day November 11 in 1931. (www.decorationday.ca)

We only need three more people to join our legion (for free this year) to break 300 members! A century of standing with veterans, strengthening communities and honouring the memory of those who served. Membership this year is free to join and next year, when you pay for your membership, you will also have a chance to win a new truck!

Just a reminder: July 17th we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion! A celebration will be held at the Tobermory Branch starting at 3:00pm. Stay tuned for more information.

BBQs are back! July 11, August 29 and September 12, after the meat draw, which starts at 4:00pm. You can get a burger and a bag of chips for \$15.00.

Saturday nights with DJ Maxx are back! Starting on June 27 followed by July 11 and 25, August 1, 8 and 22 and ending with September 5! Don't worry, I will remind you! Come on out and dance like no one is watching!

A bit early but people have been asking... the annual Summerween will be held on August 22nd. Come in your costumes and dance the night away.

Continuing with events: Darts time has changed to 7:00pm on Thursdays, and as usual, Meat Draws are Saturdays at 4:00pm. Ladies Auxiliary

Bingo is at the Tobermory Community Centre on Wednesdays. Doors open at 6:30pm with a start time of 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Legion is now open Thursday, Friday & Saturday at 3:00pm. Stop in and welcome Raelene, our new bartender!

## Remembering Harry Allen Hopkins

From the Legion Ontario Command Military Service Recognition Book - Harry Allen Hopkins was born in Tobermory on November 2, 1920. He enlisted in the army on September 18, 1939 and served with the Canadian Armoured Fighting Vehicle School during World War 2. He saw action in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe.

After his discharge on March 5, 1946, Sgt Hopkins worked as a tour guide at Birch Island on Manitoulin Island. In 1951, Harry was hired as the Light Keeper at Cabot Head Lighthouse, where he continued to work until retirement in Tobermory. He was awarded the 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp. He was a member of the Tobermory Branch 290. Harry passed away on April 6, 1982.

~ We Will Remember Them ~



Photo: Harry Allen Hopkins.

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# THSA's Chi-Cheemaun Festival Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser a Huge Success

Submitted by Wendy Caron

Volunteers from the Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary (THSA) served up more than 160 pancake breakfasts

during its Chi-Cheemaun Festival Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.

Community members, baseball tournament participants, and visitors to Tobermory alike enjoyed a hearty breakfast before heading off to enjoy the day's festivities. Thanks to their support, the event raised close to \$2,250 to help enhance local health care services and support THSA initiatives benefiting residents of the Northern Bruce Peninsula.

The fundraiser was successful not only because of the strong community turnout, but also because of the generosity of THSA members who donated food items and made financial contributions, essentially covering all event expenses. As a result, nearly all proceeds from the event will be directed toward local health care initiatives.

The THSA extends its sincere thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered their time

and energy, donated, and helped make this event such a success. Special recognition and appreciation is extended to Rob Davis, THSA Past President, who organized and coordinated the breakfast.

Stay tuned for future announcements highlighting how the funds raised through this event will be invested to support and enhance health care services throughout the Northern Bruce Peninsula.



Photo L-R: THSA volunteers Patty Kelly and Nora Dean prepare the eggs for the community pancake breakfast.



Photo L-R: Rick Caron, Mike Campbell and Jean Campbell enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast at the Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary Chi-Cheemaun Weekend community pancake breakfast.

## New Business: North Heaven Convenience & North Heaven Stays

Media Release

North Heaven Convenience & North Heaven Stays is now open at 6313 Highway 6, just south of Tobermory, offering both a convenience store and a unique nature-based accommodation experience.

Situated on over 20 acres of peaceful natural land, North Heaven Stays features cabins, campsites, and a cottage, providing visitors with a quiet retreat while remaining close to Tobermory's most popular attractions, including beaches, hiking trails, cliffs, and outdoor adventures.

What makes North Heaven Stays special:

- Peaceful 20+ acre nature property
- Private cabins surrounded by forest
- Campsites and cottage accommodations available
- Close to Tobermory beaches, trails, and attractions
- Ideal for couples, families, and outdoor enthusiasts
- Clean, comfortable, and affordable stays



- Convenient self check-in process
- On-site convenience store for everyday essentials

We are proud to be a new local business serving both residents and visitors to Tobermory and look forward to welcoming guests throughout the season.

Email [rentalstobermory@gmail.com](mailto:rentalstobermory@gmail.com) or call/text 613-913-1313 for more information. Open daily from 10am to 10pm, open until 11pm on Fridays and Saturdays.



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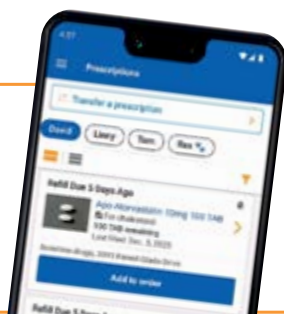
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# CELEBRATING CANADA DAY ON THE BRUCE PENINSULA!

## TOBERMORY EVENTS WEDNESDAY JULY 1<sup>st</sup>

### TOBERMORY CANADA DAY MARKETPLACE

10:00am to 2:00pm at the harbour

### MUSIC AT THE HARBOUR

Starts at 12:00pm  
With Brian Taylor & Marty Oblak

### ACTIVITIES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

10:00am to 1:00pm

- Electric Woodpecker - airbrush tattoos
- Make a beaver or bear crown
- Canada Day Cupcakes

## FERNDALE EVENTS WEDNESDAY JULY 1<sup>st</sup>

### CUPCAKES AND KIDS' CRAFTS

10:00am to 1:00pm

At the Ferndale Information Centre

## LION'S HEAD EVENTS WEDNESDAY JULY 1<sup>st</sup>

### MEET THE FALCONER & HIS BIRDS

9:00am to 10:00am at Lion's Head Beach

### FIREWORKS AT THE HARBOUR AT DUSK

## SATURDAY JULY 4<sup>th</sup>

### LION'S HEAD FARMERS' MARKET

9:00am to 1:00pm Lion's Head Beach

### FREE HOTDOGS & CAKE

5:30pm In front of White's Garage in Lion's Head

### CANADA DAY PARADE

7:00pm Downtown Lion's Head

## PIKE BAY EVENTS WEDNESDAY JULY 1<sup>st</sup>

### ACTIVITIES AT PIKE BAY COMMUNITY PARK

1:00pm to 3:00pm

Live music, hot dogs, kids & family friendly activities

## SAUBLE BEACH WEDNESDAY JULY 1<sup>st</sup>

### ACTIVITIES AT SAUBLE BEACH TOWN SQUARE

2:30pm to 4:00pm

Yard Games, bubbles & sidewalk chalk,  
sweet Sauble Beach swag

### CANADA DAY CEREMONY

Starts at 3:00pm

### PERFORMANCE BY CARLA SACCO

4:00pm to 6:00pm Shania Twain & Taylor Swift tribute

### MUDMEN LIVE IN CONCERT

7:00pm to 9:00pm  
FIREWORKS SHOW AT DUSK

## WIARTON EVENTS WEDNESDAY JULY 1<sup>st</sup>

### FOOD

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** 8:00am to 11:00am

**BBO** 11:00am to 4:00pm | **FISH DINNER** 4:30pm to 6:00pm

**CAKE AND ICE CREAM** 6:30pm

### FAMILY FUN EVENTS INCLUDE:

Exotic Petting Zoo • Touch a Truck • EGR Grey Guard  
Face Painting • Scavenger Hunt • Home Depot Craft  
Foamtastic Party • Paddling Puppeteer • Family Fun Race

### VENDORS MARKET

10:00am to 4:00pm

### FLASH MOB

at an unscheduled time

### LEGION COLOUR PARTY

Starting at 5:45pm

### LIVE MUSIC

6:00pm until dusk

The Williamson Family Opry & Special Guest Singer Shaylynn

### FIREWORKS SHOW AT DUSK