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Photo credit: Willy Waterton

Photo: Audrey Armstrong speaks to a crowd at the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy's (EBC) Monarch Festival at the Parks Canada Visitor Centre in Tobermory on August 29. Read more on page 27.

Parks Canada Extends Campground Closure to October 31st

Attempts to Relocate Bear Unsuccessful

Tammy Raycraft,
Bruce Peninsula Press

A bear that Parks Canada attempted to relocate from Bruce Peninsula National Park has returned to visitor areas, leading the agency to extend the closure of Cyprus Lake Campground through the end of the regular operating season on October 31, 2026.

Parks Canada said the regional relocation was attempted as part of its efforts to manage the human-wildlife conflict, but the bear returned to areas occupied by visitors.

Officials said relocating a bear that is considered a risk to public safety a long distance away would not solve the problem, but instead could move the

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Whiskey Harbour Rocks! Donation Plants Trees, Erects Bench in Pike Bay Community Park

Submitted by Debbie Dover

Some of you may have noticed the new bench at the Pike Bay Community Park. Please be sure to read the dedication plaque that recognizes the culmination of a long project.

The picture below is of the people who guided the project to its completion. There were many other strong supporters who didn't get to see the successful end of the project.

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Photo: Supporters of the Community Park project gather at the newly installed bench at Pike Bay Community Park. Back row L-R: Kim Hoey, Glenn Anderson, Vera Osborne, Connie Sweiger, Karen Sword, Ted Sweiger and Tracey Bergman Marques. Seated L-R: Scott Merrifield and Peter Osborne.

SEPO Hosting All Candidates Meeting October 7 in Tobermory

Marianne Wood,
Bruce Peninsula Press

Residents of the Northern Bruce Peninsula will have an opportunity to meet local candidates and hear directly from those seeking elected office at the St Edmunds Property Owners (SEPO) All Candidates Meeting on October 7, 7:00 pm at the Tobermory Community Centre.

The meeting will give voters an opportunity to meet candidates, learn about their priorities and ask questions on issues that matter to the community.

Audience members will have the opportunity to submit questions to municipal candidates through the moderator. Candidates will also have an

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All Candidates Meeting September 29th at Rotary Hall

Submitted by Rob Hiscott

Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula and Bruce Peninsula Environment Group (BPEG) are co-sponsoring/hosting an All Candidates Meeting for candidates running in the upcoming election for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula at Rotary Hall on Tuesday, September 29th, starting at 7:00 PM.

Candidates for Municipal Council will each present opening statements, followed by a question & answer session with members of the public.

This is your opportunity to meet and hear candidates running for office before the upcoming Municipal election on October 26th, 2026.

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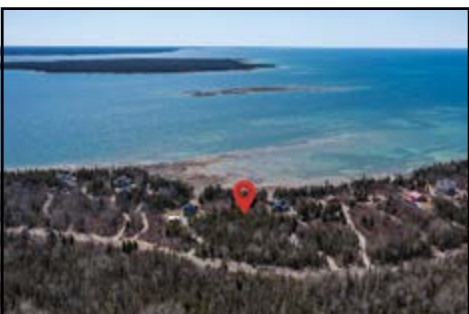
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Oktoberfest This Saturday

September 26th at Rotary Hall

Family Fun, Food, Music, Beer & More

Submitted by Rob Hiscott

Your local Rotary Club and Tagwerk Bier are co-sponsoring/hosting the fourth annual Oktoberfest event at Rotary Hall this coming Saturday, September 26th!

In the afternoon (from 12:00 Noon to 5:30 PM), there will be a parade of the mule-drawn cask-laden wagon through the Village of Lion's Head ahead of the traditional cask tapping of Oktoberfest draught by Mayor Milt McIver and Rotarian Christian von der Heide (Brewmaster, Tagwerk Bier) outside Rotary Hall.

The beer and food tent will be open throughout the afternoon on the north side of Rotary Hall.

The evening portion of Oktoberfest inside Rotary Hall (7:30 PM to 1:00 AM) will feature the live music of Grey Road 1 band, the ever-popular Beer Stein Hold Contests (one for men and one for women!), and of course plenty of food and drink!

Oktoberfest-themed food this year will include pretzels, sausages, currywurst, sauerkraut and strudel. There will be Tagwerk Biers (featuring the Oktoberfest draught specially crafted for this year's

event!), ciders, wines, coolers and soft drinks.

Some tickets (at \$25 each) are still available, but tickets are selling fast so contact any Rotarian or e-mail nbprotary@gmail to get your tickets while they're still available! (see ad below)

Community Café at Rotary Hall

Come join us for coffee, tea and snacks at the Community Café being held at Rotary Hall, Tuesday through Thursday mornings from 8:00 until noon. These Community Cafés are sponsored and hosted by your local Rotary Club on Tuesdays, Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary on Wednesdays, and Golden Dawn Senior Citizens Home on Thursdays. Please note that these morning Cafés may be cancelled if Rotary Hall renovations are in progress, and any schedule changes will be posted on our facebook page and Club website.

Friday Pub Night at Rotary Hall

Our last Friday Pub Night of the month will be on September 25th, from 7:00 PM until late in the evening. Friday Pub Nights will continue next month on October 9th and 23rd at Rotary Hall. Come join the fun, hope to see you there!

Municipality Gears Up for In-House Garbage Collection; Purchases Second Truck

Tessa Swanton (Townson),
Bruce Peninsula Press

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP) Council approved the purchase of a secondary waste truck for \$245,033 plus HST at their September 14 Council Meeting. The truck is a 8 Cubic Yard New Way Diamondback rear loading refuse unit mounted on a 2026 Ford F-600, purchased from Joe Johnson Equipment.

A report from Troy Cameron, Public Works Manager, stated that staff believe purchasing a new backup garbage truck is the most effective way to support municipal waste collection, planned to start later this fall; and Council agreed.

Cameron's report referred to a Residential Waste Curbside Collection Study that recommended the purchase of a new primary waste collection truck.

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There's a New Willie in Town!

South Bruce Peninsula Welcomes New Albino Groundhog

Media Release

September 14, 2026
– Wiarton, Ontario - The Town of South Bruce Peninsula is excited to announce and welcome a new albino groundhog who will take on the starring role of Wiarton Willie, Canada's most famous weather prognosticator.

While the new Willie may have some big paws to fill, its weather forecasting credentials will officially be put to the test at the 2027 Wiarton Willie Festival carrying on a tradition that has brought residents and visitors together in Wiarton for more than 70 years.

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Photo credit: Town of South Bruce Peninsula
Photo: The new Wiarton Willie – Canada's most famous weather prognosticator.

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Together on the Trail:

Celebrate Bruce Trail Day With the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club

Submitted by Kathleen Stahlbaum

Every October, Bruce Trail enthusiasts across Ontario come together to celebrate the trail that connects communities, landscapes and people from one end of the Niagara Escarpment to the other.

Bruce Trail Day is an annual gathering held on the first Sunday of every October. Each of the Bruce Trail Conservancy’s nine clubs offers free guided hikes and invites everyone to take part in activities organized by their local club. This year’s theme, “Together on the Trail,” celebrates the many ways the Bruce Trail brings us together - with one another, with nature and with the communities we call home.

On Sunday, October 4, the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club will host its Bruce Trail Day celebration at the Ferndale Visitor’s Centre from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free and family-friendly, with activities and opportunities to discover more about the Bruce Trail and the people who help care for it.

Four free guided hikes will be offered throughout the day, showcasing some of the unique landscapes and stories of the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula.

The morning offers two guided hike options. Participants can join a 7-kilometre hike to Lion’s Head Lookout, or explore the flora and fauna of the Barrow Bay Cliffs Nature Reserve on a separate 4.5-kilometre hike led by Bruce Trail Conservancy Staff Ecologist Brian Popelier. The Barrow Bay hike will follow a relaxed “stop, look and listen” pace, with frequent pauses to observe and learn about the plants, fungi, birds and other wildlife found along the Escarpment.

In the afternoon, hikers can choose between two interpretive experiences, both offered through Cape Croker Park’s Anishinaabe Cultural Experiences Program. At 12:30 p.m., Tainin Hopkinson will lead *At the Edge: Boundary Bluffs Experience*, a 5–6-kilometre hike through the Sydney Bay Bluff area in Neyaashiinigmiing. At 1 p.m., Caley Doran will lead *A Journey Through Time on Jones Bluff*, an approximately 8-kilometre hike exploring the relationship between people and the land through Anishinaabe perspectives.

Advance hike registration is encouraged, as spaces are limited. A limited number of spots will also be available on the day for those unable to register in advance.

Back at the Ferndale Visitor’s Centre, visitors can try their hand at building bird boxes with the Men’s Shed, make their own Bruce Trail button, enjoy free refreshments and reconnect with the community over the return of the much-loved scone dogs, prepared by Darryl, a caterer from Neyaashiinigmiing. Peninsula Bruce Trail Club volunteers will be available to share information about year-round hikes, volunteering and land stewardship.

Whether you are a longtime Bruce Trail hiker or have never set foot on the Trail before, Bruce Trail Day is an invitation to get outside, meet your neighbours and discover something new.

Come hike, learn, connect and celebrate - together on the Trail.

All activities are free. Hike registration is encouraged at peninsula.bruce-trail.org/hikes/



Photo credit: Kathleen Stahlbaum
Photo: Hikers enjoy the Snake Trail Boardwalk (Ginebek Miikaans) in Cape Croker Park in Neyaashiinigmiing.

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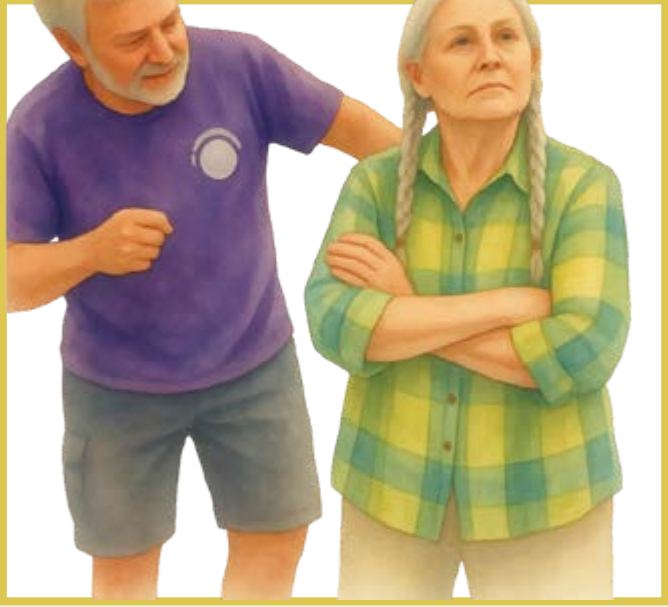
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JOHN'S COLUMN

By John Francis,
Bruce Peninsula Press

No sunset cruises except on Saturdays. Some restaurants closing by early evening. No line-ups except on Saturdays. Parking spaces available almost everywhere. As I watch our communities put another tourist season to bed a bit at a time, it reminds me of tourist seasons past.

It's easy to forget, while parsing the minor differences between one post-COVID season and the next, that tourism on the peninsula has changed dramatically. Over and over again. Within living memory.

Admittedly, very few current residents remember the inauguration of the Tobermory-to-South-Baymouth ferry service in 1932. The MS Normac could carry 18 cars and 66 passengers. And no one at all remembers the arrival of the first automobile in Lindsay Township in 1911 or in Tobermory in 1916. These were monumental events.

But a lot of people remember when the road to Tobermory still ran through Stokes Bay. In those days, Stokes Bay was a big deal — a tourist Mecca in its own right as well as being the gateway to the north. There were cottages, cabins, hotels, restaurants, fishing charters, speakeasies.

Most of them are gone now, of course.

A Little Less Crazy this Summer? Maybe that's an Upgrade.

Across the peninsula, Lion's Head was a scenic backwater, well off the beaten path. No more. Fast-forward to 2020, when Northern Bruce Peninsula had to ban parking on Moore Street because there were so many tourist vehicles parked there that ambulances and firetrucks couldn't get through.

When the highway switched to its current path around 1960, that instantly pulled traffic away from Stokes Bay and channelled it much more efficiently to Tobermory. Which, in turn, created dramatically increased demand for ferry passage to Manitoulin.

It got to the point that two ferries — the Norisle and the Norgoma — couldn't keep up with the traffic and people were stranded in Tobermory for days.

That was when Tobermory's tourist industry consisted mainly of motels and restaurants, all catering to ferry traffic. The season was short and frantic, beginning in earnest the second week of July and slowing down the day the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) opened in mid-August.

Motel units were often booked by people who had expected to get on the ferry but couldn't. They'd get a motel room, then sign up for standby. When standbys got on the boat, some motel owners got quite adept at giving the room a quick once-over and renting it again. With a season that short, you never

passed up an opportunity to rent the same room twice.

As recently as 45 years ago, Tobermory was deserted by mid-afternoon on Labour Day. The end-of-season booze cruise aboard the Mamie left the dock around 6:00.

After Labour Day, there were no visitors except on weekends.

Back in 1973, the Chi-Cheemaun was commissioned to replace the two older ferries. She entered service in 1975, carrying 100 cars. When traffic kept increasing, she was fitted with ramps that created a second level and increased her capacity to 150 cars.

But the traffic kept building, to the point that by the mid 1980s, people were stranded again, waiting for the ferry. The Nindawayma was brought in to handle the overflow, but circumstances got in the way. After a couple of years of problem-plagued service, the Nindawayma blew an engine late in the 1990 season and never sailed again. By then, though, the four-laning of Highways 400 and 69 provided a faster alternative for many travellers and the demand for ferry service was dwindling. But it hardly mattered. Tourism on the Bruce Peninsula had evolved well beyond a role as a way-station on the route to the north.

Around the same time that Highway

6 got its current route, SCUBA diving went from a technological wonder to a popular hobby. Suddenly, shipwrecks were a tourist magnet, offering the first inkling that Tobermory could become a destination rather than just a way-station on a circle tour. Divers would stay for whole weekends, sometimes even for whole weeks.

Gradually, other people — Bruce Trail hikers, botanists, outdoor enthusiasts in general — came to see the upper peninsula as a destination.

I was shocked to read the results of a Chamber of Commerce survey about 25 years ago — the average stay in Tobermory was a week, not the night or two that I'd expected. Things had changed that much since the way-station days ten or fifteen years earlier.

Then social media changed things again, resulting in hundreds of carloads of hopefuls lined up at National Park entrance gates, as well as the aforementioned overcrowding on Moore Street (not to mention Little Cove Road, Grant Watson Drive, Dorcas Bay Road and Black Creek park).

Add COVID and stir. Those were some crazy summers, with everything in the cities closed and Instagram and Tiktok pushing everybody up here.

So: a little quieter this summer?
Works for me.

Letter: Progress? Or Same Old, Same Old?

Thank you for the opportunity to review our last 4 years since our last municipal election.

Progress? Or same old, same old?

Upon reviewing the 2022 Election Profiles from #15 September 13 to October 4 issue of the Bruce Peninsula Press, what has been accomplished to the benefit of our municipality?

Our incumbent mayor, Milt McIver's platform listed 'tourism as our main economic driver' with Paid Parking and MAT Tax being a municipal revenue source.

Followed by supporting the balance between business community and residents was mentioned.

Advocacy for Cell Service and Broadband capability was next.

Consider the Attainable Housing Report and Climate Action Plan, Invasive Species Action Plan, Recreation Review followed.

Our incumbent, Deputy Mayor's

platform suggests continuation of the water and sewer system, engineering and costing.

Our incumbent, Todd Dowd suggests "making our community a better place to live", no specific initiatives.

Our incumbent, Laurie (Smokey) Golden refers to her involvement on Safe Communities committee, Sustainable Tourism Advisory Group, National Park Advisory and Attainable Housing Committee.

Please ask what has been accomplished in these areas at upcoming All Candidates meetings.

More than ever each of us needs to be aware, take an interest and get out and vote for who you see is preparing our beautiful municipality for a sustainable and enjoyable future.

See you on September 29, 7 pm at Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Keep an eye out for additional meetings and candidate meet and greet opportunities.

Karen Phillips

Letter: Accountability Matters This Election

With the municipal election approaching, I believe voters deserve to consider not only what candidates promise, but also how our current elected representatives have responded to residents who have raised legitimate concerns.

For the past two years, I have corresponded extensively with the Municipality regarding concerns about our Home Occupation provisions and the Municipality's new Bed and Breakfast bylaws. I have asked questions, requested clarification, provided information, and given our elected representatives multiple opportunities to discuss these issues publicly.

To date, not one sitting councillor has responded to me directly.

I find that unacceptable.

I am not suggesting that councillors must agree with my position. They don't. Elected officials are entitled to disagree with constituents. But when a resident repeatedly raises concerns about municipal bylaws and asks for

nothing more than a public review of those bylaws, I believe the appropriate response from elected representatives is to engage in the discussion—not simply remain silent.

Instead, my questions and concerns have effectively been directed through municipal staff, the CAO and municipal lawyers. I have been given explanations about how the Municipality interprets the bylaws, but I have not seen our elected representatives step forward and publicly address the underlying policy questions.

That is what I find particularly disturbing.

My request has never been for Council to automatically rule in my favour. My request has been for Council to review the Home Occupation provisions and the new B&B bylaws publicly, consider whether they are achieving what they were intended to achieve, and determine whether changes or clarification are warranted.

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Letter: Accountability Matters
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That seems like a reasonable request in a democracy.

Bylaws affect everyone in our community. They establish the rules under which businesses operate, determine what residents can and cannot do on their properties, and can have significant implications for neighbourhoods and the character of our municipality. Those rules deserve public scrutiny, particularly when questions arise about how they are being interpreted and applied.

What concerns me most is not simply the particular issue I have raised. It is the precedent.

If elected representatives will not engage directly with a resident who has spent two years asking questions and requesting a public policy review, then what exactly is the role of an elected representative?

Residents should not have to navigate layers of administration and legal interpretation simply to have their elected councillors acknowledge and discuss a legitimate policy concern.

The upcoming election gives voters an opportunity to ask every candidate a very simple question:

Will you listen to residents, engage with difficult issues, and be willing to publicly review municipal bylaws when legitimate concerns are raised?

I believe accountability requires more than attending Council meetings and voting on agendas. It requires being accessible to the people who elected you, being willing to hear criticism, and having the courage to engage when an issue is uncomfortable or contentious.

I hope voters will keep that in mind when they cast their ballots.

Because municipal government is supposed to be government by the people—not government at arm’s length from the people.

Kevin Carson

Climate Comment for August 2026
The Warmth Continues

Submitted by Bill Caulfeild-Browne

This is shaping up to be a very warm year. Only the month of May was (slightly) cooler than normal. August was 1.4C above normal, very much like July. Our warmest day was the 15th at 28.6C and the coolest was the 28th at 11.8C. As I mentioned last month, it’s the low temperatures that are keeping our averages high despite having no record-breaking hot days.

Subjectively I thought August was a very nice month with lots of consecutive warm days. Only during the last week did we see a few days not reaching 20C. Sunshine was abundant, though so was fog from time to time.

Rainfall was sparse until the 26th when we got 20mm. in just a few hours and our forest fire fears began to abate. The month as a whole gave us a total of 57mm. against a norm of 77mm.

Winds were predominantly from the south, normal at this time of year. We did have some very gusty days - a high of 44 km/hr on the 8th and 50 km/hr on the 23rd.

Much of the Province was similar to us, with some notable exceptions. Northern Ontario had some record rainfall - Sudbury had 156mm. against a norm of 90mm. Given the forest fire danger this was a blessing.

Niagara also had a good soaking on August 2nd, causing widespread flooding, power outages and serious damage to homes and farms. Ten sinkholes were reported. On the 12th Ottawa/Gatineau got hit with violent wind gusts and uprooted trees leaving nearly 40,000 homes without power. Once again the major storms passed north or south of our Peninsula. Some of that was because of the stabilizing influence of the relatively cool waters of the lake - and some was just good luck.

Transit Service Between Owen Sound and Wiarton Returns September 1

Media Release

September 1, 2026 – Service on Grey Transit Route (GTR) 5 between Owen Sound and Wiarton is returning beginning September 1, 2026. The reinstated bus route will operate Monday to Friday and feature three daily round trips, including new early morning and evening travel options to better support riders’ needs.

Route 5 offers an affordable and convenient transportation option for residents travelling between Owen Sound, Shallow Lake, Hepworth and Wiarton, connecting riders to employment, medical appointments, shopping, education and other important destinations.

A revised schedule includes three departures from the Owen Sound Transit Terminal each weekday at 6 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 8 p.m. Each trip will travel to Wiarton before returning southbound to Owen Sound.

Single-trip fares are set at \$5.00 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and students, and free for children five and under. A complete schedule with stop locations and additional service information is available on the Grey County website at www.grey.ca/GTR.

In addition to Route 5, the GTR also provides weekday service between Dundalk and Orangeville, and the Guelph Owen Sound Transportation (GOST) service provides daily service between Owen Sound and Guelph.

Current GTR and GOST service is part of the Bruce-Dufferin-Grey-Wellington Regional Transit Study project. This project focuses on improving regional mobility and expanding affordable transportation options for residents through the greater region.

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Letter: Venus Community Cats – 28 Kittens/Cats Available for Adoption

You might wonder where Venus Community Cats have been all spring and summer ... just busy. Had a screen door installed to bring fresh air into the nursery and provide a viewing window for the adoptable kittens/cats. Held a series of events to raise funds including an online auction. Had a table at a craft show in Sauble Beach, and an Open House August 22nd in Lion’s Head.

We just recently had our hundredth cat fixed; have completed 15 adoptions this summer; temporarily taken in 20 additional kittens for short-term stay/socialization before transferring them to other more established rescues, and have trapped, neutered and released more than 20 adult cats into areas where they will be cared for.

Currently we have 28 kittens/cats available for adoption; fifteen of them have been neutered or spayed and are eagerly looking for their forever home. The others can be visited and become “spoken for” as they wait to be fixed.

We continue to encourage visitors to join the cats in the garage nursery for play sessions.

Donations of food and litter can continue to be dropped off at Peninsula Pet Supplies, 2826 Hwy 6 in Ferndale (tell them it is for the Venus Community Cats).

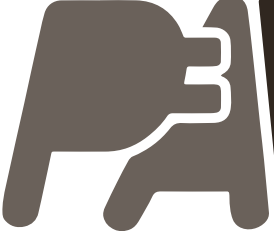
Our website is <https://www.venuscats.ca>. Our Facebook page is <https://facebook.com/venuscats.on>

Karen G. Livick & Brianne Farquhar
Venus Community Cats



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Photo: A screen door was installed in the Venus Cats nursery to bring fresh air in and provide a viewing window for the adoptable kittens/cats.



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The Future of the Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary is in Jeopardy

Submitted by Wendy Caron

Since 1982, a dedicated volunteer organization has worked to advocate for and support health care services throughout the Northern Bruce Peninsula, particularly in the former Township of St. Edmunds. In its early years, the Tobermory Health Clinic Auxiliary focused primarily on “bricks and mortar” fundraising. Its efforts helped support the construction of the Doctors’ Residence in 1992, repairs and upgrades to Lion’s Head Hospital in 2002, and the construction of a new Tobermory Health Services Clinic, which officially opened in June 2012.

Since 2013, the Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary (THSA) has broadened its focus to enhancing health services and fostering healthier communities throughout the Northern Bruce Peninsula. The THSA is dedicated to raising funds to support the Peninsula Family Health Team and its associated clinics, promoting health and education, advocating for community health, and supporting local organizations and initiatives that contribute to the well-being of our community.

The THSA is at a Crossroads

The THSA is at a crossroads, and its future is now uncertain. If the organization is to continue, it urgently needs new members who are willing to become involved and help carry its work forward. In particular, the THSA needs individuals who are prepared to assume leadership roles, as well as volunteers willing to help organize and support fundraising events and other activities.

Several challenges are facing the organization. The term of the current President concludes in April 2027, and there is currently no Vice President in place to assume the role of President. Without new leadership, it is difficult to see how the organization can continue beyond that point.

At the same time, the THSA is facing a shortage of volunteers to support fundraising events and activities. While the 2026 Chi-Cheemaun Pancake Breakfast was a tremendous success, the number of volunteers available to organize and participate in other fundraising initiatives has declined significantly. This limits the organization’s ability to generate the

funds needed to continue supporting health care and community health initiatives.

Our membership is also aging. After decades of dedicated service, many long-standing members are ready to step back from their volunteer responsibilities.

The THSA has reached a critical point. Its future will depend on whether new members are willing to step forward, take on leadership responsibilities, and help carry this important community organization into its next chapter.

Your Voice Matters

The future of the THSA will be the focus of a General Membership Meeting to be held on Friday, September 25, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at The Meeting Place.

If you are interested in becoming a member, taking on a volunteer or leadership role, or simply learning more about the

discussion surrounding the possible dissolution of the THSA, we strongly encourage you to attend. Your voice, your ideas, and your willingness to become involved could help determine the future of an organization that has served our community for more than four decades. Additional information can be requested by email at tobermoryhsa@gmail.com.

Help Us Preserve Our Legacy

For more than four decades, the Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary has been at the forefront of improving health care services in our community. Through countless volunteer hours, unwavering dedication, and an extraordinary spirit of community service, our members and community supporters have raised funds that have made a meaningful difference in the lives of residents throughout the Northern Bruce Peninsula.

It would be heartbreaking to see decades of caring, commitment, and community service come to an end. The THSA was built by people who believed that our community deserved access to better health care and who were willing to get involved and make a difference.

The question now is whether there are others who are willing to step forward and carry that legacy into the future.

The THSA has reached a critical point. Its future will depend on whether new members are willing to step forward, take on leadership responsibilities, and help carry this important community organization into its next chapter.

New Willie in Town

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The Town announced the peaceful passing of the previous Wiarton Willie on March 10, 2026. Since that time, the search has been underway for a new albino groundhog to carry on one of South Bruce Peninsula’s most beloved traditions.

“We know how much Willie means to our community and to people across Ontario and Canada,” said Mayor Jay Kirkland. “After saying goodbye to Willie earlier this year, we are thrilled to welcome a new albino groundhog to South Bruce Peninsula. We look forward to watching him settle into his new home and, of course, seeing what he has to say about the weather on February 2.”

The arrival of a new albino groundhog marks an exciting new chapter in the history of the Wiarton Willie Festival. Since the first festival in 1956, Wiarton Willie has become an internationally recognized symbol of Wiarton and South Bruce Peninsula, attracting visitors and media attention each February to learn whether Willie will predict an early spring or six more weeks of winter.

The Town looks forward to sharing more about Willie as he settles in and prepares for his first official prediction. Follow Wiarton Willie on Facebook or Instagram to stay up to date on all things Wiarton Willie!

Stay tuned for more information about the 2027 Wiarton Willie Festival and Willie’s first official prediction on February 2, 2027.

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Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Meeting Minutes August 10, 2026

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

Staff Present: Peggy Van Mierlo-West, Chief Administrative Officer, Alexandra Croce, Clerk, Teresa Shearer, Treasurer, Troy Cameron, Public Works Manager, Jack Burt, Fire Chief/CEMC, Cally Mann, Deputy Clerk, Bob Stewart, Committee and Planning Coordinator

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

a. Approval of the Agenda

18-01-2026

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That the content of the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Minutes

a. Re: Council Meeting No. 26-17, July 27, 2026

18-02-2026

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

That the minutes of Council Meeting No. 26-17, July 27, 2026 be approved.

Carried

4. Public Meeting

a. Megan Stansfield, Planner, Bruce County Planning

RE: Zoning By-law Amendment - Z-2026-037 (Marcella)

Mayor McIver welcomed Bruce County Planner Megan Stansfield to the meeting.

Ms. Stansfield provided an overview of Application Z-2026-037 (Marcella).

Council inquired about clarification on the mitigation measures, the need for moving equipment each day and whether the application was peer-reviewed.

Mayor McIver opened the Public Meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Applicant Serge Marcella provided comments regarding the mitigation measures.

There were no comments from members of the public.

Mayor McIver closed the Public Meeting at 1:19 p.m.

Ms. Stansfield left the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

18-03-2026

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

That Council receives Bruce County Planning report ZBA – Z-2026-037 (Marcella) for information; and

That Council approves Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2026-037 by Serge Marcella and directs staff to bring forward the by-law for adoption at a subsequent meeting.

Carried

5. Delegations

a. Rose Stewart, Trailer Exemption Request

The applicant rescinded their request for a delegation.

b. Brian Woelfle, Coordinator, Tobermory and the NBP Chamber of Commerce, Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Strategic Plan

Brian Woelfle, Coordinator, Tobermory and the NBP Chamber of Commerce, provided a summary of the Strategic Plan and outlined the new MAT Strategic Planning Committee will be accepting and reviewing applications for MAT funding support.

c. Sheri Tobin and Dave Flook, Ontario 360 Tours - Proposed Partnership (Via Zoom)

Sheri Tobin provided an overview of the services offered with regards to the promotion of the shoulder seasons in Tobermory.

Council suggested contact be made with the Tobermory and Northern Bruce Peninsula Chamber of Commerce regarding a potential collaboration.

6. Consideration of Agenda Items

Office of the CAO

a. CA026-11 Six-Month Performance Report – January to June 2026

Council inquired about the number of MFIPPA requests for the year, critical system uptime, statistics from the Let’s Talk NBP platform, capital projects, operating costs and building permit numbers.

18-04-2026

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives report CA026-11 6 Month Performance Report for information.

Carried

b. CA026-12 Tobermory and the Northern Bruce Peninsula Chamber of Commerce – Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Strategic Plan

Council inquired about the requirements for adoption of the Strategic Plan.

18-05-2026

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

That Council receives report CA026-12 Tobermory and the Northern Bruce Peninsula Chamber of Commerce – Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Strategic Plan for information.

Carried

Clerk’s Department

a. C26-23 Procedural By-law Update

Council inquired about the public recording of the meetings.

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson

That Council receives report C26-23 Procedural By-law Update for information; and

That Council directs staff to bring forward an updated by-law to govern the proceedings of Council and Committee meetings of the Corporation of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

Superseded

18-06-2026

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

That the motion be amended to add: “That Council directs staff to amend section 5.55 to permit the use of a recording device by the public during a Council meeting.”

Carried

18-07-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson

That Council receives report C26-23 Procedural By-law Update for information; and

That Council directs staff to amend section 5.55 to permit the use of a recording device by the public during a Council meeting; and

That Council directs staff to bring forward an updated by-law to govern the proceedings of Council and Committee meetings of the Corporation of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

Carried - As Amended

b. C26-24 Concerns at Hobsons Harbour Dr

Council asked about consideration of additional communications regarding the Fire Smart Program to rural

landowners, conservation areas, and provincial and federal lands.

18-08-2026

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Aman Sohrab

That Council receives report C26-24 Concerns at Hobsons Harbour Dr. for information.

Carried

Public Works Department

a. Stephen Cobean, Drainage Superintendent, Cobide Engineering Inc.

BY-LAW 2026-60 and PW26-21 Weigel Farm Crossing, Minor Improvement Report

Council inquired about the engineering costs and possible grant opportunities.

18-09-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson

That Council receives report PW26-21 Notice of Final Report for Drain Minor Improvement – Judges Creek Branch ‘E’ – Weigel Farm Crossing, for information;

That Council directs staff to proceed with the project based on the information provided within the Engineer’s Report; and

That By-law 2026-60 to Adopt the Engineer’s Report regarding the Weigel Farm Crossing, Judge’s Creek Branch ‘E,’ Minor Improvement Drain Project is given a first and second reading, and provisionally passed.

Carried

Building Department

a. BD26-13 Lift Holding Zone (H)– 133 Eagle Road

18-10-2026

Moved by Councillor Aman Sohrab, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson

That Council receives report BD26-13 Lift Holding Zone (H) – 133 Eagle Road for information; and

That the removal of the Holding “H” zone requested by Mr. Joshua David Lyons & Ms. Jada Michelle Mielhausen of the properties legally described as Plan 590 Lot 53, Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula be approved, and;

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

b. BD26-14 No Demand for Services Site Plan Control Agreement

18-11-2026

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

That Council receives report BD26-14 for a No Demand for Services Site Plan Control Agreement information; and

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a No Demand for Services Agreement for the property legally described as Plan 590 Lot 53 and located at 133 Eagle Road. Carried

c. BD26-15 Tent and Trailer Exemption Explanation

18-12-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson

That Council receives report BD26-15 Tent and Trailer Exemption Explanation for information. Carried

Fire Department

a. FD26-05 Sole Source Purchase for Diesel Exhaust Filtration Units

Council inquired about the use of equipment and possible grant opportunities.

18-13-2026

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Todd Dowd

That Council receives report FD26-05 Sole Source Purchase for Diesel Exhaust Filtration Units for information; and

That Council waives Section 5.2 Informal Quotation Purchases \$30,000 to \$60,000 of Bylaw 2023-38 Purchasing Policy, and;

That Council authorizes the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with Air Technology for \$48,094.00 plus HST for the Lion’s Head Fire Hall, and;

That Council authorizes the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with Air Technology for \$40,641.00 plus HST for the Tobermory Fire Hall. Carried

7. Committee Minutes

a. Drainage Committee

Council inquired about the letter from the angle ditch from the Biosphere Association.

b. Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board

8. Correspondence - for information

Government News and Releases

a. Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, First Quarter Gaming Revenue Payment to Hanover, 2026

b. Paul Vickers MPP, Ontario Investing \$7 million in Seniors Community Grants, 2026

9. Other Business

Councillor Dowd asked about increased public education and communication regarding the Fire Smart program.

10. Reading of By-laws

a. BY-LAW 2026-61 Being A By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula to Appoint

Citizens to the Bruce County Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2026 to 2030 Term of Council

b. BY-LAW 2026-62 Being A By-Law to Delegate Certain Powers and Duties during a “Lame Duck” Period in 2026

c. BY-LAW 2026-63 Being a By-law to Amend By-law No. 2002-54, as amended, being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law as it relates to the Removal of the Holding (H) Zone Provision – Plan 590 Lot 53; 133 Eagle Road, within the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

d. BY-LAW 2026-64 - Being A By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on August 10, 2026.

e. Reading of By-laws

18-14-2026

Moved by Councillor Todd Dowd, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson

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

11. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn

18-15-2026

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

That the meeting adjourns at 2:15 p.m. Carried

Original signed by Mayor, Milt McIver and Clerk, Alexandra Croce

Community Fall Fair

October 16th at Light & Life Chapel

Food, Animals, Activities, Vendors & More

Submitted by Tammy Raycraft

As the busy summer season winds down and businesses begin to close for the year, Light and Life Chapel is inviting the Tobermory community to come together for an old-fashioned fall fair.

The Community Fall Fair will take place October 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., giving local families, businesses, clubs and organizations a chance to enjoy a day of games, food and activities during a local P.A. Day.

Organizers hope the event will become an annual community tradition, but they’re looking for plenty of local help to make the first one a success.

“We want to bring the community together after the busy season has ended,” organizers said.

Local businesses, clubs and community groups are being invited to volunteer to run their own game stations during the fair. Organizations that participate can also bring donation jars and volunteer sign-up sheets to promote their causes and recruit new volunteers.

Local vendors are also being encouraged to set up booths to showcase and sell their products.

The day will feature games, activities and races taking place every half hour, with prizes and ribbons available for participants. There will also be a prize table for games, face painting, guessing jars and a chance to guess the weight of farm animals.

Feel the Farm petting zoo will be on site with goats, ducks and bunnies, while a live scarecrow in costume will add to the fall atmosphere.

A campfire and hot drinks, including coffee and tea, will also be available throughout the day.

Lunch will be free, with organizers planning to serve chili and homemade bread. Community members are invited to enter the chili-making and bread-making contests, with hopes that local councillors will volunteer to judge the chili cook-off.

A kids’ presentation is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

The fair will also support the local community food bank, with donations being collected during the event.

Organizers are looking for volunteers

to help run activity stations, set up and tear down, serve coffee and tea and tend the campfire, among other things.

The event could also provide an opportunity for local high school students looking to complete volunteer hours.

Parking will be available at Peacock’s Foodland parking lot, with activities taking place next door at Light & Life Chapel.

Anyone interested in participating as a vendor, community group, game-station volunteer or contest entrant is asked to register by October 4 by emailing Kim at kim@lightandlifechapel.com.

With games, food, animals and activities for all ages, organizers hope the Fall Fair will give the community a chance to slow down, reconnect and celebrate the beginning of the quieter season together.

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New Bruce Grey Report Finds Energy Poverty Is Increasingly An Income Problem

Media Release
United Way Bruce Grey connects provincial, local utility and household data to show growing pressure on household budgets

September 10, 2026 – A new report from United Way Bruce Grey finds that energy affordability cannot be understood by looking at electricity or natural gas prices alone. Increasingly, the question is whether households have enough income to absorb the cost of essential energy at all.

The Energy Poverty Brief brings together Ontario Energy Board data, Westario Power data and United Way Bruce Grey’s own Utility Assistance Program data to examine energy affordability from three perspectives: the provincial electricity system, a local electricity distributor, and households seeking emergency assistance.

The three datasets tell a remarkably consistent story.

Between 2019 and 2023, the number of residential electricity accounts in Ontario grew by just 4.1%, while residential arrears dollars increased by 118.7%. In Westario Power’s service area, residential accounts grew by 3.9%, while the number of residential accounts in arrears increased by 60.2% and the value of arrears increased by 73.7%.

United Way Bruce Grey’s data show what those regulatory numbers cannot: the household budget behind the utility account.

In 2025–26, United Way Bruce Grey supported 299 households representing at least 592 people and facilitated \$172,116 in direct utility grants. Among households for which income information was available, the average annual household income was approximately \$28,368.

“We have spent years talking about energy poverty primarily through the cost of energy,” said Francesca Dobbyn, Executive Director of United Way Bruce Grey. “Energy prices absolutely matter, but these data ask us to widen the lens. Even relatively affordable energy can be unaffordable when household income is not enough to cover housing, food, transportation and all the other essentials competing for the same dollars.”

Rural heating adds another layer

The report also identifies a distinctly rural dimension to energy poverty.

Approximately 70% of United Way Bruce Grey’s utility grant dollars purchased wood, propane and furnace oil in 2025–26.

Provincial assistance programs provide support for regulated electricity and natural gas costs, but delivered heating fuels such as wood, propane and furnace oil fall outside LEAP. United Way Bruce Grey uses locally raised funds to help fill that gap.

“For many rural households, the question isn’t simply whether they can afford their electricity bill,” Dobbyn said. “It is whether they can afford the propane delivery, fill the oil tank or purchase enough dry firewood to heat their home through the winter. If we only look at electricity data, we miss a significant part of the energy-poverty picture in rural Ontario.”

The report also examines a significant increase in applications to Ontario’s Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP).

Electricity-distributor LEAP applications across Ontario increased from 11,368 in 2019 to 18,806 in 2024. However, United Way Bruce Grey cautions against interpreting that 65.4% increase as an equivalent increase in energy poverty.

The Ontario Energy Board clarified to United Way Bruce Grey that income eligibility expanded in 2024 and that distributors must now provide sufficient LEAP funding to assist all eligible applicants. Earlier LEAP participation could therefore have been constrained by narrower income eligibility and available funding.

But the distinction between LEAP and an ongoing electricity rebate such as the Ontario Electricity Support Program is important.

LEAP provides emergency assistance for households experiencing qualifying electricity or natural gas arrears. Expanding the income threshold did not create those arrears. It allowed households experiencing financial difficulty at a broader range of incomes to qualify for emergency help.

“That is an important distinction,” Dobbyn said. “More people becoming eligible for emergency arrears assistance does not mean the eligibility change created the need. It means households who previously earned too much to qualify can now be recognized when they are already struggling to pay an essential energy bill.”

A broader conversation about affordability

United Way Bruce Grey says the findings should encourage policymakers to connect conversations about energy affordability with housing affordability, income adequacy and the overall cost of basic needs.

The report recommends preserving flexible cross-fuel assistance in rural communities, pairing regulatory data with community-level evidence, and examining the next full year of LEAP data alongside arrears and disconnection data.

It also cautions against attributing the trends to any single utility, energy policy or household characteristic.

Westario Power is included in the report as United Way Bruce Grey’s geographically specific local electricity lens and long-standing community partner. Its data are used to understand how broader Ontario trends appear locally, not to assess the distributor’s performance.

“The value of putting these datasets together is that each tells us something the others cannot,” Dobbyn said. “The OEB data shows the system. Westario helps us see the local electricity picture. Our program data introduce the household, their income and the different fuels they are actually trying to purchase. When you put all three together, the conversation changes.”

The Energy Poverty Brief: What provincial, local utility and community data tell us about household energy affordability in Bruce Grey is available from United Way Bruce Grey at unitedwayofbrucegrey.com.

Households seeking support with energy poverty are encouraged to call 211 to access local and provincial programs.

Time To Sign Up For Food Bank Thanksgiving Hampers

Submitted by Linda Godhue

The Tobermory Food Bank has been distributing Hampers for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter for the past 18 years. The purpose being that everyone should be able to enjoy a holiday meal, no matter their circumstances. With the cost of groceries increasing so much in the past few years, it is harder for some to enjoy a traditional holiday meal as the majority of us do.

If you are requiring a Thanksgiving Hamper from the Tobermory Food Bank, you will need to register. You can register at the Food Bank at The Meeting Place during regular Food Bank hours -Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Or you can call Linda at 519-596-2333.

The Hampers will be distributed on Tuesday October 6th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will not be regular Food Bank Hours that Tuesday. The next regular Food Bank day will be Tuesday October 13th.

Again, the generosity of the community enables us to have the Hampers available. Thank you to all those who support our work assisting those most in need. Please visit our website tobermoryfoodbank.ca to learn more about our work or how to donate.

If you have any questions regarding the Hampers or any question about the Food Bank, please call Linda at 519-596-2333.

Lion’s Head Hospital Auxiliary’s Clothing Drive A Resounding Success

Submitted by Cathy Viscount

What a resounding success the Lion’s Head Hospital Auxiliary’s Clothing Drive was. The weather cooperated beautifully this year which made the experience rather a pleasant one.

Thank you so much to our generous community for dropping off so many wonderful bags of donations. One person who was visiting the area from Welland dropped off ten bags. Thank you very much for using garbage bags to drop off your donations and for considering everyone’s backs by not overloading them. Once again, we were able to stuff two parcel trucks. While the weight of the goods wasn’t available at press time, we are sure that it will be stupendous.

The cool evenings are without a doubt ushering in the autumnal season. Very soon the colours will be changing in earnest and we’ll be thinking about Thanksgiving. In a world that seems a little topsy turvy, at the moment, we on the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula have so much for which to be thankful. We are thankful that the generosity of our community allows us to keep health care close to home through your support of our fundraising events. There will

definitely be additional events closer to the Christmas season so stay tuned.

In the meantime, have you visited the Bookstore yet? Our bookstore is located in the basement of Christ Church at 55 Main Street in Lion’s Head. As the evenings cool off, now is the perfect time to come on by to check out our amazing collection. We are open on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. until our last day until spring, October 10th on Thanksgiving Weekend. We’ll also be open the day of the Cookie Walk, Saturday, December 5th.

We have a good variety of fiction (mysteries, Canadian authors, historical, sci-fi, westerns, romance, fantasy, children and youth novels, Archie & Jughead comics). We also have a good selection for those who prefer nonfiction: history, politics, business, biographies, self-help, spirituality, arts & crafts, DIY, cookbooks, gardening and sports.

It’s a good time to pick up a few books to have on hand for the colder days when there is more time to cuddle up with some good reads. As always we welcome book donations, but please, no encyclopedias, text books or magazines.

Enjoy the glorious fall season and, as always, we thank you for your support.

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Parks Campground Closure

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risk to another jurisdiction and expose the animal to unfamiliar territory, food sources and other bears.

Parks Canada said it is continuing to work with local authorities and partners to monitor the bear and assess its activity, with further action guided by the level of risk to public safety.

While bear activity has prompted the closure at Cyprus Lake Campground, provincial data shows the number of bear sighting reports in the Owen Sound area, including the Bruce Peninsula, is lower this year than in each of the previous three years at 180 reports so far in 2026. In 2025 there were 229 reports, in 2024 there were 288 and in 2023 there were 413 reports, according to a statement from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Overall reports are down, but this situation remains serious enough for Parks Canada to maintain the closure.

The closure has pushed some campers toward nearby campgrounds, with operators reporting an increase in demand when Cyprus Lake reservations were cancelled.

Whiskey Harbour Rocks

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The Whiskey Harbour Recreation Association was created to ‘Save The Rocks’ at Whiskey Harbour for public access. The project took a little over 20 years to complete and at the end of the process the last of the funds raised for it were donated to the Pike Bay Community

SEPO All Candidates Meeting

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opportunity to engage with one another and provide closing comments before the meeting concludes.

Candidates are encouraged to bring campaign materials and connect with residents at the meeting.

Sheatre Presents “Remembering Gladys Ryan” at The Meeting Place

October 7th

Submitted by Sara Tulloch and David Sereda

“Remembering Gladys Ryan” is a new play by theatre group Sheatre about love, power, abuse – and finding a way out. A showing of this play will be held at The Meeting Place Tobermory, 20 Centennial Drive on Wednesday, October. 7th at 2pm. It is free to attend, but please RSVP to info@tobermorymeetingplace.com or 519-596-2313 by Thursday, October 1st.

Hard topics are very often not discussed. Let’s bring abuse into the light.

Abuse isn’t age exclusive. Abuse doesn’t retire. But people of any age can learn how to find a way out. Between 2014 and 2022, intimate partner violence between seniors increased by 42% (Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario). Think about that for a minute....42%.

What can we do to help stop this trend? Let’s talk about it. And – let’s play out ways to strengthen how we can stop it.

The play will be followed by a Q & A led by Angela Yenssen, Staff Lawyer, Elder Law Project of Rural Southwestern Ontario and psychotherapist Martha Aitkin.

“Remembering Gladys Ryan” is supported by the Grey Bruce Community Legal Clinic and Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Network, with funding from New Horizons for Seniors, Community Foundation Grey Bruce, the Ontario Arts Council and Ron Todd & Associates IG Wealth Management.

See ad on page 4.

Nathan Keeshig, who has managed Cape Croker Park since 1995 said they were nearly at capacity the initial Friday and Saturday that Cyprus campground was closed, with about 100 additional campsites reserved or occupied by walk-ins.

He said the closure prompted the phone to “start ringing,” with displaced Cyprus Lake campers among those looking for sites.

The staff at Summer House Park estimated business was 25 to 30 per cent busier, particularly during the first few days after the closure, when the phone was ringing nonstop.

Both campground operators said bear sightings are not unusual in their parks and emphasized educating campers about keeping food and other attractants secured.

In 2022 there were local wildlife management measures taken, which included a brief partial campground closure in the fall, to support preventative bear management activities and to remove attractants, Parks Canada said in a statement.

Bears are always part of camping on the Bruce Peninsula, but Parks Canada is treating this bear as a public-safety concern.

Association ‘for outdoor recreation’ use.

This spring, those funds were used to pay for 7 maple trees planted at the Pike Bay Community Park, along with a bench. The bench and trees were put in place thanks to help from the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula and complement the playground equipment they installed in the fall of 2025.

SEPO is inviting residents throughout the Northern Bruce Peninsula to attend, participate and take the opportunity to learn more about the people seeking to represent the community.



Photo courtesy of Nathan Keeshig

Photo: A lineup of campers and RVs gather at the entrance to Cape Croker Park on the weekend of August 29th, hoping for an open site after hearing news of the closure of Cyprus Lake Campground by Parks Canada due to increased bear activity.



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MNBP Gears Up For In-House Garbage Collection

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Staff proceeded to acquire the first truck for \$318,000 plus HST following approval on July 27 from Council. The study also suggested a backup garbage truck in case the primary truck faces mechanical issues or maintenance requirements.

The report reads that staff investigated purchasing a used larger garbage truck for \$200-250,000. As an alternative, staff researched a new smaller four-wheel drive truck that “may provide greater operational flexibility and long-term value.”

“Through investigations we found that this smaller truck would be more versatile and we could use it for a lot of our smaller more narrow cottage style roads,” Cameron said. He mentioned the smaller secondary truck could be used often during winter as less garbage is placed curbside when seasonal residents travel home, resulting in fuel cost savings and increased maneuverability.

Councillor Todd Dowd commented that he had “sticker shock” when he first read [the report]. He asked if a curbside attachment could be bought for an existing roll-on roll-off truck or staff could operate a one-ton truck with racks as the backup garbage truck instead. Cameron confirmed that no attachments are available and although a one-ton truck was used in Lindsay Township prior to amalgamation in 1999, it would not be able to accommodate the increased garbage volume of today’s population; coupled with the health and safety implications of workers attempting to repeatedly throw garbage to the front of the truck.

Councillor Dowd requested that “Be Bear Wise” advertising be placed on municipal garbage trucks to inform the public about the importance of securing bear attractants like food, garbage, and bird feeders.

Mayor McIver Supports Development on Chi Sin Tib Dek Road

Laura Swanson, Darryl M. Robins Consulting Inc., made a delegation to Council regarding a concerning comment from Bruce County pertaining to a development application in Tobermory on Chi Sin Tib Dek Road, which states that the County does not support partial servicing for new development proposals. The County’s comment raises questions as to whether development opportunities would be restricted throughout the Municipality – Tobermory only has sanitary sewer available, and Lion’s Head only has municipal water services.

Swanson, working on behalf of Churchill Development, said the application proposes to develop a 56-acre property to a residential subdivision and campground. The property is 240 metres from the municipal sanitary sewer and there is currently no municipal water service in Tobermory. The owner plans to connect to the sanitary sewer and temporarily provide wells until water servicing becomes available in Tobermory.

“We wish to highlight that Tobermory and Lion’s Head are both communities that are predominantly on partial services,” stated Swanson. She explained that she believes the County’s policies are focused on guiding urban centres like Port Elgin where both services (water and sewer) are present, not smaller villages offering partial services. “This policy restricts the development opportunities in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula,” she said.

Although the County’s Official Plan restricts development in partial service areas, Swanson noted that the Provincial Policy Statement does say that municipal water and sewer services are the preferred form of servicing in settlement areas from an environmental and health and safety perspective.

Developer Cal Churchill asked for the Municipality’s support for the application despite the County’s restrictions. Mayor Milt McIver responded that “If we don’t [support partial service developments], we’re never going to have any development occur and we do want some housing to be built...I didn’t think provincial policy was that tight, I thought there was a little bit of flexibility.”

The mayor directed staff to contact the County expressing the Municipality’s



Drawing from Darryl M. Robins Consulting Inc. – MNBP Agenda Package September 14, 2026, Staff Report PW 26-23. Photo: Tammy’s Cove Road Option 1: Road Realignment and Direct Access (red showing new road location).

support for the application and offered to speak directly to the County Planning Director.

“We got a cost estimate of 80 million to put water in Tobermory, so unless the government supports us for 90% of it, it’s going to be pretty hard to afford,” expressed the mayor.

Council Approves Road Realignment Reconstruction Option for Tammy’s Cove Road for Almost 1.5 million Dollars

Road realignment and direct access (Option 1) was approved by Council as a reconstruction option for Tammy’s Cove Road on Miller Lake. A staff report from the Public Works Manager estimated a capital cost of \$1,466,903 plus HST to be considered through a future capital budget process.

The Municipality’s Roads Needs Study recognized Tammy’s Cove Road as requiring reconstruction and hard surfacing. To plan the project, Darryl M. Robins Consulting Inc. was hired to address the road and collect resident opinions. Findings noted several areas of the road non-compliant with highway standards. Cameron described the angled road as posing a safety hazard.

A survey distributed to 18 residents resulted in seven responses with 49% favouring Option 1: road realignment to the south, lowering some road elevations, elimination of an intersection, and direct driveway access to the new roadway provided to all affected residents. The old Tammy’s Cove Road will be removed. Staff recommended Option 1 to offer a direct route for emergency services and allow winter road maintenance and curbside waste collection.

Two other options were presented to residents. Option 2 was a close second choice for respondents with 46% preferring this similar road realignment approach with a new intersection, narrow lane along the old road, and direct driveway access for one affected property. Only 5% chose Option 3: divided roadway.

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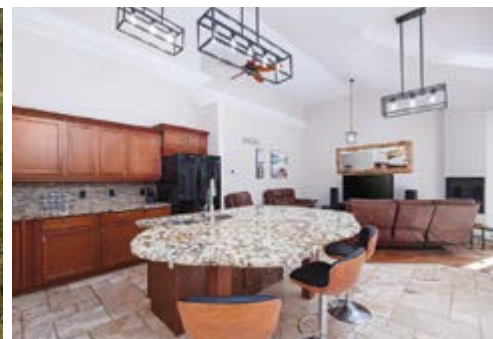
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LOT WITH DRIVEWAY ON DORCAS BAY ROAD

Located on a year around Municipal road near Highway 6 and public water access. Hydro is available at the lot line. This property offers approx. 200 ft x 400 ft. A driveway is already installed. The lot also includes a storage shed located deeper on the property.

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NATURAL PARADISE MINUTES FROM TOBERMORY!

Set on 2.5 acres near the end of a quiet dead-end road. The property offers approximately 131 ft. of waterfront at the mouth of a protected inlet. A driveway is already in place, leading to a generous clearing. A Drainage and Grading Plan is available upon request.

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The driveway and building area have already been cleared, and hydro has been brought onto this nearly 1.5 acre waterfront lot. HUGE amount of work already completed. The shoreline features deep water, offering great potential for a dock and easy access for watercraft.

\$375,000

Lion’s Head Legion Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction October 17

Submitted by Gerry Tilmans,
1st VP, Public Relations

Lion’s Head Legion Branch 202 will be hosting our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday October 17, with a 5pm social hour and dinner at 6pm. A few tickets are left, please contact Don Colter at 519-793-3473.

Poppy season is now just a month away and this year it runs October 24th to November 11, a week earlier than in the past. This extended period will be the norm going forward, giving people more time to consider a donation. All funds raised are kept separate from other donations and fundraisers and go to support veterans and their families. All legion members are expected to help canvass poppies and the extra time should allow for more to take a shift.

Last issue I talked about the commemorative banner for Private John Gilbert and in this issue it is about Tadeusz (Ted) Giefert. Twenty commemorative banners will be installed in Lion’s Head after Thanksgiving.

Karen Lovell gathered and submitted this information about her father:

“Ted was born in Poland in 1923. At the beginning of WWII, the German forces took his family and he was made a POW working in the woods cutting trees for the camps. He heard a train in the distance and planned his escape and was determined to pursue the escape through very heavily invaded territory. He made the escape and enlisted in the British Army.

Some of the countries Ted fought in



TADEUSZ (TED) GIEFERT
WWII - Army
His Loving Family

Photo credit: Lion’s Head Legion
Photo: Tadeusz (Ted) Giefert.



PTE JOHN GILBERT
Royal Canadian Regiment
Vera Osborne

Photo credit: Lion’s Head Legion
Photo: Private John Gilbert

Mermaid Spotted at Mermaid’s Cove



Photo credit: Lin Gitterman



Photo credit: Summer Dirckx

Photos: On July 31st, Tobermory resident Summer Dirckx transformed into a mermaid for a photo shoot at the appropriately named “Mermaid’s Cove” near Tobermory. Summer, who was 7 months pregnant at the time, is expecting a child this October. Onlookers were delighted to witness the playful moment.

include Italy, France, Siberia, Egypt and Libya. My Father fought in the battle of Monte Cassino in 1944. On September 4th British, Polish and Canadian troops landed on Calabria. He lost most of his platoon in the battle of Monte Cassino.

He was a crew commander who occupied a command post and a Corporal. We remember him saying he was on the front line and eventually drove a tank. He fought the entire war and when the war was over he came by boat to Canada and eventually ended up in Spry, Ontario.

My 3 brothers bought land in Spry prior to my parents moving up. My parents (wife Barbara) loved it so much they decided to purchase land and built in Spry in the early 90s. My 3 brothers followed and just 4 years ago my husband and I moved to Miller Lake. My parents were retired when they moved to Spry. My dad was an extraordinary carpenter most of his life. While loving retirement he built custom lawn furniture as a hobby and had a great love for his vegetable garden. They were very close to all of us and always ready to give a helping hand.”

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This image shows a piece of marbled paper with a landscape theme. The design is characterized by fluid, organic patterns of blue, green, and white, which form a sky and water. A dark, silhouetted line of trees separates the water from the sky in the middle ground. The overall effect is a dreamlike, ethereal representation of a natural scene, created through the traditional marbling technique.

Photo: Keeping Love Real, by Kelly Fletcher.

A black and white illustration of a woman in a long, fringed dress and a patterned shawl, holding a bouquet of flowers. The illustration is framed by a thick black border. The woman has long, wavy hair and is looking slightly to the right. The shawl has a star or floral pattern. The dress is long and fringed, with a wide belt. She is holding a large bouquet of flowers in front of her. The background is dark. The illustration is signed 'R. 100' in the bottom left corner.

Rebecca Michie, one of 12 permanent member artists, is an OCAD graduate having majored in Illustration with a minor in Printmaking. She is passionate about allegorical expressions of the female, particularly in ancient folk myth, legend and religion. Exploring themes of sisterhood, patriarchy and ancestral legacy, she works mostly in oil paint and relief print. Rebecca is inspired by the beauty of the Bruce. In her work you will find sunsets, birds, fish, flowers and trees.

Photo: Bride by Rebecca Michie.

KEEP THE BRUCE
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Written by Tammy Raycraft

Today, Classie Casual takes its pop-ups to communities including Mount Forest, Bognor, Colpoys Bay, Pike Bay, Lion's Head and Tobermory.

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Photo L-R: Classie Casual Boutique owners Sandy and Dorie with the "Swag Wagon."



Photo L-R: Owners Sandy and Dorie showcase a selection of the clothing lines offered at their boutique location.

Pete Dean – A Tobermory Mariner

Submitted by Nora Dean and John Currie

For almost 200 years men, and quite recently women, have been sailing the waters around Tobermory. In the early years, commercial fishing around the northern part of The Peninsula was the main reason for being on the water. When parts of The Peninsula were opened up for individuals and companies to buy land in the 1870's, lumbering became the second reason for an increase in the numbers of boats being in Tobermory's harbours.

There are pictures in Hewers of the Forests, Fishers of the Lakes showing several fishing companies and various lumber mills situated around the Little Tub over the early years. Tourist boats started to appear in the Little Tub in the 1930's and 40's. In recent years, tourism has become the main reason for the commercial boats here.

Whatever the reason, early sailors ventured forth on the waters, learning from their elders how to navigate during the day and night, how to handle the boats in all kinds of weather, how to load their boats to maintain balance and buoyancy, how to read the weather, how to repair and maintain their boats, firstly sailing vessels and then power driven vessels.

Many of these early seamen even learned how to build their own boats. Wooden sailing fishing ships were the predominant commercial vessel to ply the waters around Tobermory in the early days. The first steam tug arrived in Tobermory around 1882 – their numbers increased over the years as the number of sailing vessels decreased.

The skills and body of knowledge learned about seamanship were important and as time passed, they became the basis of government regulations governing those who would work on a boat or assume leadership roles on boats.

Tobermory has produced many personnel who have worked on the water, developed skills and pursued knowledge to assume leadership on their own boat. There have been several who have gone on to work on larger vessels plying the Great Lakes and beyond. And that tradition continues.

One of those who learned while you go and played a significant role locally is Pete Dean.



Photo courtesy of Nora Dean

Photo: Pete Dean proudly stands with the finished W.A. Spears docked in Little Tub Harbour in Tobermory, circa 1978/79.

Pete was born in 1943 at the Red Cross Outpost in Tobermory. Today, this is the white house located next to Shipwreck Lee's restaurant at the ferry dock. He had various jobs as a young man, from short order cook to carpenter to fishing. He worked for Murray Ransbury on the "Lark" and Jack Edmonstone on the "Gerry S".

Eventually Pete wanted to be his own master.

He bought a boat, "Drifter II", rebuilt its superstructure, and started his own company having bought a commercial fishing licence in 1968. In these early days, there were three fish houses in town: Ransbury Bros, Lee Bros and Golden's. There were many Tobermory boats fishing the waters around The Peninsula at that time: W.W. Ransbury, Lark, North Side, Dyker Lass, Gerry S, Anzac K. and his own, Drifter II.

In the 1970's Pete started to think about building a bigger boat. From his experiences he knew that the bigger the boat, the more stable and safe platform it could be on the water in any condition. In 1978 he started to build his dream

boat in the field next to his parents' house at the corner of Cape Hurd Rd and Hwy 6. It was to be fashioned after the popular turtle-backed model. (Think of the shape of the Mamie, currently at dock in Little Tub Harbour.)

When building a



Photo courtesy of Nora Dean

Photo: Backing the hull of the W.A. Spears into Little Tub Harbour, Tobermory, circa 1978/79.

hull, wooden or steel, you start from the bottom and work up. Pete laid an I-beam on blocks and added the frames, ribs and supports. Pete cut the pieces from sheets of

steel himself. He installed a rudder and propeller. The bronze and nickel 4 blade propeller was made at the Kennedy foundry in Owen Sound.

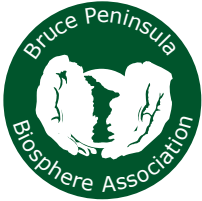
When the hull and decking was complete, the hull was towed to the harbour and successfully launched. The hull was 58 ft long and 21 ft wide (17.6 m x 6m). (For a visual reference, the Mamie is approximately 41.5 ft long and 14 ft wide (12.6m x 4.27m).)

At the dock, over the next year, Pete added the 265HP turbo charged diesel engine, the superstructure and pilot house, as well as all navigation and safety equipment. Pete's work in cutting and fashioning steel became the basis of him starting Tobercraft Welding.

He named the boat to honour his friend, W.A. Spears, the retired Cove Island lighthouse keeper. Bill helped Pete build the boat and only when the boat was christened did Bill find out his name would appear on its bow.

Pete started fishing with "The Spears" in the Fall of 1979. He had three crew: Rod Anderson, Jim Dilworth and Patrick Ryan. They fished Lake Huron as far south as Stokes Bay and north to Manitoulin Island and in Georgian Bay south to Dyers Bay. The main catch was Whitefish.

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Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association SUMMER RAFFLE WINNERS 4 Winners Drawn on Saturday August 15th

The Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association would like to thank the community and all the people that purchased tickets for our summer raffle to make it a wonderful, sold-out success!!

We would also like to thank the many contributors for all the amazing prizes. Their donations allowed us to put the total proceeds from this raffle back into our BPBA Outreach and Education projects.

Southampton Getaway Prize Donors: Beach Boutique Motel, Armen's, The Cooks Cupboard, Southampton Olive Oil, Dizzy Bird Coffee, Larkspur Books, Licit Garden, Lighthouse Photo and Gifts, Re:mind Wellness Spa, Southampton Market, Logan's Southampton, Southampton Art Centre, Dávid & Cathy, and the Bruce County Museum.

Tobermory Terrific Boat Cruise Donor: Fathom Five Fishing and Private Boat Tours, Mike Marcotte.

Stained Glass Panels Donor: Karen Sword

Night Sky on Canvas Donor: Mike Warkentin and Staples Owen Sound.

The draw took place on August 15, 2026, at the Lion's Head Farmers' Market.



Photo: Karen Ali, fourth prize winner, with "Night Sky Photo on Canvas", donated by Mike Warkentin and Staples Owen Sound.



Photo L-R : Pat Sein, Wendy Rodgers & Elizabeth Thorn drawing the names of the winners for the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association summer raffle.

- FIRST PRIZE:** Southampton Getaway Package, Value over \$1,000. **WINNER:** Kati Hall, Whitby, ON
- SECOND PRIZE:** Tobermory Terrific Boat Cruise, Value \$395 **WINNER:** Donald Gordon, Toronto, ON
- THIRD PRIZE:** Stained Glass, Value \$400 **WINNER:** Rob Nespolo, Tobermory, ON
- FOURTH PRIZE:** Night Sky Photo on Canvas, Value \$250 **WINNER:** Karen Ali, Waterloo, ON

Once again heartfelt thanks to everyone who purchased tickets, our donors and our ticket sellers!

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Photo: Construction of the W.A. Spears began in Spring 1978.

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He sold most of his catch to Ransbury Bros fish house, next to the ferry dock. He later sold fish to Loughheed's in Owen Sound. Commercial fishing began each year as soon as the ice started to break up in the Spring, and would go into November or early December. Boats would leave the docks usually before dawn when the wind was down. They would return with whatever they caught between 3 and 5 PM. The length of the day depended on where they fished and weather conditions, as well as how many fish they had to clear from the nets and then clean.

Of course, nets had to be reset for the next day, either in the same location or one that might prove more promising than that day. Marking where your nets were set, often out of sight of land, and to return to them the next day, was done well before GPS existed. Dead reckoning is a skill not practised today.

Commercial fishing came to an end for the Tobermory fishermen in 1993 -1995 when the Federal Government bought back their licences and gave the indigenous fishermen the sole right to commercially fish around the Bruce Peninsula. Many boat owners sold their fishing boats to whomever.

Two fishing boats remained in town: the Dyker Lass and the W.A. Spears. The Mamie was here in 1979 but had been used solely for diving by the G&S Dive Shop. Pete used The Spears to take out scuba divers for G&S as well and for private fishing parties before and after his licence was revoked.

Throughout Pete's career on the water he did a number of different things. He planted splake fingerlings for years for the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Wiarton Sportsmen Club. He took Lighthouse Keepers to and from their islands for years: Bill Spears to Cove, Audrey Coultis to Flowerpot and John Adams to Lonely.

On one occasion Pete took the Spears to Toronto from where he towed a tugboat that had been based in Montreal to Penetang.

On August 27, 1990, The Spears towed the Caroline Rose from Owen Sound to Driftwood Cove. The Rose, built in

1940, was a sister ship of the famous Canadian Grand Banks fishing vessel, the Bluenose, built in the same shipyard in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. The Rose had become ill-used over the years since the Grand Banks fishery went downhill in the 1950s. It had even sunk at the docks in Owen Sound where it had been used for a few charters. The Tobermory Maritime Association bought the boat after getting permission to sink it in Driftwood Cove as a dive site.

In 2007 Pete sold The Spears to a fisherman in Killarney. It was no longer a profitable boat for him. Today it is on the shore in that area, starting to look like the Anzac K.

Pete very much believed in "The Law of the Sea": help fellow mariners when they are in need. For 35 years he was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, responding to many calls to tow boats that had run out of fuel, or pull them off rocks, or find them in the fog.

On one occasion, Pete and crew happened to be on the scene when a boat became imperilled. On October 30, 1980 the Spears was fishing in Lake Huron to the West of the Cape Hurd Light. As can happen, the West wind unexpectedly increased to near gale conditions such that it became dangerous to be lifting nets. (Gale winds are classified as starting at 35 knots, or 65 kph or 40 mph. The waves in the 30-35 knot winds in open water could be 6 to 10 feet in height (2-3 m)).

Water was coming in the open door on the port side where the net puller was located. They had to abandon the nets and head back to town. As they approached the entrance to Cape Hurd channel they came across the Avalon Voyager. The Voyager was being moved from Kincardine to Owen Sound when it too was pounded by the waves as it approached Cape Hurd. Its engine became overheated and the boat had to drop anchor at the entrance to the channel.

The Spears came along side the heavily rolling Voyager and rescued the

captain and 6 crew. The Voyager's anchor eventually broke free and the boat drifted thru the channel until it became hard aground off Bonnet Island at the entrance to Hay Bay.

For this action, Pete, Rod, Jim and Patrick were awarded the Medal of Bravery by the Governor General at a ceremony in Rideau Hall in April 1982. (See wording of the Governor General's citation by Googling "Pete Dean and the rescue of the crew from the Avalon Voyager".)

On land, Pete has been civic-minded over the years. He was a founding member and second President of the Tobermory Health Clinic Auxiliary. He is still a member. He was the St Edmunds Township Rep on the Board and then Chair of the Wiarton Hospital Board of Directors. He helped organize the neighbourhood Watch Program in St Edmunds Township. He also served on Council for St Edmunds.

Pete Dean: one of many mariners in our evolving maritime history.

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Owen Sound Resident Charged Following Single Vehicle Collision

OPP Media Release

(NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has charged an Owen Sound resident following a drug-impaired driving investigation.

On September 13, 2026, at approximately 5:00 a.m., members of the Grey Bruce OPP were dispatched to Highway 6 near Caudle Side Road in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula for a report of a single motor vehicle collision.

Investigation revealed that a vehicle had left the roadway and overturned in the ditch. Officers attended the scene and spoke with the lone occupant of the vehicle. As a result of the investigation, the driver was arrested for impaired operation.

The driver did not sustain any injuries.

A 58-year-old resident of Owen Sound, has been charged under the Criminal Code of Canada with:

- Operation While Impaired - Drugs



Photo credit: O.P.P.
Photo: On September 13th a vehicle left the roadway near Caudle Side Road on Highway 6.

-Dangerous Operation

The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound on October 29, 2026.

A 90-day Administrative Driver's Licence Suspension (ADLS) and a seven-day vehicle impoundment were initiated as required by statute.

The Grey Bruce OPP reminds motorists that drug impairment can significantly affect a driver's ability to safely operate a vehicle. Drivers who choose to operate a vehicle while impaired place themselves and others at risk.

Anyone who observes a suspected impaired driver is encouraged to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. If the situation is urgent or poses an immediate threat to public safety, call 9-1-1.

Theft of Jet Ski and Trailer in Sauble Beach

(SAUBLE BEACH, ON) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating the theft of a jet ski and

trailer in Sauble Beach and is seeking assistance from the public.

On September 5, 2026, members of the Grey Bruce OPP received a report of a stolen jet ski and trailer. The theft occurred between 10:00 p.m. on September 4, 2026, and 11:30 a.m. on September 5, 2026.

The trailer and jet ski were parked on Robert Avenue near Main Street in Sauble Beach at the time of the theft.

The stolen property is described as:

- Trailer: Black single-axle Kara Sea boat trailer. Ontario licence plate: X8862Y.
- Jet Ski: 2023 Black Sea Doo Jet Ski. Registration number: EXPX200.

(Occurrence Number: E26128955)

ATV THEFT IN SAUBLE BEACH

(SAUBLE BEACH, ON) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating the theft of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) from a business in Sauble Beach.

On September 5, 2026, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Grey Bruce OPP received a report of a stolen ATV.

The investigation determined that the theft occurred sometime between 6:00 p.m. on September 4, 2026, and 11:00 a.m. on September 5, 2026.

The stolen vehicle is described as a:

- 2022 Polaris Sportsman XP1000: Colour: Black. Ontario Licence Plate: 8YC61.

(Occurrence Number: E261289053)

The Grey Bruce OPP is asking anyone with information regarding these incidents, or who may have observed suspicious persons or vehicles in the area during the time of the theft, to contact the Grey Bruce OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit information online at www.cstip.ca, where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward.

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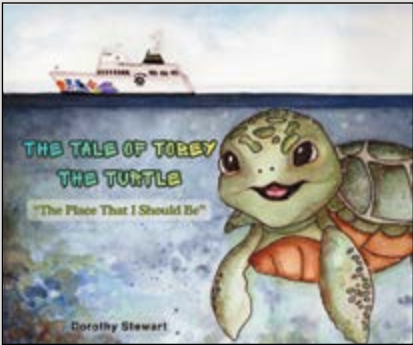
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Community Christmas Cantata Rehearsals Beginning October 18

Submitted by David Warder

The Community Christmas Cantata Choir, based in Lion's Head, began about 35 years ago when it was discovered that 3 choirs in Lion's Head were learning the same piece for Christmas. An opportunity arose for the 3 choirs to sing this piece together at a community event and the Community Christmas Cantata Choir began the following Christmas and has continued ever since.

The Choir's performances, usually within about 10 days of Christmas Day, have become a long-standing and meaningful tradition for the people of Lion's Head and from a wide surrounding area.

A Cantata is a vocal composition with instrumental accompaniment, typically split into multiple movements and written for soloists, chorus or both. Cantatas can be sacred or secular. In our case, we always perform sacred Cantatas, and we now perform a Cantata for Christmas and a Cantata for Good Friday annually.

We sing almost entirely in 4-part (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass or SATB) harmony, so the ability to read music is definitely an asset but not mandatory. We provide part-dominant recordings so people can hear their own parts and practice at home between rehearsals.

In recent years, our singers come anywhere from Tobermory in the north to Clavering in the south. We are based in Lion's Head but you certainly don't

need to live here to sing in this choir. This is a somewhat unique type of choir in the Grey-Bruce area and is an ideal opportunity for people in these days when church choirs are less common. This is also an ideal choir if you are looking to sing but only want a short-term commitment as the entire process is complete within about 8 to 10 weeks.

This year's Christmas Cantata is entitled "Glory to the Newborn King!: Celebrating the Light of Christmas." It includes 3 songs that are often requested by people but the choir has never sung, so I'm quite excited to have found all 3 pieces in the same work and I can hardly wait for people to hear us sing them.

Rehearsals begin on Sunday, October 18 at 2 pm at Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church, 18 Ferndale Road, in Lion's Head. Performances are on Tuesday, December 15 and Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 pm also at Bethel.

If you'd like to sing in the choir or have any questions get in touch with me (David Warder 519-793-4015 davidcharleswarder@gmail.com) or show up at the first rehearsal.

If you want to check us out first, we have some videos online (search for Bethel EMC Lion's Head on YouTube, click on the Videos tab, click on the Popular tab), or come to a performance in December.

Rehearsals for Good Friday will begin on Sunday, January 10.



Photo courtesy of David Warder

Photo: The Community Christmas Cantata Choir at a December 2025 performance.

Bruce Men's Shed Now Officially a Corporation in Ontario

Submitted by Gerry Tilmans, Team Leader

As a sign of longevity, Bruce Men's Shed is now incorporated as an entity in Ontario. We will be setting up a Board of Directors and finalizing our bylaws. We would like to thank the Grey Bruce Legal Clinic for their assistance with the fine print. As a corporation we will be instantly recognized as a trusted business which will allow us to apply for grants from foundations, the provincial government and other groups that support civic projects. Property ownership is now a possibility, and we can build funds towards a workshop of our own one day. We will remain a not-for-profit group but not a charitable one. The future looks bright!

On Thursday September 30 we will be in Kincardine to help a new Sheds inaugural meeting. Men's Shed Kincardine will be hosted by Legion Branch 183 (thank you!) at 219 Lambton St Kincardine at 9:30 am. There will be coffee, tea and snacks.

All men are welcome to come out and to learn about what Sheds do. This is being promoted by a number of newspapers as well as Bruce Power Pensioners Association and a local radio station.

Drop in for Coffee Monday every week 9am-11am at Canadian Legion Branch 202, 6 Hellyer Road on Highway 6, 4 km north of Ferndale. Doors open at 8:45.

Our next monthly meeting is Saturday October 24 from 9am-11am where we talk about past and upcoming projects so please come out.

In Wiarton Bruce Men's Shed coffee gathering is every Coffee Wednesday at 10 am 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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Registration Now Open for September Session of My Dad's Group

Media Release

Owen Sound, ON – My Dad's Group, a long standing positive parenting program for men in Grey and Bruce counties, has opened registration for the September 2026 session. The program offers two convenient group locations, with meetings on Tuesday evenings in Hanover and Wednesday evenings in Owen Sound.

"September is when many kids head back to school and more formal learning environments. It's a great time for parents to think about their own learning and personal growth as well," said Men's Program supervisor, Jon Farmer.

My Dad's Group gives guys the chance to connect with other dads, learn more about their children's needs and how they change over time, and work on the skills they need to be the safest and most supportive man they can be in the lives of their kids. The program runs for three months in the evening from 6:00pm to 8:30pm; it is free, and dinner is provided. Gas cards are also available to help men who face transportation barriers.

My Dad's Group was originally

developed in Grey Bruce in the 1990s and has been running through the Men's Program consistently since that time. It is run in partnership with Bruce Grey Child and Family Services.

"We're always making small changes to update the program because the world around dads, kids and families keeps changing. What doesn't change is kids' need for supportive, consistent, and loving dads regardless of whether their biological parents are still in a relationship. This group explores real life challenges and gives guys a chance to share solutions and support. Parenting is a challenge and we weren't all given the male role models that we wanted as kids. My Dad's Group is a chance to make sure that we can show up for our own children in the best way possible," Farmer added.

The Hanover group will begin on September 15th and the Owen Sound group will begin September 16th.

For more information or to register for the program, please visit greybruce.cmha.ca/programs/my-dads-group/ or contact the Men's Program at 519-372-2720 ext 1201 or via email at mp@cmhagb.org

Teen Writing Contest: Call for Submissions

Media Release

Owen Sound, Ontario – September 8, 2026 - Attention young writers! The 2026 Write @ Your Library creative writing contest is seeking submissions of poems and short stories from students in grades 7 through 12 from across Grey and Bruce Counties. Submissions are also being sought for the cover design of the 2026 anthology.

The 2026 Write @ Your Library creative writing contest is open to all students in grades 7 to 12 in Grey and Bruce Counties. Winning entries will receive cash prizes of up to \$100 and have their work published in the Write for 2026 anthology.

Guidelines for the writing and design contests can be picked up at public libraries across Grey and Bruce Counties or downloaded from the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library's website: www.library.osngupl.ca

Email submissions to tfeick@library.osngupl.ca by Friday, October 23, 2026.

This event is coordinated by the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library and is offered through the participation of Blue Mountains Public Library, Bruce County Public Library, Grey Highlands Public Library, Hanover Public Library, Meaford Public Library, Southgate Public Library and West Grey Public Library.



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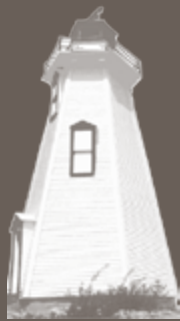
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Help Wanted at Hellyer’s Foodland - Meat Cutter - Full-time. \$20/Hour, 40 hours per week. Includes Health benefits, and suitable for all ages, including students. Apply instore or send resume to: hellyersfoodmarket@gmail.com. See ad on page 9.

THANK YOU

The family of Lynda Chisholm would like to express their deepest thanks to all of our friends and extended family for helping us deal with the loss of our Mom, Grandma, and Great Grandma. To the staff at Gateway Haven, thank you for looking after her, and making it home. To Ceejay, Morgan and Justin at George Funeral Home, thank you for your professionalism, and helping us through a very difficult time. To Cathy Addison, for her beautiful words at the graveside service. You described mom perfectly!! To the Tobermory Legion and Ladies Auxiliary for allowing us to have the use of the building and for the amazing luncheon. To everyone who sent flowers or made a donation. And a special thank you to Aunt Christine Chisholm, who didn’t want to speak, but did. We know it wasn’t easy for you, and we appreciate it. Every little thing that was done helped us through a very difficult time, and we thank you all. Trudy, Connie, Sandra, Ron, Karen, and families.

IN MEMORY

McLay - In loving memory of Alice Ruth McLay who passed away on September 25, 2022. She was a mother so very rare, Content in her home and always there, On earth she toiled, in heaven she rests, God bless you Mother, you were one of the best. Fondly remembered by Dennis, Bonnie, Kyle (the late Paul McLay) and families.

OBITUARIES



MCLAY, Joe - We lost one of the good ones! It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Joe McLay of Wiarton, Ont., on August 22, 2026 at St. Mary’s hospital, Kitchener. He was in his 87th year. Joe, loving husband of Sharron for almost 65 years. Beloved father of Joel (Gail) of Berford Lake, Ont., Denise (Art) of London, Ont., and Rod (Erica) of Ketch Harbour, Nova Scotia. A cherished Grandfather of 4 grandchildren – Kate (Andrew Harvey) of Edinburgh, Scotland, Rachel, London, Ont., Megan (Tyler Cunningham) of Sauble Beach, and Keiran (Sara Rizzo) of Owen Sound. Great Grandfather of Noah, Jaxson, and Emilee. Beloved brother of Doug (Lois McLay) of Stokes Bay, Ont., and Jim of Ross River, NWT. Brother-in-Law of Dorothy & Vic Tyndall, of Wiarton, Ont. and Wes Rydall of Lion’s Head, Ont. He will be missed by his many nieces and nephews, and his good friend Dick Flarity. Predeceased by his parents George and Wilma; his sister Lois Rydall; sister-in-law, Lorraine Blacklock; and brothers-in-law, Harvey and Lloyd Holmes. Joe was an engineer on many of the Great Lakes freighters, worked on oil rigs in the North West Territories, and concluded his career as the ship keeper for the MS Chi-Cheemaun. Joe loved to watch curling and baseball and was a huge Blue Jays fan. He also enjoyed harness racing from time to time.A LOT of the time! The family held a graveside service at Stokes Bay Cemetery on Friday August 28th at 1:00 pm. A gathering and refreshments followed at Tamarac Island Inn. (235 Tamarac Road). In lieu of flowers, Joe would have requested that you waste your money on something he loved just as much as his family; a hopeless three-year-old racehorse with bad ankles. If the horse actually wins.....take the winnings and have a drink or two, and fondly remember a man named Joe McLay. Arrangements entrusted to the Thomas C. Whitcroft Funeral Home & Chapel, Sauble Beach (519) 422-0041.

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Clubs, Organizations, Groups, etc., call us before Sept. 30, 2026 to be included in the next Press.

MONDAY

Bruce Men's Shed Drop-in Coffee. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Contact brucemensshed@gmail.com or 519-793-3005 to get involved. **8:45-11am**

Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation Board Meeting. Contact Catherine at 519-534-5856 for info. **(last Mon.) Not July, Aug. nor Dec. 9-11am**

VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Friendship Club Lion's Head. Contact gbsmart@von.ca or 519-376-5895 ext. 6103 for more info. **10am**

VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Tobermory Community Centre. Contact gbsmart@von.ca or 519-376-5895 ext. 6103 for more info. **10:30-11:30am**

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. **11:15am-12:15pm**

Bid Euchre. Friendship Club Lion's Head. Bid Euchre and/or Bridge. lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. **1pm**

Mah Jongg Mavericks. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. New players welcome. Drop in or call Carol for info/lessons 519-795-7143. **1-4pm**

MNBP Council Meeting. 56 Lindsay Rd, Lion's Head. Or view online at northernbrucepeninsula.ca **(2nd & 4th Mon.) 1-4pm**

Pickleball. Tobermory Tennis Court. Guests welcome. \$10. **4-8pm**

Peninsula Pilates. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Reserve at goldenchainforever.com/in-person-offerings. **6-7pm**

Euchre. Pike Bay Community Centre. \$4 entry, includes light refreshments and prizes. Contact pikebay.ontario@gmail.com **Last day Oct. 5. 7pm**

Stokes Bay Community Meeting. Stokes Bay Community Centre. **4th Mon. each month. 7pm**

TUESDAY

Community Café. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Coffee, tea, snacks. **8am-12pm**

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

Mindful Movement with Joann. Tobermory United Church. See tobermoryunited.ca. **10am**

Meeting Place Gym. The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. **Drop in 9am-1pm & 3-5pm**

Line Dancing. Friendship Club Lion's Head. May not be suitable for beginners. lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. **Not July/Aug. 10-11am**

Senior Chair Yoga. Tobermory Community Centre. Free. 55+. Limited spots. Register ahead northbrucepeninsula.ca/news/posts/tcc-chair-yoga. **11-11:30am**

Meditation with Joann. Tobermory United Church. See tobermoryunited.ca. **11:20am-12pm**

Hooked on the Bruce. Lion's Head Friendship Club. Rug hooking & punch needle. Drop in, or call Linda at 519-377-6592 for info or lessons. **1-3pm**

Tobermory Legion Branch 290 General Branch Meeting. Tobermory Legion. **2nd Tues. each month, not July/Aug. 7pm**

The Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. More info at facebook.com/RotaryNBP or 519-793-4040. **1st and 3rd Tues. 7-8:30pm**

WEDNESDAY

Community Café. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Coffee, tea, snacks. **8am-12pm**

Yin & Yang Yoga. Via Zoom. Contact barbara@lovingyoga.ca. **7am**

Tea Time Quilters. United Church Hall, Lion's Head. Quilters meet to work on their projects. **9am-3pm**

Meeting Place Gym. The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. **Drop in 9am-5pm**

Tobermory Quilters. Light & Life Chapel. Quilt, share ideas, collaborate. Contact Glenna at 519-596-8332 if interested. **9:30am-4pm**

Bruce Men's Shed Coffee Gathering. 451 Frank St, Wiarton. Contact Matthew at 905-979-9934 or Arcticfinearts@outlook.com for info. **10am**

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**

Veterans Coffee. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. For veterans and currently serving members of Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, and first responders. **3rd Wed. ea. month. 10am-12pm.**

Top of the Bruce Woodcarvers Meeting. Tobermory Community Centre. **Not July/Aug. 11am-2:30pm**

Free Lunch. Friendship Club, Lion's Head. RSVP 519-793-3473. **3rd Wed. each month. 12:30-2:30pm**

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

Bereavement Support Group. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Wiarton. Hosted by Bruce Peninsula Hospice. Register at 51-534-1260 ext. 5612 or info@bphospice.ca. **See ad pg. 18. Starts Oct. 7. 1:30-3pm**

Pickleball. Tobermory Tennis Court. Guests welcome. \$10. **4-8pm**

Peninsula SWANS Meeting. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. New members welcome, contact Roberta at 519-374-4110. **1st Wed. Not July/Aug. Social time 5:30pm, Dinner 6pm.**

Bingo. Tobermory Community Centre. Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. All are welcome. **Doors 6:30, starts 7pm**

Darts. Wiarton Legion Br. 208. All are welcome. **7pm**

Euchre. Friendship Club Lion's Head. lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. **7pm**

Ferndale, Lion's Head & District Lions Club Dinner Meeting. Swan Lake Legion Hall. **2nd & 4th Wed. ea. month. NOT Jul./Aug. 7-9pm**

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Good Food Box Program, Tobermory. As above. Drop off order and payment before the last Thurs. each month. at The Meeting Place, Tobermory during business hours or contact 519-596-2313 or food@tobermorymeetingplace.com. Pickup at the Meeting Place 4:30–6:30pm.

Not July/August

Community Café. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Coffee, tea, snacks. **8am–12pm**

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

Meeting Place Gym. The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. **Drop in 9am–3pm**

VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Friendship Club Lion's Head. Contact gbsmart@von.ca or 519-376-5895 ext. 6103 for more info. **10am**

VON SMART Exercise & Fall Prevention Classes. Tobermory Community Centre. Contact gbsmart@von.ca or 519-376-5895 ext. 6103 for more info. **10:30–11:30am**

Tai Chi. Tobermory United Church. See 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. \$8 for members. Contact 519-375-0959 lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com for time & more info. **2nd Thurs. each month. 11:30am.**

Cornhole. Lion's Head Legion. All are welcome. Bring your darts in case of rain. **1pm**

Bridge Club. Tobermory United Church. See 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 for more info. **2nd & 4th Thurs. each month. 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 for info. **Last Thurs. each month. Not July, Aug, or Dec. 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

Roll & Release. Via Zoom. Contact barbara@lovingyoga.ca. **9–10:30am**

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**

Line Dancing. Friendship Club Lion's Head. May not be suitable for beginners. lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. **Not July/Aug. 10–11am**

Warton Farmers' Market. Berford St. parkette. 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. Bid Euchre and/or Bridge. lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. **1pm**

Lion's Head Legion Monthly Movies. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. All are welcome. Free. Tea, coffee, snacks provided. **Oct. 16: Eight Days a Week, The Beatles. Doors 1pm, Starts 1:30pm**

Lion's Head Knitting Group. Lion's Head Library. 519-793-3844 for more info. **2–4pm**

Euchre. Tobermory Legion Br. 290. All are welcome (19+). tobermorylegion.org **Last 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**

SATURDAY

Bruce Men's Shed General Meeting. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Contact 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. **9am-12pm (until 1pm on long weekends)**

Tobermory All Seasons Market. At the ball diamond park. 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 to get involved, or 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 **4pm**

Friendship Club Meal. Friendship Club Lion's Head Full course meal. \$15 members, \$18 non-members. Contact 519-375-0959 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 **Last day Sept. 5. 9:30pm–1am**

SUNDAY

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

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**

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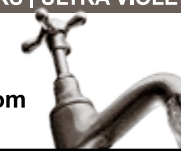
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Free Skates. Lion's Head Arena. See ad pg. 12.
Saturday October 3, 6–9pm
Saturday October 10, 6–9pm
Friday October 16, 12–2pm
Saturday October 17, 6–9pm
Saturday October 24, 6–9pm
Saturday October 31, 6–9pm
Saturday November 7, 6–9pm
Saturday November 14, 6–9pm
Friday November 20, 6–9pm
Saturday November 21, 6–9pm
Saturday November 28, 6–9pm

Tuesday September 22 – Saturday September 26
International Plowing Match Walkerton.
Plowingmatch.org/ipm2026 for details.

Friday September 25
Rotary Hall Pub Night. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Bar and Trivia. **7pm**

Saturday September 26
Lion's Head Oktoberfest 2026 Begins. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Parade, live music, beer and more. Tickets \$25, contact nbprotary@gmail.com. See ad pg. 3. **7:30pm–1am**

Wednesday September 30
Orange Shirt Day. Cape Croker Park, Neyaashiinigmiing. See ad pg. 4. **4–7pm**

Tuesday September 29
All Candidates Meeting. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Co-sponsored by Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula and Bruce Peninsula Environmental Group. Meet the candidates in the municipal election. **7pm**

Friday October 2
Community PAP Clinic. Peninsula Family Health Team Clinic, Lion's Head. Call 519-793-3445 to book appointment. See ad pg. 9 for details.

Stand Up Comedy at the Legion. Tobermory Legion, Branch 290. Tickets \$20 at the door, or search Eventbrite. 18+. **7pm.**

Saturday October 3
Stokes Bay Bazaar. Stokes Bay Community Centre. Local vendors. Lunch available. Cash only. **10am–4pm**

Sunday October 4
Bruce Trail Day. Lion's Head area. Activities at Ferndale Visitor's Centre. Free guided hikes and activities. Refreshments. See full details and register at peninsula.bruce-trail.org/bruce-trail-day. Hike spaces are limited, regsitration is encouraged in advance. See article pg 4. **Hike times, see website. Activities 11am–2pm**

Wednesday October 7
Remembering Gladys Ryan. The Meeting Place, Tobermory. Theatre group Sheatre presents a new play about love, power, abuse and finding a way out. Q&A after the play. Free. RSVP to info@tobermorymeetingplace.com or 519-596-2313 by Oct. 1. See ad pg. 4. **2pm.**

All Candidates Meeting. Rotary Hall, Lion's Head. Co-sponsored by Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula and Bruce Peninsula Environmental Group. Meet the candidates in the municipal election. See ad pg 7. **7pm**

Saturday October 10
Tobermory All Seasons Market Happy Thanksgiving Market. Tobermory Community Centre. **10am–1pm**

Friday October 16
Community Fall Fair. Light & Life Chapel, Tobermory. Games, food, activities, vendors & community group booths. Campfire and hot drinks through the day. Free chili and bread lunch. Donations accepted for the local food bank. Volunteers and vendors contact kim@lightandlifechapel.com by Oct. 4. **10am–3pm**

Saturday October 17
Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction. Lion's Head Legion, Br. 202. Contact 519-793-3473 for tickets, only a few left. **5pm social hour, 6pm dinner**

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Sunday October 18
Community Christmas Cantata Choir Rehearsals Begin. Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church, Ferndale. Contact David at 519-793-4015 or davidcharleswarder@gmail.com to get involved. **2pm**

Monday October 19
Lion's Head & District Curling Club Free Instruction/Practice Night. Lion's Head Arena. New & experienced curlers welcome. Register at curlionshead@gmail.com. See ad pg. 4. **7pm**

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Tobermory. The Meeting Place.
20 Centennial Dr, Tobermory. 519-596-2333. hello@tobermoryfoodbank.ca
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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
226-949-9105. 55 Main St, Lion's Head. **Sunday, 11:30am**

Lutheran & Anglican Services 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 bethelcnc.ca
18 Ferndale Rd, Lion's Head. **Sunday, 10:30am**

Pentecostal Country Church pentecostalcountrychurch.org
226-559-0564. 2627 Hwy #6. **Sunday, 10:30am***

Pentecostal Light & Life Community Chapel lightandlifecommunitychapel.ca
7347 Hwy#6, Tobermory. **Sunday, 10:30am***

St. Mary's & the Missions Catholic Church stmarysandthemissions.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, 519-793-3312.
54 Main St, Lion's Head. **Sunday, 11am, Not Jan–Mar.**

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

Tobermory United Church tobermoryunited.ca
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WED	2–6pm	10am–5pm	10am–6pm
THU	10am–2pm	10am–6pm	10am–7pm
FRI	9:30am–5pm	10am–2pm	10am–6pm
SAT	9:30am–2pm	10am–3pm	10am–4pm
SUN	<i>Closed</i>	1–4pm	2–6pm

“Stand Up In The Tub” October 2nd with Comedian Jennifer O'Reilly

*Submitted by Kathryn Hauck,
Tobermory Legion Poppy Chair*

September is already half done! The mornings are darker and the nights are cooler and changing of the leaves has begun... but, there is still lots to do at your local legion.

“Stand Up in the Tub” with comedian Jennifer O'Reilly will be at the legion on Friday October 2nd at 7:00pm SHARP. Tickets are \$20.00, sold at the door and on Eventbrite. This is an age of majority event. Come out and enjoy a night of laughter!

Early bird membership has started. The early bird fee is \$55.00 until November 30th, and then it goes up to \$65.00. You can etransfer the funds to donate@tobermorylegion.org And as a bonus, all renewals are eligible for the Ford F-150 draw!

Calling for volunteers! We are looking for regular volunteers for our weekly meat draw. If you are interested, please contact the legion.

Euchre is the last Friday of the month (September 25) – games start at 7:00pm. Every Thursday starting at 7:00pm is Darts. Every Saturday is the Meat Draw starting at 4:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Every Wednesday is the Ladies' Auxiliary Bingo, held at the Tobermory Community Centre. Doors open at 6:30pm. The last day for BINGO at the Community Center is Wednesday, September 30th.

The Legion is still open Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 3:00pm. Stop in and say hi to Raelene – the drinks are cold and the welcome is warm!

Remembering Sheldon Edwin Ribbel

From the Military Service Recognition Book: Sheldon Edwin Ribbel was born in Lion's Head, Ontario on August 7, 1922. He enlisted in the Army in 1942, and served with the Royal Canadian Postal Corp on Gander, Newfoundland during WW2.

After his discharge in 1945, Sheldon moved to Tobermory. He had a contract to transport Royal Mail between Warton and Tobermory. Sheldon was very involved in the community, coaching the Tobermory Flyers Hockey team for a number of years, as well as being an active member of Tobermory Legion Branch 290. Sheldon passed away on February 27, 1984.

~ **We Will Remember Them~**

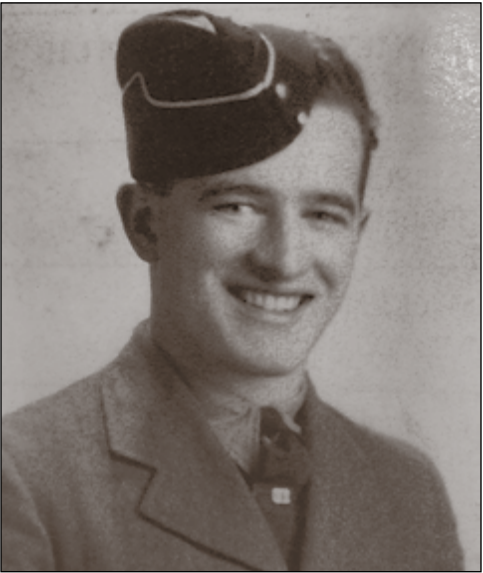


Photo courtesy of Tobermory Legion Branch 290

Photo: Sheldon Edwin Ribbel .

Busy September Planned for SWANS



Photo courtesy of Bev Miller.

Photo L-R: SWANS Treasurer Bev Miller presents a donation to the Fire Victims of Bradley H. Davis Apartments fund, accepted by Sara Tulloch, Community Co-ordinator at The Meeting Place, Tobermory.

Submitted by Bonnie Warder

September meetings are always fun! It gets a little noisy in the Legion Hall from the visiting and laughter as we reunite. As always, we enjoyed the dinner prepared by the Legion Ladies but our dessert was extra special because it was Dannah Oliver's birthday, so they baked a cake for us to help Dannah celebrate.

Dannah started with the original Lioness group back in February of 1979 and when I was checking on that date, I enjoyed seeing the names of the other ladies that started that group. It took me back in time, but there isn't enough space to list them out in this article. One thing for sure is that Dannah is the only person on the list that is still a part of the SWANS. Way to go Dannah, 47 years of volunteering with Lioness and SWANS!

We had a very long agenda to cover to make plans for several events this fall but it went surprisingly fast.

Treasurer Bev Miller made a donation of \$500.00 to the fund for the fire victims at the Bradley H. Davis Apartments in Tobermory that happened earlier this summer. The fund was initiated and is managed by The Meeting Place. Thanks to The Meeting Place for taking such a caring effort to support the residents.

Our Club also decided to donate \$200.00 to member Kris Matheson for the Terry Fox Run on September 20th. Thanks to all the participants in this very important fundraiser!

As always, we welcome new members. SWANS is a great way to volunteer when you have time to keep our community strong. If you have an interest, please contact Roberta Mielhausen at 519-374-4110.

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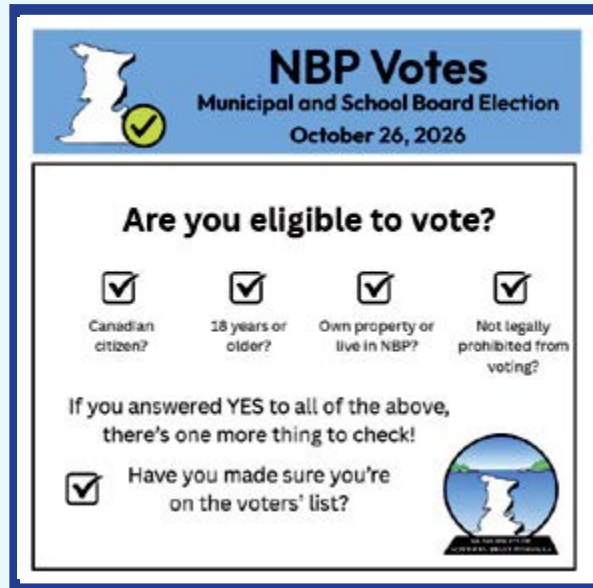
ELECTION NEWS

IS YOUR NAME ON THE VOTERS LIST?

**The 2026 Municipal Election is
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Whether you're a long-time resident, recently moved to the Municipality, or own property here - now is the perfect time to make sure your voter information is up to date.

Call the Municipal Office to check to see if you are on the Voters List. To add or edit your voter information, eligible voters will need to visit the Municipal Office with identification and proof of ownership or tenancy to be added to or update their information on the Voters List.



VOTING WEEK FOR THE 2026 ELECTION

Electors will be able to vote online or by telephone from Monday, October 19, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and concluding on Monday, October 26, 2026, at 8:00 p.m. All eligible electors are encouraged to vote early if possible. A Voter Assistance Centre will be available during Voting Week at the Municipal Office - for more details, please visit the Municipality's website.

Eligible electors will receive a personalized Voter Information Letter on or before mid-October, which will include details on how to vote online or by phone. A video showing how this voting method works is available on the Municipal website below.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ELECTION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT NORTHBRUCEPENINSULA.CA/ELECTION.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Heavy Equipment Operator (1 Position)

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula is hiring one full-time position for:
Heavy Equipment Operator.

Applications are being accepted until **October 6, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.**
For more information, visit: northbrucepeninsula.ca/employment

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MAT Remittance Deadlines

- 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.

PROPERTY TAXES

The tax billing due date is coming up! September 30, 2026 is the final tax due date for 2026. If you have not received your mailed or emailed bill, please contact the Tax Clerk at the Municipal Office. For information regarding Pre-authorization Payment and E-billing options, please visit our website.

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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:

Interested in seeing what events and activities are happening in Northern Bruce Peninsula or wish to add your event to the calendar? Scan the QR Code below to access the events calendar.



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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.

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1. Online By-law Complaint Form by visiting our website at northbrucepeninsula.ca/bylaw
2. Phone: 1-833-793-3537 Ext. 235
3. After Hours Emergency/Animal Control: 1-866-750-8219

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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
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SALC UPCOMING REGISTRATION DATES

Oct 6 Felted Garlands (Tobermory) – Registration is open.

Nov 6 Rug Hooking (Tobermory) – Registration opens online on October 16th 8:30AM

Chair Yoga (Virtual) – Registration opens online on October 30th 8:30AM

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 2022-2026

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Bruce Couty Outreach Program Sharing Space with Lion’s Head Food Bank

Submitted by Lion’s Head & District Food Bank

The Lion’s Head and District Food Bank is very proud to announce that they will now be sharing space with the Bruce County outreach program on the 4th Thursday of every month from 10 AM until 12 noon at the Pentecostal Country Church on Highway 6. Thank you Pastor Dwayne for agreeing to hosting this new endeavour!

Our community’s needs are growing. The volume of requests at the Food Bank has increased as well as the need for social services programs up on the Peninsula.

Whether you are looking to connect with:

- Keystone child, youth and family services
- The Coast Program, which is the Community Outreach And Support Team
- Ontario housing
- Ontario works
- Mental health worker
- Community paramedic
- or someone to help you fill out government forms such as the request for a birth certificate...

These professionals are all gathered in one space and ready to help.

The Lion’s Head & District Food Bank is open every 4th Thursday of every month, 10 AM - 12 noon at the Pentecostal Country Church on Highway 6.



Photo credit: Lion’s Head & District Food Bank

Photo: The Bruce County outreach team and the Food Bank are here to help.



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300 People From Across Canada Attend Bridge Family Reunion

Submitted by Noreen Bridge

A well planned, very well executed event, the Bridge Family Reunion was held the weekend of August 21-23 at Paul Bridge's home in Hope Bay.

This reunion was headed by Wendy (Bridge) Cameron, her brother Paul Bridge and Katherine Bridge in honor of Albert Bridge and Mary (Hayes) Bridge.

The Family Descendants of Albert Bridge were Robert Bridge, Nellie Bridge-Jenks, John Bridge, William Bridge, Clark Bridge, Gertrude Bridge (deceased at 3 yrs), James Bridge, Herbert Bridge, Wesley Bridge, Velma Bridge and Melvin Bridge.

Friday afternoon was a busy time at the registration desk manned by Rosemarie (Bridge) McNeil, along with family members and Noreen Bridge.

Saturday morning was a time to put the finishing touches together after several months of preparation by the committee. Attendees were getting acquainted with family members from Alberta and from Ontario. During this time everyone had a chance to look over the poster boards on display from each descendant.

Before the dinner preparation started there was a small table of popcorn and candy, along with Corn on the Cob.

Outside the main doors there was a pig roasting all day, prepared by "Smokeshow", throwing off a wonderful mouthwatering flavor.

There were many tables set up with donations to be auctioned off, with the main item being 3 binders of family genealogy, prepared by Wesley Bridge (Capreol) and his two sons, Jason and Clark, of Greater Sudbury. I think everyone wanted in on this item! There were also mugs with our family crest, family crests that were framed and many other items.



Photo courtesy of Noreen Bridge
Photo: The Bridge family crest.

There was a wonderful buffet styled meal that was prepared by all family members, displaying a various array of appealing palette-pleasing food.

Sunday morning we were honored with a breakfast of bacon, ham and eggs on a bun, prepared by David Bridge with the help of Karen (Ironmonger) Bridge. There was enough leftover food to enjoy as the morning went.

It then was time to say goodbye to all our western family as they had a long travel day ahead of them.

We had around 290-300 people in attendance. Family came as far away as Newlands Valley, BC, Sylvan Lake, AB, Bashaw, AB, Red Deer, AB, Welland, ON, Tara, ON, Oshawa, ON, Wiarton, ON, Hepworth, ON, Hanover, ON, Kincardine, ON, Belle River, ON, Owen Sound, ON, Lively, ON, Sudbury, ON, Ancaster, ON, Copetown ON and Port Colbourne, ON just to name a few.

Monarch Festival Held in Tobermory Very Encouraged by Abundance of Monarch Sightings

Submitted by John Dickson

The following is an excerpt from the Owen Sound Field Naturalists (OSFN) September 2026 column. To learn more about OSFN please visit www.osfn.ca

OSFN's Audrey Armstrong and Patti Byers were on hand for the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy's (EBC) Monarch Festival at Tobermory on August 29, teaching about the Monarch butterflies' life cycles and food requirements, and also tagging some of these long distance flyers who will be embarking on the longest journey of their lives, to their winter home in Mexico. Audrey told me she is very encouraged by the abundance of Monarch sightings these days and noted that the increasingly widespread swamp milkweed and common milkweed plants have provided a strong foundation for a healthy start in the butterflies' early stages.

The Young Naturalists Club is getting ready for another year! The Club is primarily for children aged 7 to 12 years old. They typically meet on the last Sunday of the month from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm, but for some events the times may vary. The program operates from September to June but with no meeting in December. Parents and guardians are required to stay and participate. The Club Coordinator is Amanda Eriksen. If you have any questions, or to confirm

the schedule, email youngnaturalistsos@gmail.com

The Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory's Station Scientist Stéphane Menu, has recently begun monitoring the southbound migration of birds at Cabot Head. Some of the many warblers seen there may have been resident there this past summer, and others may be arriving from further north, on their way to their winter destinations. In addition shore birds and raptors have been observed working their way southward too. Here is an excerpt from his recent blog:

"Diversity of warblers was relatively good during this time, notably on August 28th. That day also marked a high point in banding with 47 birds of 19 species, following 44 birds of 13 species on the 27th. Nashville and Bay-breasted Warblers were among the most abundant birds captured, but Red-eyed Vireos were also banded in significant numbers: 15 birds during these two days and a total of 44 Red-eyed Vireos banded in these first two weeks."

OSFN will also be offering September field trips, first to club members, with chances to look downwards - one with a focus on mushroom/fungi identification, and another will highlight the diversity of ferns in this area, along with some of their history too.



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Horses and Tractors – What's Not To Like?

Photo: McLay cousins (and future farmers?) Sam, Davey, Reid and Calder enjoy checking out the tractors on display 'at the 2026 Bruce County Plowing Match held August 29th at the Mackie family farm on Highway 6. Local farming

Four Incumbents Seeking Reelection in Upcoming Municipal Election

Tessa Swanton (Townson), Bruce Peninsula Press

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNB) released the Official List of Certified Candidates on August 24 at 4pm.

Currently sitting Mayor Milt McIver, along with incumbents Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson, and Councillors Laurie (Smokey) Golden and Todd Dowd are all seeking reelection.

Candidates for Mayor.

- Brad Gesinghaus
- Milt McIver

Candidates for Deputy Mayor.

- Roderick (Rod) Anderson
- James Mielhausen

Candidates for Councillor

- Todd Lawrence Dowd
- Paul Davidson
- Laurie (Smokey) Golden

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Just the Tip Charity Ride Raises \$5,100 for Local Children’s Camp & Breakfast Club

Tammy Raycraft,
Bruce Peninsula Press

The fourth annual Just the Tip Shoot & Scoot Charity Ride raised \$5,100 for local children’s programs, with proceeds being split between Tobermory Children’s Camp and the Bruce Peninsula District School Breakfast Program.

The annual motorcycle fundraiser brought riders, volunteers, local businesses and community members together for a day of games, food, music and fundraising, with organizers saying the support showed the strength of the community behind the event.

Funds raised through the ride, silent auction and other activities will support programs for local children. The event

also included a second year of Evelyn’s “Swears for Kids” swear jar, which raised nearly \$100.

Organizers credited a long list of volunteers, businesses and community members with helping make the event possible, including those who donated properties as stops along the route, sponsored the silent auction and helped run games and prepare food.

This year’s event also marked the first time Tobermory Legion Branch 290 handled the bar, while Owen Sound band Rewired provided the evening entertainment.

Blue Heron donated a bus and driver to help participants get home safely following the event.

Organizers said the fundraising

result was made possible by everyone who participated, from riders and donors to volunteers and businesses that supported the day.

With the fourth annual ride now in the books, organizers aren’t waiting long to begin planning the next one. Planning for the fifth annual Shoot & Scoot has already started, with organizers teasing “big changes” for next year’s event.



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Photo L-R: Bikers at the Axe Throwing stop at Delbert and Bev Richardson’s house.



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Photo L-R: Allison Elliott-Batista and Evelyn Rouse with their “Swears for Kids” Swear Jar at the Dart Throwing stop at Paul Bridge’s house.



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Photo: Kick stands up! Participants in the annual Just the Tip Shoot & Scoot Charity Ride depart The Hungry Hiker Food Truck in Tobermory.

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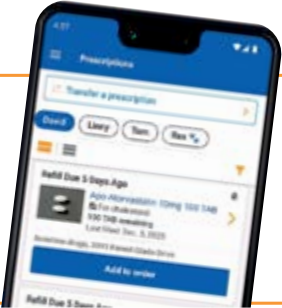
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