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Photo: The Colour Party stands at attention at the Tobermory Cenotaph during the November 11th Remembrance Day service. L-R: Tobermory Legion Branch 290 member Neil Golden and Poppy Chair Kathryn Hauck. Read more Tobermory Legion Remembrance Day coverage on page 12.



Photo credit: Ross Webb

Photo: The Lion's Head Legion Branch 202 Remembrance Day parade marches towards the Lion's Head Cenotaph on Main Street in Lion's Head. Community members, along with students from Bruce Peninsula District School, were in attendance. Read more Lion's Head Legion Remembrance Day coverage on page 14.

Single Problem Bear Extends National Park Campground Closure to December 15th

John Francis, Bruce Peninsula Press

Parks Canada operates three campground areas (Tamaracks, Birches and Poplars) and ten yurts along the shore of Cyprus Lake in Bruce Peninsula National Park, collectively known as Cyprus Lake Campground. Bear problems forced them to close all of them on August 28.

At first, they were closed for a few days — until September 3 — in hopes they could solve the problem. But conventional aversion techniques failed to dissuade the bear and the closure was extended, first to September 7, then September 16, then October 15. Finally, they extended it to October 31, the date that the campgrounds normally close for the season.

Traditionally, the Park keeps the yurts and one campground open for the winter camping season. In an email statement, Parks Canada explained that "*This year, the winter camping season will begin on December 15 to allow additional time for bears to enter their dens and to support a safer transition into the winter season*".

The Parks Canada statement states that *"While bears are present throughout*

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Northern Bruce Has Lowest Voter Turnout in Bruce County

Tessa Swanton (Townson), Bruce Peninsula Press

Voter turnout for the 2026 Municipal Election in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP) was 33.79% according to official results certified by the clerk. This percentage reflects that only 3,301 of 9,768 eligible voters cast their ballots (23 of whom declined their ballot but are included in the turnout).

Official election results for the 2018 and 2022 elections show voter turnout was 41.11% and 37.3%, respectively. Voter turnout is steadily decreasing in MNBP, term after term.

Some public comments across local social media groups point to eligible voters unaware of the election because they do not actively use technology to receive communications.

Several disgruntled voters complained of not receiving their Voter Information Letter because they were not on the voters list, even though they had been on the list in previous elections.

85% of voters used internet voting compared to 15% of voters who used the telephone, said the clerk. In 2022, 88% used the internet and 12% used the telephone. This data remains steady showing a preference for internet voting, while some electors still favour a telephone to cast their ballot.

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SON Land Claim: Judge Refuses to Remove "Land Back" as a Remedy Despite Faint Hope of Success

By John Francis, Bruce Peninsula Press

The situation has been festering for 190 years.

In Treaty 45½, signed in 1836, the Crown promised to protect the entire Saugeen Peninsula, north of a line that is now Highway 21, forever, for the exclusive use of Saugeen Ojibway Nation. In return, SON permitted settlers to open up the land south of that line.

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Newly Elected Council Eager to Begin Next Term

Tessa Swanton (Townson), Bruce Peninsula Press

The incoming 2026-2030 Council members for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP) are being sworn into office at its Inaugural Meeting on November 23 – the day this newspaper prints. Around the council table are four returning faces and one new councillor. The Bruce Peninsula Press reached out to members for comment on their election wins and plans for the upcoming term.

Returning Mayor Milt McIver stated, "I am very appreciative of the support that I received from the electors of Northern Bruce Peninsula. I look forward to advancing infrastructure projects that benefit the residents of our community."

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NBP Voter Turnout

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Data supplied by the clerk indicates that the highest participation rate in the 2026 election was from voters 70-79 years of age, with 42.66% of eligible voters casting a ballot. Lower participation was observed in the age ranges of 90+, 40-49, 50-59, and 18-29. Interestingly, in 2022, 43.3% of MNBP's youngest voters cast a ballot (ages 18-24), much higher than this year's 26.69%.

The data prompts the questions: How do we motivate people to vote? How do we reduce barriers to voting? Political experts say that increasing voter turnout is directly linked to making voters feel more connected and engaged in their community.

Some say that the lack of political party affiliation with municipal candidates causes low voting. When candidates are attached to a party, it can be easier to cast a ballot as many already know their stance on major issues. Municipal candidates must clearly communicate their opinions and voters must invest in getting to know them by attending All Candidates Meetings, reading the newspaper, following a candidate's social media (if they have one), or speaking to them in person – something people may not be willing to spend time doing.

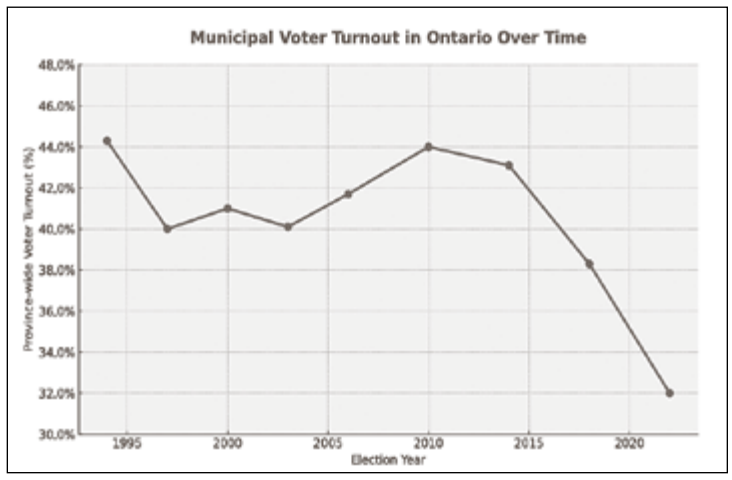

Chart from Association of Municipalities of Ontario's "Turn Up the Turnout" article shows voter turnout dropping across Ontario since 2010. Turnout only slightly increased to 36% in 2026 – still very low.

Bruce County Municipality	Voter Turnout Percentage
Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula	33.79%
Municipality of Arran-Elderslie	33.98%
Township of Huron-Kinloss	40.9%
Town of South Bruce Peninsula	41.9%
Municipality of Brockton	45.1%
Town of Saugeen Shores	49%
Municipality of Kincardine	49.49%
Municipality of South Bruce	50%

Table: Voter Turnout by Bruce County Municipality prepared with certified official election results. MNBP had the lowest voter turnout in Bruce County.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) suggests that holding candidate forums and debates, increasing the number of candidates running for election, and enhancing voter access to information about candidates can strengthen voter interest.

An October 29 article published by AMO presents key findings from the 2026 municipal elections. "Turnout varied considerably among the municipalities," states the article. Small municipalities with under 10,000 electors averaged a 42% turnout. Women remain underrepresented in municipal leadership, noted AMO, accounting for only 31% of council members. More than 1,100 new councillors were elected and almost half of incumbent mayors were defeated.

AMO's website reported a 36% province-wide voter turnout, a slight increase from 33% in 2022. Their data illustrates a continuing decrease in voter turnout across the province since 2010, only experiencing a minor rise this election.

MNBP had the lowest voter turnout percentage of all Bruce County (BC) municipalities at 33.79%. The Municipality of South Bruce including communities like Mildmay and Teeswater had an above average turnout of 50% with the majority of other BC municipalities within the 40% range.

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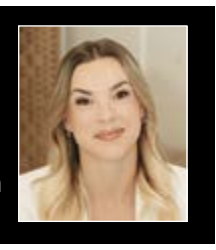


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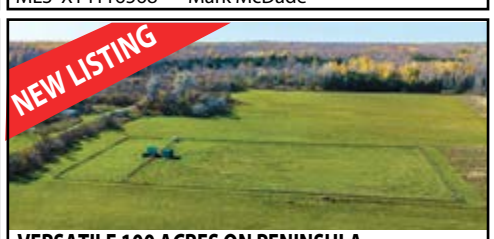

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Local Athlete Cora Stewart Places 2nd at Bob Atkinson Memorial Cross Country Meet

Joanne Rodgers,
Bruce Peninsula Press

When 11-year-old Cora Stewart lined up at the annual cross-country race in Paisley, she had one goal in mind: a top-10 finish.

One hundred and thirty four girls competed at the Bob Atkinson Memorial Cross Country Meet for Bluewater West elementary students on October 20, 2026. The runners represented the top six runners from each area school. The course has a reputation for being gruelling, thanks to a steep uphill climb that students have nicknamed Dead Man's Hill. Cora, representing Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS), took second place, competing in the Junior Girls category for 2000 metres.

Trish Preston is one of Cora's cross-country coaches and has always encouraged Cora to keep pushing herself over the years. She describes Cora's achievements this year:

"Cora's cross-country season was a huge success. She worked hard all season to improve her overall fitness level and race strategy. This season she won the school level race at BPDS. Then, she dominated the competition at the North Bluewater Meet. She was first to cross the line in the Junior Girls Division, racing against nearly 30 athletes. She capped off her season with an exciting second place finish at the Bluewater West Meet. This race is a very challenging course and the Junior Girls Division saw 134 athletes take to the course."

The 6th grader has been running since kindergarten, but got really keen on competing over the last few years. She has competed at the Paisley meet for the past three years. Each year, the top six runners from BPDS go on to the North Bluewater Meet at the Outdoor Education Centre, near Wiarton. From there, the top six runners from each school proceed to the Bluewater West meet at the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area near Paisley.



Photo credit: Kendra Stewart
Photo: 11-year-old Cora Stewart after her 1st place finish at the BPDS Cross Country race.

This past summer Cora continued her training. During the semester, Cora practiced each week at BPDS with her fellow classmates. In September she joined the Saugeen Track and Field Club and practices twice weekly in Port Elgin. She says she has seen a definite improvement in her running techniques. Five of the six medalists at the meet train at the Saugeen Track and Field Club. Cora enjoys the strong field of competitors and the camaraderie she shares with her fellow runners as they train together at school and at the club.

To prepare for her races, supportive mom Kendra says it is important for Cora to get a good night's rest, eat lots of carbs and stay warmed up.



Photo credit: Kendra Stewart
Photo: Cora Stewart (3rd from left) with the top 6 junior girls at the Bluewater West race at Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area in Paisley. Cora placed an impressive 2nd in the race.

Next school year, Cora will be in Grade 7. She will automatically move up to the Seniors category. She is pleased to have achieved her goal and to cap off her Junior years with a commendable achievement. Cora plans to continue running and compete at the Seniors level in 2027.

Lion's Head Santa Claus Parade December 5th

Submitted by Rob Hiscott

The Lion's Head Santa Claus Parade, sponsored by your local Rotary Club and Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula, will be held on Saturday, December 5th, starting at 1:00 PM.

As in past years, the Parade will set up just outside Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) (floats are needed, and parade participants are asked to arrive to register by 12:15 PM, just outside BPDS), and will begin its route through the Village of Lion's Head at 1:00 PM.

We're thrilled that Santa is coming! There will be a family-friendly kids party for everyone to meet with Santa and his elves after the parade inside Rotary Hall at 59 Main Street, Lion's Head. Hot chocolate, coffee, tea and snacks will be available at the Hall after the parade, and Santa and his helpers will be handing out treat bags to all the visiting children. Friends of the Library will also be there handing out a new book gift to each visiting child!

Be sure to come out to greet Santa before he heads back to the North Pole for final preparations for the big day!

If you or your group would like to enter a float or band in this year's parade, please contact nbprotary@gmail.com.

Any financial contributions towards Santa gift bags would be greatly appreciated (please contact Rotary). Any net proceeds from this event will be donated to the Lion's Head and District Food Bank.







Healthcare Heroes Recognized for Care Given to 15-Month-Old Bitten by Rattlesnake

Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation (BPHF) Media Release

Big Healthcare Hero shoutout to the team that provided urgent care for Wells, the toddler bitten by a rattlesnake on Thanksgiving weekend. Brothers Isaac and David Shouldice, both RNs, Alex Routledge, RN, Jim Brewer, PCA, Kim Robinson, RPN, and Dr. Farhang Eshaghian.

"Words cannot fully express the depth of our gratitude, but we wanted to extend our heartfelt recognition to the remarkable team who stepped up for our family in our most terrifying moment." said Wells' family

"What started as a beautiful family day on our property turned into every parent's nightmare when our 15-month-old son, Wells, was bitten by a rattlesnake. From the second we arrived, your team moved with a level of speed, precision and genuine compassion that we will never forget.

"Dr. Farhang was an absolute pillar of resourcefulness. His swift leadership and understanding of what levers needed to be pulled ensured that critical decisions were made without a moment of hesitation. Seeing that level of calm set everything into motion and brought a sense of reassurance during total chaos.

"The seamless coordination across the room was incredible to witness. The team of brothers, David and Isaac, alongside Jim and Kim, worked in total lockstep. Every person knew their role, and the trust and synergy between all of you was obvious.

"We owe a very special, profound debt of gratitude to Isaac. Getting an IV into a frightened 15-month-old is a massive challenge in the best of circumstances, let alone during a high-stakes emergency. Isaac was an absolute hero—his skill, quick thinking, and immediate action meant Wells got that crucial IV line and antivenom treatment started right away. Beyond his exceptional skills, Isaac's devotion to his patients went far beyond expectations. After already working nearly a full shift, he spent his Thanksgiving Sunday accompanying us in transport all the way to London Hospital to ensure Wells remained safe.

"Lion's Head Hospital may be small in size, but it is a vital, lifesaving piece of the Bruce Peninsula. The fact that the hospital was equipped, stocked with antivenom, and ready for an emergency like this is the direct reason Wells had such a fast, strong recovery. Getting that treatment into him so quickly saved his life.

"Thank you to Dr. Farhang, Isaac, David, Jim, Kim, and everyone behind the scenes who keeps Lion's Head ready for the unexpected. You didn't just provide medical care—you protected our little boy and gave our family our lives back."

With eternal gratitude,

Matt, Natasha and Wells

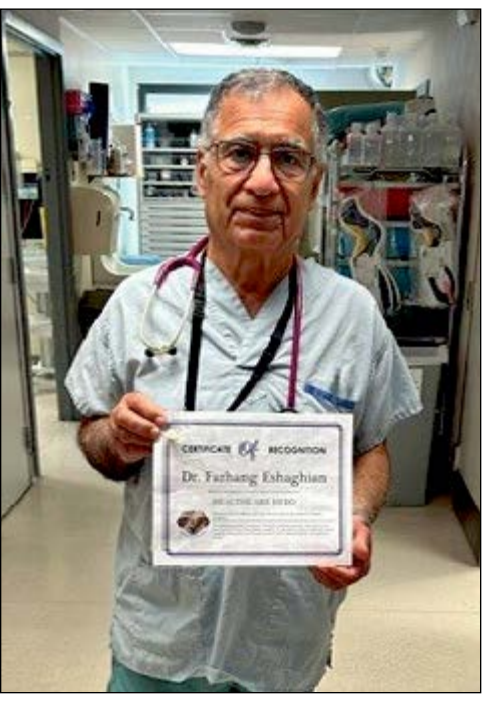

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Photo L-R: Brothers Isaac Shouldice, RN, and David Shouldice, RN.



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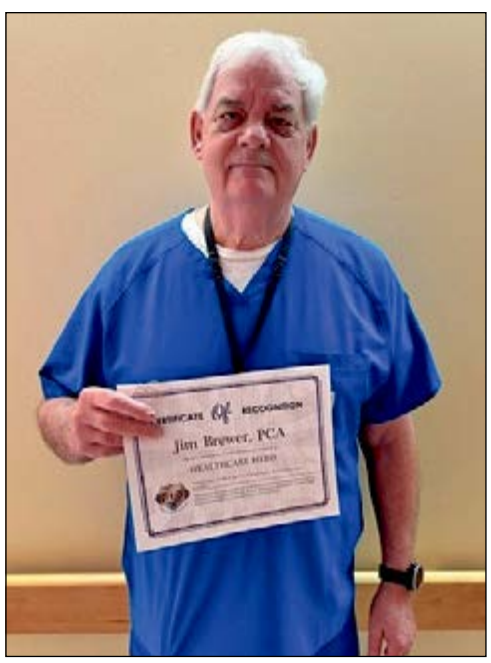

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JOHN'S COLUMN

Several Perspectives on Living With Black Bears

By John Francis

So — you're sitting in a restaurant, waiting for your order to arrive. The baguette slices smell wonderful under the napkin that's keeping them warm. You decide to hit the washroom before your soup arrives. You come back to find somebody sitting in your seat, dipping baguette slices into your soup.

You object noisily and complain to the waiter. The waiter says there is nothing he can do. The miscreant moves on to the next table where he picks up a strip loin steak and devours it in two bites. The waiter continues to hover, expressing unctuous regret that this is happening but making it clear that it is beyond his control. He has scolded the offender repeatedly and can do no more.

You come back the next day for lunch and the same guy is there again. This time he doesn't even wait for you to leave the table before he helps himself to your baguette. The waitress patiently explains that she has spoken to him harshly and asked him to leave. Would you like dessert? The crème brûlée is excellent. He might leave you alone; you might get to eat it.

It doesn't actually happen that way, right? If anybody behaves that outrageously, they are removed forcibly from the situation and taken to a jail, a mental hospital or their parents' house. They do not come back tomorrow at lunchtime.

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They've closed all the campgrounds at Bruce Peninsula National Park for the rest of the year because of bear activity. There's a bear that acts just like the miscreant in the restaurant. So why isn't there a bear jail? Or a bear mental hospital?

Actually — there is. It's called a zoo…

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I had a chat with a bear biologist about twenty years ago. He told me quite a bit about managing problem bears. Bears need to gain about a pound a day from June to October, he explained. If a food source provides them the calories to do that, they'll stick with it. If it doesn't, they won't hang around.

The best strategy is to make sure human food doesn't offer that pound a day of weight gain. Because once a bear gets used to eating nothing but human food, there's very little you can do to change that habit — you'll have to kill it. "A fed bear is a dead bear."

But, he told me, if you can get to them before they become totally habituated, you can condition them to avoid humans. You do that by locking them in a cage and making things quite unpleasant for them for a day or so, to reinforce the idea that they want to avoid humans. Then you terrify them and let them out of the cage. As they run away, you hit them with stones, rubber bullets, whatever. "The bear has to think it's gonna die," he explained. "Otherwise it won't work."

But is that an ethically acceptable choice? Do we have the right to treat a bear with a level of violence that we would never consider using against humans?

But how did this bear get so dependent on human food and so unconcerned about getting close to people? You would have to guess that there would be some pretty clueless urban people staying in that campground, people whose experience with bears consists of reading The Berenstain Bears to their children and watching Winnie-the-Pooh.

But remember: that bear was already conditioned to getting food from humans before it arrived in the campground. Somebody had been feeding it.

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At the end of the last ice age, thousands of years ago, First Nations people spread northward as the glaciers retreated. So did the Black Bears.

First Nations people and Black Bears have been sharing the Bruce Peninsula in complete harmony for ten thousand years or so.

Humans and bears together in complete harmony. For 10,000 years.

So what's gone wrong? I'm pretty sure it's not the bears. Or the First Nations.

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Look at this from a bear's point of view. You bring your cubs up right — teach them to forage for berries, to flip rocks and eat the grubs, worms and salamanders underneath. You teach them all the tricks they'll need. Then some #$%^& human leaves food out so they can take pictures with the cute little bear cub and all your teaching goes to hell in a handcart.

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We arrest people who sell addictive drugs to children. We do everything we can to discourage bullying and prevent recruitment into criminal youth gangs.

Why don't we do the same for bears? Arrest — or at least fine — the people who teach young bears bad behaviour.

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On Thursday, Nov 26, at 6:30PM, at the Princess Hotel in Tobermory, Saugeen Ojibway Nation will be hosting the first of three evenings about Black Bears, entitled ***Learning from Mkwa***. Open to all. It's an opportunity to get an insight into how people and Black Bears have lived in harmony for 10,000 years.

It's also an opportunity to see the Princess Hotel's new event rooms.

Refreshments will be available.

See you there?

Climate Comment for October 2026
Warm and Dry... Again

Submitted by Bill Caulfeild-Browne

Four of the five warmest Octobers recorded in Tobermory were in the last nineteen years - 2007, 2017, 2021 and this year. Only 1920 was warmer and its record of 12.9C still stands today, a hundred and six years later.

Our October 2026 mean was 11.4C which is 2.4C above the long-term means and continues this year's streak of heat. At the present rate this may turn out to be Tobermory's warmest year on record, eclipsing 2024 which presently holds the title.

The mercury reached a high of 20.7C on the 10th and only flirted with frost at 2.2C on the 6th. My wife's geraniums were still thriving! However, I did see ground frost at several locations away from the lake, including the airport which recorded -1.8C.

It was drier than usual with only 43mm of rain - half of which fell on the 16th. There were only seven days that had measurable precipitation. We did get some strong winds, particularly on the 4th and 5th when gusts reached 70 kms/hr and the Chi-Cheemaun cancelled several crossings. I observed this first-hand as I was marooned in South Baymouth for 24 hours!

The Province as a whole echoed our experience with many locations showing 2-3C above normal temperatures. The weather was mostly quite settled and there were no significant weather events in the month.

Climate Change Canada's guidance suggests a continuing warm trend for November.

Bruce County Paramedics Recognized with Ontario Regional Base Hospital Program Awards

Media Release

Bruce County, Ontario: The Bruce County Council meeting on November 5, 2026, began with the recognition of fifteen members of the Bruce County Paramedic Services team.

The Southwest Ontario Regional Base Hospital Program, administered through the London Health Sciences Centre, provides medical oversight and quality assurance for paramedic services across the region. Each year, the program recognizes exceptional achievements through awards that celebrate excellence in prehospital care.

Six primary care paramedics received Prehospital Cardiac Save Awards, which honour paramedics who played a role in saving a person's life.

Recipients: Brittney Kealey*, Derek Stephenson*, Jesse Hall, Jim Ainslie, Mike Bohnert* and Robert Wagner*.

** Honoured for their collective efforts in saving the life of Robert Wagner's mother.*

Seven primary care paramedics received the Prehospital Newborn Delivery Award, recognizing their role in the successful delivery of a newborn in a prehospital setting.

Recipients: Jesse Hall, Jim Ainslie, Jill Adams, Ryan Heipel, Ben Rees, Jennifer Stein and Lily Batte.

Four primary care paramedics received the Governor General's Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal, which recognizes professionals in the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services to the public, who have performed their duties in an exemplary manner, characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency.

Recipients: Tien Angus, Jason Angus, Marcia McGilveary and Muffy Davies.

The following primary care paramedics also received the 2026 Medical Director's Commendation Award. This award acknowledges the critical decision-making utilized to deliver exceptional care to a patient in a prehospital setting.

Recipients: Brittney Kealey, Derek Stephenson, Mike Bohnert and Robert Wagner.

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SWANS Holding Annual Christmas Bazaar December 5th

Submitted by Bonnie Warder

One of our major fundraising projects is approaching very quickly, so mark December 5th on your calendars. Our Christmas Bazaar will be held at the Lion's Head Friendship Club from 10 am to 2 pm. This event has been going on for over 40 years. We enjoy hosting it and always try to make it a fun time. This year we will be offering Christmas baking, Christmas greenery and wreaths, a table covered with little luxuries and lovely finds and a new initiative called "Purses with Purpose". Please drop by and check it out and enjoy a $10 luncheon before the Santa Claus Parade.

The monthly meetings of our club are held at the Swan Lake Legion, home to Branch 202. We always enjoy a wonderful meal prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. If you have never been to the hall, there is a photo display of locals that served our country and it is really hard to imagine the impact that the Wars had on our small area. It seems like most families would have suffered in one way or another.

The SWANS always support the Legion by purchasing a wreath and having it placed at the cenotaph in Lion's Head in appreciation for the sacrifices made by so many. We want to congratulate the Legion for the amazing tribute to veterans with the memorial banners and the Veteran's Crosswalk, leading to the cenotaph.

Thank you on a job well done!

Every November there is a provincial conference for the SWANS organization called Laugh and Learn. This year it was held in Barrie and 7 of our members attended. Our club made a $500 donation to the Barrie Family Hospice of Elgin as that was the charity of choice for SWANS Ontario President Evelyn Ramdhanie. From all reports, it was a great event!



Photo credit: SWANS

Photo: Treasurer Bev Miller with a $3,000 donation for the expansion of the MDRD at Brightshores Wiarton Hospital.

Treasurer Bev Miller has been busy this month delivering donations on our behalf. Bev presented a $1000 cheque to Charlene Scharlach from the Lion's Head and District Food Bank. The Food Bank welcomes donations and are in need of items such as peanut butter, jam, canned meat of any kind, flour, sugar and toiletries. Bev is planning a trip up to the Tobermory Food Bank in the following weeks with the same monetary assistance.

Our Treasurer made 2 other donations on our behalf. SWANS continued our support to keeping healthcare close to home with a $3000 cheque to the Medical Device Reprocessing Department (MDRD) at Brightshores Wiarton Hospital for the expansion of colorectal screening and diagnostic procedures. This will help to ensure patients have timely access to life-saving care, building a healthier future for the area.



Photo credit: SWANS

Photo L-R: Treasurer Bev Miller presents a $1,000 donation to Charlene Scharlach from Lion's Head & District Food Bank.

The 2nd cheque presentation was made to the Lunch Program at Bruce Peninsula District School. The club's contribution was $500 to help with nutrition for students.

We appreciate your support and hope you enjoy the upcoming busy holiday season.

S.W.A.N.S – Service; We Assist, Nurture, Support.

Christmas Cantata to Perform "Glory to the Newborn King" December 15 & 16

Submitted by David Warder

The Community Christmas Cantata Choir has been rehearsing since Thanksgiving for this year's presentation, "Glory to the Newborn King!"

The choir has sung songs with that title in the past, but this is yet another song with the same title, from a new Cantata.

This Cantata includes 3 commonly requested pieces.

SPOILER ALERT! For George Bowman, there is "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming." It's not an easy piece, but we're singing it this year!

For many of you, there is a piece from Handel's "Messiah." I never thought, in a million years, I'd be conducting something like that!

Although the piece in the Cantata has different words, we are singing a song to the same tune as a favourite Advent hymn, "People, Look East!"

Besides those 3 songs, there are lots of familiar and original songs, and it ends with a medley of Christmas carols. Between the choral pieces and the piano interludes, I think it covers just about every Christmas song there is!

In order to get all this music learned we've had to lengthen our rehearsal time each Sunday. We're getting the job done and I know you're going to love this year's performances.

As always, besides the "Cantata", the evening will feature some seasonal solos by choir members and carol singing for everyone. When the music ends, there will be an opportunity to enjoy some Christmas goodies while mingling with the choir and your friends and neighbours.

With each passing year, I feel like I understand the state of the world at the time of the first Christmas better. I think this Cantata helps us understand why Christmas happened.

Performances are Tuesday, December 15 and Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 pm at the Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church, 18 Ferndale Road, Lion's Head. Admission is $10 plus a food item for the Food Bank. Net cash proceeds after the choir's expenses will go to the Women & Youth Crisis Centre Grey Bruce.

I hope you can come out and enjoy this evening of Christmas stories, songs and food on the 15th or 16th.

Merry Christmas!

~Lion's Head & Pike Bay United Churches~

Wish You & Your Families A Very Merry Christmas!

This Advent season, may you take time to reflect on the blessings of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love as we prepare to celebrate God's greatest gift to ALL, Jesus Christ.

November 29: Advent I Rev. Alan Barr
December 6: Advent II Rosemary Buchanan
December 13: Advent III Lynne Rusk Special Music by Ladies of Note
December 20: Advent IV Sue Carleton
Worship is held at Lion's Head United at 10:30 am
December 27: We will Worship at Tobermory United Church at 10:30 am

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Living Wage Rises to $24.75 Per Hour in Bruce Grey for 2026

Media Release, United Way Grey-Bruce

November 9, 2026 – Bruce Grey, Ontario – The Ontario Living Wage Network has announced that the living wage for Grey and Bruce counties has increased to $24.75 per hour for 2026, up from $24.60 in 2025.

The increase of $0.15 per hour, or 0.61%, reflects the continued financial pressures facing individuals and families as they manage the costs of housing, groceries, transportation, childcare and other everyday necessities.

United Way of Bruce Grey recognizes the importance of ensuring that people who work full-time can afford to meet their basic needs and participate in their communities.

A living wage represents the hourly income required for a worker to cover essential expenses and maintain a modest standard of living in the community where they live. Unlike the provincially mandated minimum wage, the living wage is calculated using actual regional living costs.

Housing Remains the Largest Expense

According to the Ontario Living Wage Network's 2026 calculations, shelter continues to account for the largest portion of household expenses in the region.

The breakdown of living costs includes:

- 36% for shelter, including insurance and utilities
- 29% for other household necessities and expenses
- 15% for food
- 13% for childcare
- 12% for transportation

These figures illustrate the financial demands facing households throughout Bruce and Grey counties, where access to affordable housing, reliable transportation and essential services remains an important concern.

The living wage calculation considers three household types: a family with two working adults and two young children, a single-parent household, and a single adult. Applicable government taxes, transfers and benefits are also factored into the calculation.

The 2026 announcement comes as Canadian businesses and households continue to navigate economic uncertainty, including tariff pressures, rising operating costs and affordability challenges.

When workers earn enough to meet their essential needs, they are better positioned to maintain financial stability and support local businesses and services.

"A living wage is about more than just making ends meet. It is about ensuring that people who work in our communities can afford to live in them," said Francesca Dobbyn, Executive Director of United Way of Bruce Grey. "We continue to see the pressures that housing, food and transportation costs place on individuals and families across Bruce and Grey counties. When workers earn enough to meet their basic needs, it benefits not only their households but also the local businesses and communities that depend on them."

A living wage is not intended to provide a luxurious lifestyle. It reflects the income required to cover everyday necessities while allowing for modest participation in community life.

"Employers who commit to paying a living wage report better morale, lower turnover, and stronger loyalty among their staff," said Jill Umbach, Coordinator of the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force. "We encourage more local businesses to step forward and join the network of certified living wage employers making a real difference."

The United Way of Bruce Grey acknowledges that businesses, particularly smaller employers, face their own financial pressures. Encouraging conversations about living wages is an important part of finding sustainable ways to support both workers and employers.

November 9 to 13 marks Living Wage Week across Ontario, recognizing employers who have committed to paying their employees a living wage and encouraging greater awareness of the connection between wages, affordability and community well-being.

All 10 living wage regions in Ontario have experienced increases in 2026, demonstrating that the cost of meeting basic needs continues to rise across the province.

United Way of Bruce Grey encourages local employers, organizations and community members to learn more about the living wage and consider the role adequate wages play in building stronger, healthier and more financially resilient communities.

For more information about the 2026 living wage calculations, certified employers and the Ontario Living Wage Network, visit www.ontariolivingwage.ca.

For information about United Way of Bruce Grey and its community initiatives, visit www.unitedwayofbrucegrey.com.

Lion's Head Friendship Club Continues to Thrive

Submitted by Geraldine Loker

The Lion's Head Friendship Club continues to be a busy and thriving place, with plenty of activities and special events keeping everyone entertained.

Our club dinner on October 24th was a huge success and was completely sold out! Guests enjoyed a delicious meal of chicken parmesan, Caesar salad and dessert, prepared and served by Bear Tracks Inn and Restaurant. A big thank-you goes out to Roberta, Jeff and their staff for the wonderful meal and presentation.

On November 14th, a large group from the Friendship Club travelled to the Roxy Theatre in Owen Sound to see Come From Away. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Afterwards, it was back to the Friendship Club for a delicious Chinese food dinner. It was the perfect ending to a perfect day!

Looking ahead, Saturday, November 28th is our annual Christmas dinner, featuring turkey and all the trimmings. This event is already sold out!

The Friendship Club is also selling Christmas cakes. Prices are $15 for a 1 lb cake, $25 for a 2 lb cake and $35 for a 3 lb cake. There are still a few available, but they are selling quickly.

The Club is also taking pre-orders for mincemeat tarts. Regular-sized tarts are $9.95 for 6, and mini tarts are $11.95 for 12. Orders will be ready for pickup at the Friendship Club on December 4th. To place an order, please call 519-793-3101 and leave a message.

As we move into December, our calendar of activities is beginning to wind down for the season. December 3rd will be our Craft Day, complete with a light lunch. On Thursday, December 17th, we will enjoy our Christmas lunch featuring ham and scalloped potatoes, along with our popular $10 gift exchange.

The Club will continue to host its regular card games, including Bid Euchre and Bridge, until December 28th. This will be our final scheduled activity for the 2026 season.

It has certainly been another wonderful year at the Lion's Head Friendship Club. A special thank-you to all the volunteers who work so hard throughout the year to keep our Club active and welcoming. We couldn't do it without you!

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Problem Bear National Park
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the park as part of a healthy ecosystem, the public safety concern is related to the behaviour of a specific individual bear in a high visitor-use area, rather than to a general increase in bear numbers across the park".

Bruce Peninsula Press asked: has the behaviour has been building over a period of years or did it begin this summer? Parks responded that

"The [problem] *bear was first observed in the campground in late July 2026. It was not regularly present in the area during the spring or early summer, and Parks Canada staff were not familiar with this bear from previous years based on its identifiable characteristics. When the bear arrived, it was already displaying signs of habituation, suggesting it had received food rewards elsewhere before entering the campground. Its food-conditioned behaviour escalated quickly during August as it continued to access food and other attractants in the campground. There is no indication that this behaviour had been developing within the campground over several years.*

...

The activity of this black bear at Cyprus Lake Campground had escalated to an Extreme Risk by late August. This meant the bear was maintaining close proximity to people, frequently seeking and feeding on non-natural food sources, exhibiting assertive, aggressive, and defensive behaviours, and demonstrating a high level of habituation to human presence.

We asked: Do you know whether the problem bear or bears became habituated to eating human food because of campers offering them food? Or did the bears just suddenly start raiding campsites out of the blue?

Parks responded: *"It is important to recognize that the bear itself is not the problem. In this case, the bear had repeated opportunities over time to access non-natural food sources associated with people, both within the campground and in the surrounding area. As a result, it became increasingly comfortable around people and less wary of human activity.*

Habituation develops gradually as bears repeatedly associate people and developed areas with food. Once that association is established, bears may continue to seek out those opportunities despite management efforts.

Parks Canada is working with partners across the region to reduce access to human food and other attractants. Limiting these opportunities helps reduce future human-bear conflicts and supports the conservation of the vulnerable black bear population on the Bruce Peninsula."

Parks Canada staff will be reviewing this summer's events over the winter and trying to find a strategy that allows bears and campers to coexist without problems.

Newly Elected Council
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Deputy Mayor Rod Anderson said, "I'd like to thank everyone who voted, and I'm honoured to have the opportunity to serve as your Deputy Mayor for the next term of council." He described Council's composition, "Our next council has the advantage of retaining four incumbents, with the addition of a new younger member to bring another viewpoint to the table." He concluded by speaking to the vast experience of council members, noting that their combined experience and insight will assist with ongoing projects, while also developing plans to pursue new initiatives.

The newest, and youngest, member of council, Ryan Matheson, provided these words to The Press, "Thank you, residents of Northern Bruce Peninsula, for your confidence and for the opportunity to help shape our community for the next four years. As promised in my campaign, I will be focused on year-round livability of the area, protecting our natural capital, and supporting business ventures that fit the needs and culture of our community. I look forward to bringing new ideas and directions to the municipality, seeking common sense solutions to ongoing issues, and learning from the very experienced staff and council that we are lucky to have." Matheson received the highest number of votes for councillor.

Returning Councillor Laurie (Smokey) Golden is the only female council member. Golden told The Press that she anticipates the 2026-2030 term will be her last. She hopes that a young woman will replace her in 2030, bringing a voice to females in NBP. She explained that women bring a different perspective to important issues in our communities, like daycare, school, and senior care. "Council doesn't necessarily have control over these issues, but we do impact them," she said. She affirmed that she will speak honestly while always keeping what is best in mind for the future of the Municipality and its next generations.

Councillor Todd Dowd expressed his gratitude for the support he received from electors. He looks forward to working with council over the next four years.

Wiarton Santa Claus Parade Returns With "A True North Christmas" December 5

Media Release

WIARTON, ON – The magic of Christmas is coming to Wiarton! The annual Wiarton Santa Claus Parade will take place on Saturday, December 5, at 6:00 PM, with this year's festive theme, ***"A True North Christmas"***.

There are two important changes to this year's parade.

NEW PARADE TIME IS 6:00 PM. The parade has traditionally started at 7:00 PM, but this year's parade will begin one hour earlier at 6:00 PM. Organizers encourage everyone to arrive early and find a spot along the parade route before the festivities begin.

SHORTER PARADE ROUTE. Due to ongoing road construction, the parade route will be one block shorter than in previous years. The parade will begin at the corner of George Street and Berford Street, travel north along Berford Street, and conclude at Division Street.

Organizers are asking spectators to take note of the shortened route and plan their viewing location accordingly. The change is being made to help ensure the parade remains a safe and enjoyable event for everyone.

The community can look forward to a festive evening filled with Christmas lights, floats, music, community groups and plenty of holiday spirit as Santa makes his way through town.

Following the parade, the public is invited to Pinkerton's Auto Supply, 593 Berford Street, Wiarton, for a special visit with Santa. The jolly old elf will be there for photos and candy bags!

The Wiarton Fire Department will also be collecting new, unwrapped toys and food bank donations along the parade route. Community members are encouraged to bring a donation and help make the holiday season brighter for local families.

The Christmas fun begins before the parade! From 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM, visit participating downtown businesses and play "Find the Santas and the Grinch." Collect stamps along the way and enter for your chance to win some great prizes! First Prize: iPad, Second Prize: Games Package, Third Prize: Toboggan.

Many downtown businesses will be staying open late for holiday shopping and offering customer appreciation treats, including hot chocolate, popcorn and cookies.

Businesses, organizations, community groups and others interested in participating in this year's parade are invited to register. There is NO registration fee! For parade registration inquiries, contact the Wiarton & District Chamber of Commerce at 519-534-4545 or wiartondistrictchamber@gmail.com

Bundle up, bring the family and join us in downtown Wiarton for ***A True North Christmas!***

Register Now for Tobermory Food Bank Christmas Hampers & Toys

Submitted by Linda Godhue

As always, at this time of year there are some important dates coming up for the Tobermory Food Bank.

It is time for those needing a Christmas Hamper to sign up at the Food Bank during regular hours, Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at The Meeting Place, Tobermory, or call Linda at 519-596-2333.

Those who have children 16 years and younger and could use some help in providing a Christmas for them, you need to register at the Tobermory Food Bank by December 2nd for the toys and gifts collected by the Northern Bruce Peninsula Firefighters. **It is IMPORTANT to register by December 2nd.** When registering for toys and gifts, please provide age, gender and clothing size for each child. Please know that when signing up for a Christmas Hamper or for toys/gifts, all is held in confidence.

Another important date for everyone to keep in mind is the Christmas Stuff the Cruiser Event, December 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Peacock's Foodland. The Tobermory Food Bank is very grateful to the O.P.P. Auxiliary who give of their time, outside often in miserable weather, to oversee the Stuffing of a Cruiser with donations for the Tobermory Food Bank. We are also appreciative of Peacock's Foodland for providing a place in their front parking lot for the cruiser.

December 12th sees the Santa Claus Parade in Tobermory, where the Tobermory Food Bank will, by donation, be serving hot dogs and hot chocolate. Hoping for better weather than last year, when unfortunately, the weather was such that the event was cancelled.

And if you have signed up for a Christmas Hamper and/or Christmas toys/gifts, they will be distributed on December 22nd between 11 a.m. and 12 noon at the Food Bank at The Meeting Place, Tobermory.

If you have any questions regarding these events, please call Linda at 519-596-2333.

THANK YOU

I want to thank all the constituents that supported me and best of luck to the incoming council.

Thanks, James Mielhausen





SON Environment Office Hosting "Learning from Mkwa" November 26th

An Engaging Workshop on the Saugeen Black Bear

Submitted by Ben MacLeod, Parks Coordinator

On November 26th, the Environment Office will host a workshop on the Saugeen Peninsula Black Bear - "Mkwa" in the Anishinaabe language. As hibernation season approaches, Saugeen Ojibway Nation researchers, knowledge holders, and traditional storytellers will bring voice to the Mkwa and share its teachings.

This by-donation event will be held in the new events space at the Princess Hotel in Tobermory. Doors open at 6pm, with refreshments available for purchase.

Tourism Remains Steady With Previous Years, Reports Chamber and Local Businesses

Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press

Northern Bruce Peninsula's 2026 tourism season brought a mix of successes and challenges, with some local businesses reporting growth, while others saw declines amid rising operating costs, changing travel habits and concerns about affordability.

Visitor numbers at the Tobermory and Northern Bruce Peninsula Chamber of Commerce information offices fell by approximately 15 per cent compared to 2025, an exceptionally busy year, according to coordinator Brian Woelfle.

The offices in Tobermory and Lion's Head recorded approximately 25,000 visitors between May and September, including 17,000 in Tobermory and 8,000 in Lion's Head. These figures represent people who visited the information offices, not total tourism numbers for the municipality.

Despite the decline, Woelfle said tourism in the region continues to follow an upward trend dating back to 2018.

The Chamber's seasonal report also identified changing visitor needs, including increased interest in cycling and e-bike experiences, with more than 400 inquiries about rentals, trails and bicycle-friendly accommodations. Demand for electric vehicle charging also increased, although recurring outages at the Tobermory Community Centre chargers created difficulties for some visitors.

The Chamber is focusing on encouraging visitors to plan ahead and extending the shoulder season to help ease pressure during the busiest summer months.

Individual businesses reported varied experiences.

At Tobermory Wave Adventures Inc., sales increased slightly compared to last year, although owner Tracy Edwards said fewer weather-related cancellations may have contributed to the improvement.

Rising fuel and operating costs presented a challenge, with the company choosing to absorb the additional expenses rather than increase ticket prices midway through the season.

Edwards said customer feedback frequently included concerns about the cost of bringing a family to Tobermory. The business also noticed an increase in day-trippers, with Tuesdays and Wednesdays often busier than weekends.

She said visitors increasingly appeared to be relying on weather apps and AI tools when making booking decisions, sometimes weeks in advance.

Tobermory Princess Hotel had a slower start to the season and, despite a stronger finish, estimates business was down about 15 per cent overall. Owner Anna Roussakis said construction at the property may have contributed to the decline.

Roussakis welcomed seeing more Canadians choosing to vacation closer to home rather than travelling south of the border. Looking ahead, the hotel hopes to attract more groups during the shoulder seasons in 2027.

Nathan Keeshig from Cape Croker Park in Neyaashiinigmiing reported an estimated increase of at least 10 per cent in camper and visitor attendance.

Serviced campsites with 30-amp electrical service approached full capacity during July and August, while September and October were also strong.

Staff recruitment and retention remained a challenge, but the park plans to expand electrical service to another 30 campsites during the off-season.

Keeshig also pointed to growing interest in the park's cultural interpretive programming and its locally produced Ziibaakdahkaan Maple Syrup, which has sold out every year since production began.

Tom Tracey, general manager of the Sweet Shop, said 2026 was a great year, with many large groups stopping in over the season.

In 2027, the shop hopes to expand its handmade offerings, bringing back some favourites and introducing new products. Staffing is a concern, Tracey said, as the business looks to fill new full-time positions to support that growth.

The Bruce Anchor Cruises team said the 2026 season was similar to 2025, with the unexpected cool weather in the spring. Looking towards the 2027 season, the cruise team's biggest concern will be the water level staying up so they can access Beachy Cove.

One of the season's more significant developments was the temporary closure of Cyprus Lake Campground at Bruce Peninsula National Park following concerns about a black bear displaying behaviour that posed a risk to visitor safety.

Before closing the campground, officials implemented increased patrols, visitor education, enforcement measures and non-lethal aversion techniques. A regional relocation attempt was also made, but the bear returned to areas occupied by visitors.

The closure affected overnight visitation, but day-use areas remained open. Parks Canada said final visitation statistics are still being compiled, with early indicators suggesting day-use numbers were generally consistent with recent years.

Parks Canada plans a comprehensive review of this season's circumstances over the winter to inform its wildlife management approach for next year.

BPEG Hears From Ontario Clean Air Alliance

Ontario's Electricity Future: Nuclear, Gas or Renewables?

Submitted by Joanne Rodgers

The Bruce Peninsula Environment Group (BPEG) hosted Angela Bischoff, Director of Ontario Clean Air Alliance for their November 2026 meeting.

Bischoff offered some thought provoking commentary on the Province's nuclear projects, the opportunities offered by wind, solar, water and storage, and the local impact here on the peninsula.

Ninety-two percent of new electricity supply added around the world in 2024 was renewable, in part because renewables along with storage are less than half the cost of nuclear and gas.

Here on the Bruce Peninsula, almost 20% of the electricity used is generated by the three wind turbines on the Ferndale Flats. However, Ontario is continuing with its legacy nuclear option and gas peaker plants.

Regarding National Security, we are increasing our dependence on the Americans. The new nuclear reactors being built at Darlington are American/Japanese designs. They need enriched uranium fuel, which must be imported from the USA, France or Russia. Seventy percent of Ontario's gas is imported from the US.

The cost of the current Provincial government's nuclear expansion plans will be $400 billion and counting, and will take decades to build and to come on line, all the while relying on increasing amounts of climate-damaging gas. Moving to renewables would be less than half the cost and could be rolled out in a fraction of the time.

A BPEG member commented that the current plan does not make any financial sense. Another member mentioned that we do not know the true cost of nuclear energy, as we do not have a solution to dealing with nuclear waste.

Bischoff talked about the generational injustice we are inflicting on future generations. The next generations will have to deal with the radioactive waste into infinity. They will have to pay for the tremendous cost of building the nuclear infrastructure. We are already subsidizing electricity through our record deficits. And this massive nuclear buildout will lock us into the highest cost, riskiest electricity for generations.

The rest of the world, especially those without ready access to oil and gas, is leapfrogging past the fossil age into renewables. For Ontarians, not moving more quickly towards renewables will soon make no political sense. Bischoff is clear, we are building stranded assets, stuck in legacy energy projects. Meanwhile, China is adding the equivalent of three nuclear reactors of solar power every day.

The Alliance is proposing we triple our renewable energy by 2050. To learn more about this proposal and to get involved in having a say in the future of electricity in the Province, please visit their website, and send a letter to the Premier to triple renewables now https://www.cleanairalliance.org/triplenow

BPEG's next meeting will take place December 2, 2026, 7pm at Christ Church Anglican Church Hall, 55 Main Street, Lion's Head – "Embrace the Dark - Living in a Dark Skies Community". Come out and hear an engaging presentation from Mike Warkentin, Dark Skies Chair, Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association. Everyone is welcome.



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Holiday Cookie Walk and Online Auction Raising Funds for Local Health Care

Submitted by Cathy Viscount

There are signs everywhere that the festive season is upon us. The weather clings to late autumn conditions but the Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary (LHHA) is at it again preparing for the Cookie Walk and the Online Auction.

What better way to have someone else do your baking and to do a little shopping for gifts by bidding on some items. The best part is that by doing so you help us raise funds for the capital needs of our local hospital.

Did you know that capital needs range from the mundane, like the chairs you sit in, all the way to structural, like new windows? That's why these events are so very important to our community. If you would like to help even more you can contribute baking or auction items.

The Cookie Walk is coming up quickly. Mark this date on your calendar, Saturday, December 5th at the Anglican Church in Lion's Head, 55 Main Street from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, or until we run out of cookies (wouldn't that be nice!). Get there early for the best selection. There are always cookies that are works of art and maybe some fudge or pretzel bark and even some bread. Rumor has it that there will even be treats for our beloved four-legged family members.

If you would like to contribute baking we would be most appreciative. If you are contributing bars, please don't cut them. And if you are making cookies try to ensure they are no smaller than 2 inches/5 centimeters in diameter. You can drop them off at the church during the daytime on Friday, December 4th.

Everyone is welcome to bring their own containers. In fact, we encourage you to do so. For those without we, of course, provide boxes, but those home containers are always a little easier to juggle while making your selection.

As a special treat, the Used Bookstore, also at the Anglican Church, will be open during the Cookie Walk. Come check out the great selections and stock up on your winter reading.

The Online Auction opens the day before The Cookie Walk, on Friday, December 4th at 8:00 a.m. and closes Thursday, December 10th at 10:00 p.m. To register go to LookLocally.ca/LHHA. We have a bounty of remarkable items available. It's a good opportunity to look for gift items for family, friends and don't forget to buy something special for you.

So many of our local restaurants, businesses and merchants have donated items, gift certificates and experiences to our auction. Remember to support them and shop locally. There is something for everyone, but you'll have to browse our online catalogue to see what appeals to you.

To whet your appetite we have: cutting boards, garden art, gifts for your pets, golf experiences, restaurant gift certificates, a set of vintage mixing bowls, hair products, home décor, toys and games and much, much more.

Our hospital relies on your generosity so bid often and bid generously. If you have something you would like to donate but haven't been approached yet, reach out to any Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary Member.

We look forward to seeing you at the Online Auction, December 4th to 10th and the Cookie Walk on December 5th at 55 Main Street.

Thank you so very much for your continued support of keeping our health care local.

Laureen Barrow Recognized for 20 Years of Volunteer Service with Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary



Photo credit: Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary

Photo L-R: Heather Harvey, Manager of Volunteer Resources for Brightshores Health Systems presents a 20-year Volunteer Service Award to Laureen Barrow. Laureen has served in various capacities for the Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary and continues to be heavily involved.

Annual Two-Day Christmas Market Offering Free Shuttle November 29

Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press

Lion's Head Farmers' Market Manager, Charlene Jordan, describes the annual Christmas Market as "a truly unique community holiday experience." The Christmas Market is more than a shopping expedition, it is a place where the community connects with each other, enjoys the seasonally-themed music from local musicians, interacts with vendors and savors a Northern Bruce celebration.

Hosted on the grounds of Summer House Park at Miller Lake, this year the two-day Christmas Market will be held on November 28 and 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on each day. There will be booths of over 50 food producers, farm producers and artisan vendors located in two indoor buildings and the outdoor Canadiana market area. Vendors showcase an amazing variety of locally, handmade artisan pieces and/or locally grown or baked food products from within Grey-Bruce.

Jordan is "pleased to announce a free shuttle for Seniors 55+ and anyone who does not drive, to bring you to and from our Christmas Market from Lion's Head and Tobermory, on the Sunday of our two-day event." At both Lion's Head and Tobermory, a 30 passenger shuttle will pick-up patrons, starting at 10 a.m. on Sunday November 29.

There are three pick-up stops in Lion's Head: the Arena, Intersection of Hayes Dr. and Hayes Crescent and finally at the Golden Dawn Apartments.

For Tobermory, the pick-up points are Bradley Davis Apartments and the Tobermory Community Centre.

The shuttles will depart the Market at 1 p.m. for the return trip.

The market offers patrons the opportunity to support the "Buy Canadian" movement and to source high quality items from local artisans and farm producers located close to home. From entertaining requirements, seasonal home decor and/or gift ideas, there is something for every budget to make the season a truly memorable one.

In the spirit of giving back to the community, the Market encourages patrons to bring non-perishable items for the local food bank in lieu of an entry fee. Items that are always in demand include peanut butter, jams, canned meat/fish, sugar, coffee, flour, toilet paper and toothpaste.

For further details and a complete list of vendors, please visit https://www.lionsheadfarmersmarket.com/christmas-market

A great way to kick off the season, come out, enjoy the festive atmosphere, stock up on your favorites and discover new items, savor a snack or beverage, stay for the music and social time.



Photo courtesy of Charlene Jordan

Photo L-R: Lion's Head Farmers' Market Manager, Charlene Jordan, with Bev Miller.

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Community Attends Tobermory Legion Remembrance Day Service

Submitted by Kathryn Hauck, Tobermory Legion Poppy Chair

Hello mid-November. Here we are with still some double digit temperature days and sunshine, even though the day starts and ends in the dark. Winter is coming.

I wanted to thank everyone that took part in the Remembrance Day Program this year. From the many volunteers that stood in Peacock's Foodland on Friday and Saturdays, to Katrina and Shirley for helping with wreaths on Remembrance Day, to my family that helped prepare and put away the wreaths, to all the people that support the poppy campaign with getting a poppy (or 2 or 3), and purchasing wreaths or giving a donation. All of the funds raised go back into programs that help support veterans.

And to all of the people that attended the Remembrance Day Service this year, thank you. Mother Nature was certainly in our favor. We remember those that fought for our freedom and continue to do so.

If you have any questions or comments about the Poppy Campaign, please do not hesitate to contact me, Kathryn Hauck, Poppy Chair, at kathryn.forbes@hotmail.com



Photo credit: Mike Reid

Photo: The Tobermory Legion Branch 290 Remembrance Day parade marches towards the Tobermory Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. Veterans, members of Tobermory Legion Branch 290, members of the Armed Forces, OPP Officers, OPP Auxiliary Officers, Paramedics, Park Wardens and students from St Edmunds Public School marched in the parade to honour those who fought for our freedom.

Remembering Charles Norman Stevens

From the Military Service Recognition Book: Charles Norman Stevens was born in Norwich, Ontario on October 6, 1926. He enlisted in the Army on March 14, 1945 in London, Ontario and had just completed his Bren Gun and Machine Gun training when the war ended, so he didn't have the opportunity to serve overseas.

After his discharge on October 31, 1945, he was Office Manager at Standard Tube Plant #2 before moving to Tobermory, ON where his family operated Lands End Trailer Park.

He retired in 1991, but continued to be very involved in the community as a member of the Tobermory Legion Branch 290 and a driver for Meals on Wheels. He was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.

~ We Will Remember Them ~



Photo Credit: Military Service Recognition Book

Photo: Charles Norman Stevens.



Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: Veteran Gladys Helena Davis is honoured with a commemorative Legion banner on Bay Street in Tobermory. The newly installed banners, hung around the community, were made possible with support from families of the veterans and the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. Each year they will be hung around Remembrance Day.

Local Veterans Honoured at Billy Bishop Awards

Veteran Services Coordinator, Shirley Johnstone recently submitted two Tobermory veterans to be honoured at the Billy Bishop Awards in Owen Sound. Myrtle Craigie and Bud Hopkins both received awards recognizing their service.

Annual Turkey Raffle December 11

The annual Turkey Raffle will be December 11 at 7pm at Tobermory Legion Branch 290. Euchre is the last Friday of the month (November 27) starting at 7pm. Darts are every Thursday starting at 3pm. The next Trivia night is Friday, December 18 at 7pm. BINGO is on Mondays starting at 1pm.

The annual Tobermory Santa Claus Parade will be held on Saturday, December 12 at 1pm.

We are still looking for a meat draw co-ordinator. If you would like more information contact branch290secretary@hotmail.com or any of the Executive.

Going into the Winter season, we will need volunteers for shoveling snow around the Legion entrances. If you can volunteer to take care of just 1 week this Winter, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a calendar left on the kitchen counter at the Legion for sign-up. You can also contact branch290secretary@hotmail.com.

The Legion will only be open Fridays and Saturdays for Trivia, Euchre and for the meat draws.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all the candidates that participated in the recent Municipal Election. It is great to have the opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas.

It is my incredible honour to serve as your Mayor for the upcoming term of Council and I look forward to continuing to work with incumbents, Rod Anderson, Todd Dowd and Smokey Golden. It is also a pleasure to welcome our new Councillor, Ryan Matheson and his input for the upcoming initiatives that we will need to manage. I believe we will grow, improve and move forward for the betterment of the Community.

I am truly appreciative of your support.

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- Mechanical aptitude and an interest in learning how machinery works.
- Strong attention to detail.
- Ability to measure accurately and work comfortably with exact measurements.
- Good organizational skills.
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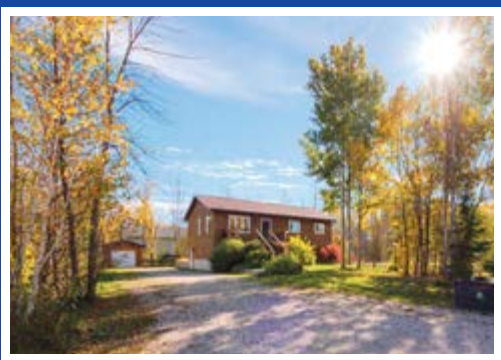
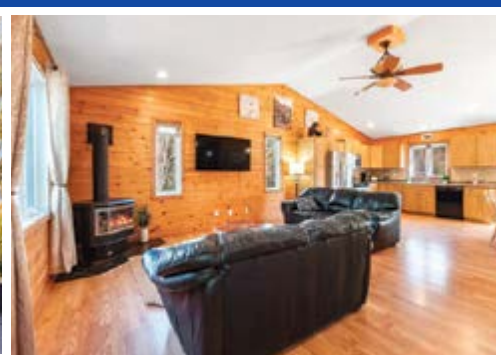

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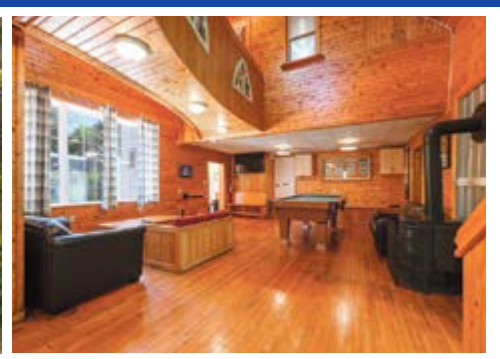

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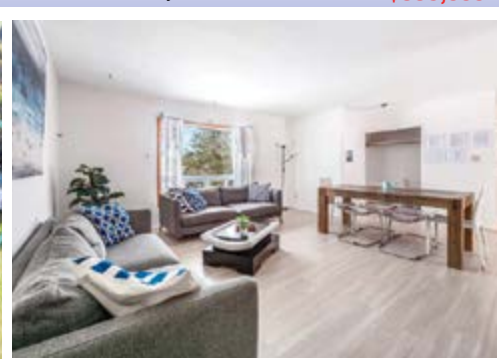

ONE ACRE HOME/COTTAGE IN TOBERMORY

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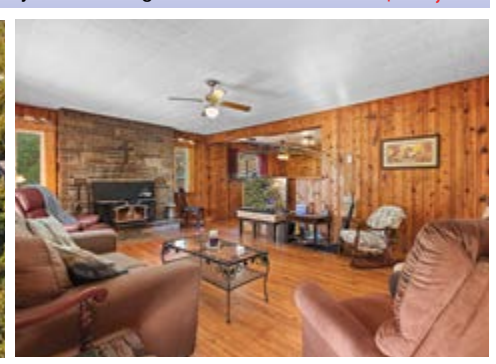


LAKE HURON WATERFRONT LIFE AWAITS!

Enjoy stunning sunsets and southwest lake views from this 3-bedroom home/cottage! Gradual-entry shoreline ideal for swimming, kayaking and paddleboarding. Features include a cozy wood fireplace, AC, sunroom, covered deck, walkout lower level and 24' x 24' garage with hydro. Relax in the waterside gazebo with hydro, or enjoy the fenced vegetable garden, fruit trees and beautiful landscaping. Plenty of storage inside & out! Perfect as a seasonal retreat or year-round waterfront home! **$779,000**



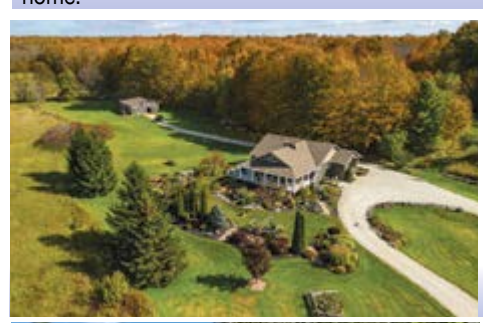
ENJOY THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF GEORGIAN BAY!

Sited minutes to Lion's Head, this 3 bedroom home/cottage offers stunning water views across the road. Inside, 925sq.ft. feels quite spacious with the open concept living space! Eat-in kitchen, vaulted ceilings, large windows for plenty of natural light. Recent upgrades. Shed with hydro. Fully furnished, turn-key and ready for your enjoyment! **$569,000**



SWEEPING VIEWS OF GEORGIAN BAY / ESCARPMENT!

Step on the deck overlooking the waters of Georgian Bay with the backdrop of the escarpment cliffs you'll never want to leave! This two-level 4 bdrm, 2 baths ~2,500sqft home is just a 5 min drive to Lion's Head. Large open concept living and dining area with deck overlooking the waters of Georgian Bay! Downstairs has additional bedrooms and a massive family room with walkout. Attached garage. **$690,000**



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FAMILY HOME, B&B, OR BUSINESS!

Incredible potential, located on Highway 6 with commercial zoning. Set on 1.5 ac., with new septic, firepit, and majestic willow tree. 3 bdrms + den & 4Pc bath. Spacious kitchen, open concept, dining room w/ walkout to the deck. The in-lawsuite features its own entry & bath. Minutes from Tobermory!

$480,000



WATERFRONT LIVING ON LAKE HURON

Home or cottage waterfront living on 1+ acre with 100 ft of Lake Huron shoreline along a deep protected bay with the ability to dock a boat. Enjoy the covered waterside balcony! Newer build 2.5-storey home offers 2+1 bdrms, 2 baths, and an oversized attached garage. **$990,000**



HOME ON 25 ACRES NEAR GEORGIAN BAY

This spacious 2,600+ sq.ft. home on 25 acres features 3 bdrms & 2.5 baths. Spacious eat-in kitchen with a large island. Bright family room opens onto a deck. Bonus room could be converted back to its original indoor pool. Generac generator. Minutes from Georgian Bay. **$650,000**



RED BAY - THE BEACH AWAITS

This 2,800 sq.ft. home is set on a beautifully maintained 2.8-acre corner property in the community of Red Bay. Main-floor living, attached garage, spacious deck, 3-season gazebo, fenced dog run, detached workshop & Whole-home Generac generator! Minutes from Red Bay beach! **$789,000**



WELCOME TO THE BEAUTIFUL BRUCE PENINSULA

This custom built 4 season waterfront home sits on Baptist Harbour in Tobermory. 3 bdrms/2 baths on just under 2 acres. Thoughtfully curated open concept home with an expansive deck facing West for fabulous Lake Huron sunsets. Short drive to downtown Tobermory **$750,000**



TURNKEY LAKE HURON WATERFRONT RETREAT

Turnkey home/cottage on 1.7 private acres with sandy beach area, newer dock & protected inlet with boating access to Lake Huron. Fully furnished, this 1,910 sq.ft. retreat offers 5 bdrms, 2.5 baths, open-concept living, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors & spacious kitchen. **$1,095,000**



GEORGIAN BAY WATERFRONT LOT!

Enjoy an elevated, well treed property located in beautiful Cape Chin North. Sited on a year-round road with water access across the road! 150ft.X150ft. Stunning rock features along the Niagara Escarpment. Nearby Bruce Trail access on a quiet road. **$239,000**



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. **$179,000**



CENTRALLY LOCATED 1-ACRE BUILDING LOT

Hydro & natural gas at the road, plus drilled well & septic in place. Level land backs onto scenic Clavering Creek with mature trees and privacy. Established garden and characteristic stone structure. Highway exposure. Minutes to Wiarton, Sauble Beach. **$210,000**



1 ACRE NEAR TOBERMORY

Enjoy the benefits of being minutes to town, yet set on a private 1-acre parcel of land. Sited minutes to downtown, the property offers a level lot with a driveway started. Hydro is available at the roadside. The property measures 150ft. X 300ft. **$109,000**



OVER 185 FEET OF LAKE HURON SHORELINE!

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 Honours Veterans at Remembrance Day Service



Photo credit: Ross Webb

Photo: Lion's Head Legion Branch 202 members proudly stand in front of the newly installed Veteran Crosswalk in Lion's Head.

Submitted by Gerry Tilmans, Branch 202, 1st VP, Public Relations Officer

Now that Remembrance Day has passed we can reflect on how grateful and thankful the Legion is for all of the amazing support from the Municipality and the public. We had a great turnout and a beautiful day for this year's remembrance, one of the nicest days in recent memory according to many. We were glad to have staff and students from Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) take part in the service, from the BPDS Junior Choir's performance of O Canada to the reading of In Flanders Fields. We appreciate having the cadets on hand to lay wreaths and to read In Flanders Fields (at Monument Corners).



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Photo: Veteran Kenneth Walter Diebel is honoured with a commemorative Legion banner on Main Street in Lion's Head. The newly installed banners, hung around the community, were made possible with support from families of the veterans and the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. Each year they will be hung around Remembrance Day.

We also formally thank the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP) for the cenotaph cleaning completed by MNBP, thanks also Veterans Affairs Canada. On Facebook we posted "The Lion's Head Legion is pleased to announce that both of 'our' cenotaphs have received a facelift. The lettering on the WW1 memorial at Monument Corners has been repainted and all the monuments there and in Lion's Head have been cleaned. We thank Veterans Affairs Canada for their assistance with funding for this project."

The people who make our municipality great have been so supportive this year in helping us bring a Veterans Crosswalk to Lion's Head and to install the Veteran Banners in town. Leadership from Troy Cameron and Mark Coleman and support from crew members such as Bob Hofstrand, Scott Cole, Darren Robins and Mike Van de Laar who I worked with and who brought great ideas to make things come together. Thank you to all, and I hope I have not missed anyone!



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Photo: The community gathers at the Lion's Head cenotaph for the Remembrance Day service on November 11th.

At the branch we set up a Food Bank collection box in advance of the Christmas season. If it proves to be popular we may continue in the new year too. People have been generous thus far and we are grateful for the response.



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Photo: Lion's Head cenotaph after cleaning.

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Annual Lion's Head Pumpkin Parade Lights Up The Night Sky

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The 7th annual Lion's Head Pumpkin Parade took place on 1 November 2026. A calm warm 15C was the warmest night to date for the local event, as supporters marvelled that they did not need their coats and mitts for their evening outing. This year, the Pumpkin Parade continued to draw support from community members who brought their jack-o'-lanterns to participate in the line-up along the pathway from the Lion's Head Beach pavilion towards the Memorial Garden.

It is a dazzling light show as the daylight transitions to night and the jack-o'-lanterns are illuminated against the starry night sky.

A supportive following of community members came out to admire the artistry of local carvers. This year also drew out-of town-visitors including international visitors from Mauritius who extended their day visit to Lion's Head just to view the Pumpkin Parade.

Organizers Dominic Wong and Sara Hsiao were pleased with the ongoing community support and to see their grassroots efforts attract out-of-town visitors. They thanked everyone for their participation.



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Photo: Out of town visitors from Mauritius and Georgetown extended their visit in Lion's Head to see the Pumpkin parade. L-R (back row): Magit and Namita. L-R (front row): Naha, Sib and Manu admire the pumpkin carving of Patrick Stewart. Peter from Toronto, a friend of the organizers, helped in carving the Patrick Stewart jack-o'-lantern in commemoration of his recent passing.



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Photo: A funny pumpkin carving.



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Photo: Brian Taylor showed off his scalpel skills with a stenciled likeness of his dog Winnie.



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Photo: Annual contributor Robert Thompson brought along his jack-o'-lanterns.



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Photo: A scary skull pumpkin carving.

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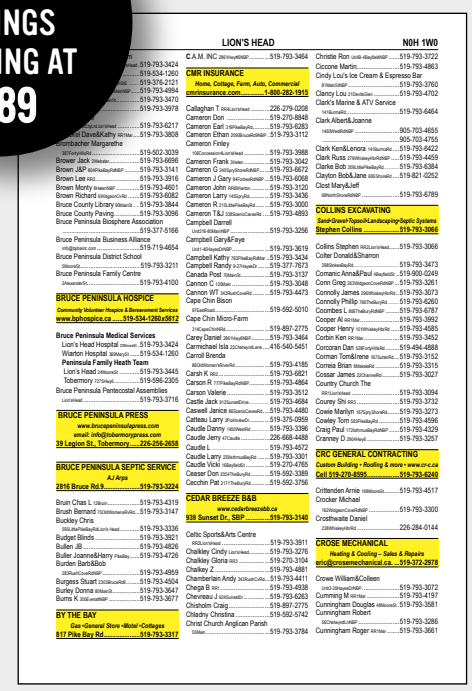

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St. Nicholas Bazaar November 28

An Old-Fashioned Bazaar with So Much More

Submitted by Rev. Sheryl Spencer

The St. Nicholas Bazaar, which will be held at the Tobermory Community Centre on November 28 from 10am to 2pm, is modelled after an old-fashioned church bazaar, but it's also so much more!

You'll find the traditional bake sale, craft sale and luncheon available, but at our bazaar, you'll also discover more than twenty vendors selling beautiful things: chicken enchiladas to fill up your freezer, a specialty-coffee bar, the rustic treasures created from vintage household items by Northern Twisted Roots, a silent auction and more!

The atmosphere at the bazaar is downright festive, and friends and neighbours come not only to purchase delicious and beautiful things, but just to gather. The bazaar will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with lunch served between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church at 519-596-2394.

The fourth annual Christmas with Peninsula Musicians and Friends will take place at 7:00 p.m. on December 3 at Tobermory United Church (TUC). This fundraiser for the Golden Dawn Redevelopment Fund has become a beloved tradition on the peninsula.

The event features a wide range of musicians – Dominik Franken and Christine Robinson, Dan Corcoran, Rod Layman, Brian Taylor and Bluesky Day, Janet Whittington and Robert Franklin, Marty Oblak, the TUC Choir, and this year, poetry for the season by Joshua Willoughby.

Admission is by donation, and a reception will follow the event.

Special services upcoming at Tobermory United include a Longest Night service, a quiet service geared especially for those who are weary or grieving, on December 22 at 7:00 p.m., and, of course, a Christmas Eve service, 5:00 p.m. on December 24.



Photo credit: Tobermnory United

Photo: Amy Zych-Learn shows off a festive swag created at a workshop offered by Northern Twisted Roots at Tobermory United Church on November 7. All crafts created will be sold at the St. Nicholas Bazaar, November 28, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Rotary Chili Cook-off Raises $2,100 for BPDS Europe Trip

Submitted by Rob Hiscott

Thanks to everyone who came out to the 2026 Rotary Chili Cook-off to help raise funds for the BPDS school trip to Europe in 2027!

There were seven delicious chili recipes for people to taste test and select the Best Chili of 2026!

The chili recipe which received the most votes this year was contributed by Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula (chili #5), with second place going to Bruce Men's Shed (chili #1), and third place to Bruce Peninsula Environment Group (BPEG – chili #4).

Thanks to everyone who contributed pots of chili for this cook-off, to BPDS students who served, parents/teachers who volunteered, and Rotarians who organized the event and tended bar through dinner! Proceeds from this event (plus top-up donations) were $2,100 from the evening, with a cheque to be presented to Bruce Peninsula District School. More photos from this fun event can be found on our website at: https://www.rotarynbp.org

Friday Pub Nights at Rotary Hall

The next Pub Night at Rotary Hall will be held on Friday, November 27th, with one more being held on Friday, December 11th before the holiday season rush.

Hope you can come out and join us for drinks, snacks and conversation!



Photo credit: Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Photo: Students of Bruce Peninsula District School served chili at the 2026 Chili Cook-off event held at Rotary Hall on November 5th to raise funds for their 2027 school trip to Europe.

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Frightfully Fun Evening at Halloween Spooktacular

Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press

Tobermory residents and visitors got into the Halloween spirit as Spooktakular 2026 brought a frightfully fun evening of costumes, activities and community involvement to the Tobermory Community Centre.

The annual trick-or-treat event featured a variety of local businesses, organizations and community groups, each helping make the celebration a success with themed tables, activities and Halloween fun for families.

Participants included Blue Heron Cruises, Tobermory United Church, Smokey and Lance Golden, Light and Life Chapel, The Sweet Shop, Escarpment Heights, Bruce Anchor Cruises, Peacock's Foodland, Small Town Design and the Johnson family, KCS Financial and RE/MAX.

Children and families had plenty to explore, including a sundae bar hosted by the Tobermory Food Bank and a pirate name game organized by Bruce Anchor Cruises. The local fire department also joined the festivities, bringing a fire truck, firefighters, Smokey the Fire Dog and a bubbling cauldron of smoke to add to the Halloween atmosphere.

The highlight of the evening was a costume contest that recognized creativity across several categories, including scariest, most detailed, family costume, cutest, funniest and most unique. Table decorations also added to the festive displays throughout the event.

Spooktakular 2026 was made possible through the support of local sponsors, including RE/MAX - Your Bruce Peninsula Real Estate Team, Leslie Morris, Mortgage Broker and Owner, Friends of Bruce District Parks and Escarpment Heights.

With local businesses, organizations and community members coming together to create an evening of Halloween activities, Spooktakular once again highlighted the community spirit that makes Tobermory a special place to celebrate.



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Photo L-R: Sheryl Spencer, Heike Domke-Talbot, Pat Neuwelt and Martha Aitkin were out to represent the Tobermory United Church.



Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: Faith Hume, age 12, won the prize for most detailed costume.



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Photo: The local fire department and Smokey the Fire Dog joined the festivities, with a bubbling cauldron of smoke.



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Photo L-R: Kayla O'Neil and Crystal Hollis from Bruce Anchor Cruises ran a "pirate name game" at their table. Perfect for all ages to enjoy.

SMART Level 1 Celebrates Halloween



Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press photo

Photo: To liven up the exercise class, this very social group loves to accessorize to commemorate various events. They dressed up in their Halloween costumes for their class on 29 October 2026.

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More Than Books: Discovering the Many Resources at Your Library

Submitted by Donna Hambleton, Chair, Friends of the Lion's Head Library

The library is about much more than books! That was the message shared at an information session hosted by the Lion's Head Friends of the Library on Tuesday, November 10, at the Lion's Head Rotary Hall.

Several community members attended the session, titled ***More Than Books – Discover Your Library Resources***, to learn about the many services, programs and resources available through their local library.

Bruce County library staff members Kristina Akerman, area Lead Branch Supervisor, and Billie Tenhage, Programming and Community Engagement Supervisor, led the presentation, highlighting the many ways residents can make the most of their free library membership.

Beyond borrowing books, library members have access to an impressive variety of online resources. Through the library's website (https://library.brucecounty.on.ca/), you can watch movies, read newspapers from around the world, learn a new language and explore many other educational and entertainment opportunities.

There are also plenty of classes and hands-on resources available. Library members can use equipment such as a Cricut cutting machine and a 3D printer, opening up opportunities for creativity, crafting and learning new skills at any of the 17 Bruce County library branches. There is even a bookmobile that has stops in our area.

Looking for something fun to do outdoors or at home? The library has you covered! Members can borrow snowshoes, binoculars, puzzles, games, memory care kits and much more. There are even passes available for the Bruce County Museum, Grey Sauble Conservation and McGregor Point Provincial Park, providing opportunities to explore local history and enjoy the outdoors.

The information session was a wonderful reminder that today's library offers so much more than shelves of books. Whether you are interested in technology, creativity, lifelong learning, entertainment or outdoor adventures, there are resources waiting to be discovered.

If you haven't explored everything your library has to offer, now is a great time to visit your local branch or check out the Bruce County Public Library's website. You may be surprised by just how much your library card can do!



Photo credit: Friends of the Lion's Head Library

Photo L-R: Billie Tenhage, Programming and Community Engagement Supervisor and Kristina Akerman, Lead Branch Supervisor from the Bruce County Public Library share information about library resources at the Rotary Hall, organized by the Lion's Head Friends of the Library.

SON Land Claim

Continued from page 1

Eighteen years later, acknowledging that settlers and loggers were occupying the protected lands in flagrant violation of the treaty, the Crown sought relief from the terms of Treaty 45½, telling SON that they were unable to prevent settlers from taking over the peninsula. (It appears that the Crown made only halfhearted efforts to enforce the treaty.) Treaty 72 was signed in 1854, permitting the sale of most of the land on the peninsula, with SON receiving the benefit of those sales.

In a process that began in 1994, SON alleges that it was treated unfairly and is asking for $90 billion and the return to SON of 651 government-owned properties, including Bruce Peninsula National Park and various provincial properties.

The trial process was "bifurcated" into two phases: responsibility and remedy.

The first phase resulted in the 2021 finding, upheld on appeal in 2023. That judgment established (among many other things) that Treaty 72 was valid and had been properly implemented, despite a "breach of honour" by the Crown in the treaty process that needed to be addressed.

The second phase of the claim is to address and remediate that breach of honour. It is scheduled for 2030 or 2031, but could stretch out further if the verdict is appealed.

In the lead-up to that second phase, the Government of Canada filed a motion (contested by SON) requesting that, owing to the validity of Treaty 72, the return of lands to SON should not be on the table in the remediation process. (If return of lands is not under consideration, the trial would be shorter and simpler.)

On Nov 10, 2026. the Ontario Superior Court of Justice issued a lucid and thoughtful (but VERY long) decision on that motion. The Court denied the motion to take "land back" off the table, despite acknowledging that there appears to be scant chance for such a demand to succeed, owing to the uncontestable validity of Treaty 72. An excerpt from that judgment:

"I conclude that the high threshold required to succeed on a preliminary motion under r. 21.01(1)(a) [the regulation in question] *is not met at this time, despite compelling arguments in favour of the position that the claim for land will be unsuccessful. There appear to be material facts in dispute. I cannot rule out the possibility, however small, that the evidence may displace the conclusion I would otherwise draw, granting this motion. The motion is therefore dismissed."*

The decision can be found on the CanLii.org website; use the case number — 2026 ONSC 5969 — as a search string.

Rotary Donates to Golden Dawn



Photo credit: Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Photo L-R: Rotary Club President Sue Kolundzic and Friend of Rotary/Golden Dawn Board Director David Bird presented a cheque for $1,300 from Rotary to Golden Dawn, the proceeds raised from the Community Cafés held at Rotary Hall over the past summer and fall months. These proceeds will go towards upgrading the Golden Dawn TV room/common area for all residents to enjoy.

The 2026

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Thanks to the generosity of the community, the 2025 annual holiday toy drive provided gifts to 40 plus local children who would not have otherwise received anything over the holidays.

Thank You

to all the individuals, corporate groups and organizations who ran their own toy drives or made donations last year. The quantity and quality of gifts donated demonstrated the generosity and kindness of our residents and/or cottagers.



BPDS Hosts Pathways to the Skilled Trades Night

Joanne Rodgers, Bruce Peninsula Press

(with notes from Stephanie Cantin, VP)

Bruce Peninsula District School (BPDS) hosted a Pathways to the Skilled Trades night on November 12, 2026.

Students and parents from grades 7-12 were invited for pizza and a presentation and question period all about the labour market in the area. They learned about the technical education programs and cooperative education programs that exist for helping students choose and follow a path towards a career in the skilled trades.



Photo credit: Stephanie Cantin

Photo: A presenter speaks to attendees at the Pathways to the Skilled Trades night on November 12th at BPDS.

Parents and students filled out a questionnaire to give feedback on the kinds of technological education programs they would like to see developed at BPDS going forward and that can be supported in the community.

Secondary technological education students also participated in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Trade Olympics held in Chesley on November 18. Students were able to explore a variety of hands-on activities related to the skilled trades.



Photo credit: Stephanie Cantin

Photo: BPDS secondary technological students attended the Trade Olympics at the Bruce Nuclear Training Centre in Chesley.

THSA Members Decide "Mission Accomplished" and Vote to Dissolve

Submitted by Wendy Caron

At its meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2026, the majority of members in attendance voted in favour of a motion to wind down and dissolve the Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary (THSA).

Understandably, the decision was an emotional one, particularly for those who have invested four decades of their time, energy, and commitment in building and sustaining the THSA. Through countless volunteer hours, unwavering dedication, and a remarkable spirit of community service, members and community supporters have raised funds that have made a lasting impact on local health care and a meaningful difference in the lives of residents throughout the Northern Bruce Peninsula.

Pragmatically, however, members recognized the reality of the organization's current circumstances, including challenges related to leadership, finances, volunteer capacity, and fundraising. The decision acknowledges that the THSA's work has reached its natural conclusion. The needs that led to its creation and growth have changed, and the time has come to say, with pride, mission accomplished.

The decision to dissolve was not taken lightly. It followed a year of extensive examination and discussion at both the Board and membership levels. Indeed, the motion was tabled for one month to explore whether establishing a Collective Impact Initiative (CII) might provide a way forward for the THSA. A committee chaired by Heather Oxman investigated the concept and presented its findings at the October 22 meeting. Following consideration of the presentation, members concluded that establishing a CII would not address the fundamental challenges affecting the THSA's sustainability.

Preserving the THSA's legacy and ensuring the thoughtful distribution of its remaining assets were of paramount importance to the membership. The funds accumulated by the organization represent decades of fundraising, community generosity, and careful stewardship. Much of the reserve originated from the extraordinary community effort to build the Tobermory Health Services Clinic. These funds were raised to support local health care, and members believe they have an obligation to ensure that their eventual use reflects the purposes for which they were raised and donated.

To help guide this process, an Asset Allocation Survey will be distributed to current THSA members to determine their wishes regarding the distribution of the THSA's remaining funds.

By bringing the organization to a thoughtful and responsible close, members have an opportunity to direct its remaining resources toward the local health care purposes for which they were intended. The THSA has much to be proud of. Its members and supporters have made a lasting difference, and through the careful stewardship of its legacy, that contribution can continue to benefit health care services and community well-being long after the organization itself ceases to exist.

Municipal Seniors Active Living Centre Program Continues to Grow

Tessa Swanton (Townson), Bruce Peninsula Press

A Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) program managed by the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (MNBP) Museum and Recreation Coordinator, Madie Barker, continues to flourish with plans to expand in 2027.

MNBP received $57,640 in program funding from the province for the 2026/2027 year. Barker expressed her gratitude in an interview, "We are grateful for this continued investment which allows us to build on the success of our first full year of SALC programming and continue creating opportunities for older adults to stay active, engaged, and connected to their communities."

Barker described some program highlights: arts and crafts like needle felting, fused glass, rug hooking, and wreath making; chair yoga (community favourite) and virtual Laugh Yourself Happy; educational Lunch and Learns focusing on financial and estate planning, safe driving, health and wellness, and digital safety; bus trips and excursions to theatre performances and a river cruise; movie screenings, dinners, and games nights; Mah Jongg Mavericks; Hooked on the Bruce rug hooking; and monthly writers workshops.

One of the most popular fitness programs plans to grow with a new instructor. The free online Chair Yoga program led by Barbara von der Heide will be held throughout the winter from 11am-12pm on Tuesdays. Chair Yoga will be offered in person in Pike Bay during the summer months with hopes to spread to more locations.

A highly acclaimed strategic tile-based game, Mah Jongg, will be expanding from Lion's Head to the Tobermory Community Centre. Stay tuned for an announcement of the program's launch date and schedule.

A key priority for 2027 is "bridging the technology and literacy gap within our community," said Barker. With more essential services, communication, and everyday activities moving online, it is becoming increasingly important that seniors feel comfortable navigating technology. Barker noted that they are developing educational opportunities to help seniors build practical digital skills to access online services and stay connected.

She explained that several activities are offered across Lion's Head, Tobermory, and Pike Bay, reducing barriers to participation by creating accessible programs.

SALC programming is open to anyone aged 55+. Most programs are free with no membership required.

Barker explained that the program's success is based on strong partnerships and dedicated volunteers who help bring meaningful programs and activities to communities. She highlighted collaborations with community leaders such as Sharron Colter, Debbie Dover, Pat Howes, Carol Longworth, Judy Miller, and Maxine Catteau.

Barker is interested in diversifying the program with new activities, workshops, and experiences that reflect community interests. Contact her with your ideas!

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DATED at Owen Sound this 21st day of September, 2026.

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GRANT, Douglas Howard - surrounded by his sons at the Norview Lodge Nursing Home, Simcoe on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026, in his 88th year. Loving father of Greg Grant (Bruce Gillespie) of Simcoe and Gary Grant (Adam Runstedler) of Toronto. Predeceased by his former spouse Carol Grant (2015) and both his parents Percy Howard Grant and Reta Mae Grant (Sutor). Dear brother of Joan Kent (late Fred) of Simcoe and lovingly remembered by Carol's siblings: Ruth Bartlett (late Ron) and the late Lynn Cooke (Janet) of Simcoe and their families. Doug, known affectionately as "Dougie" to all his friends, was born and raised in Teeterville, ON, where he helped out his parents at Grant's General Store as a young boy and then volunteered at the Teeterville Fire Department, which his dad helped to start up. After marriage, he moved to Simcoe, where he lived in the same home across from the Simcoe parks system for over 50 years. In Simcoe, Doug worked at McKerlie's Automotive —a natural fit for his handy nature and love of fixing things—before moving on to Sprucedale School, where he spent 24 years as a dedicated manager of stores before retiring. Doug loved to spend many weekends and summers up at the family cottage in Lion's Head, ON, and loved tooting the horn to let everyone on the street know they'd arrived. An amazing handyman with a creative mind, Doug could find a solution to almost anything. Whether woodworking, repairing things around the home, or welding a part he needed, he had a tool for everything and a knack for making things work. In later years, he moved into Cedar Crossing Retirement Home in Simcoe, where he lived for several years before his final move to Norview Lodge. In keeping with Doug's wishes, there will be no public visitation or service. A private family graveside service will be held at the Teeterville Cemetery at a later date. The JASON SMITH FUNERAL CHAPEL, 689 Norfolk St. North, Simcoe is in care of arrangements. Those wishing to donate in memory of Doug are asked to consider the Alzheimer's Society of H-N. Personal online condolences at www.smithfuneralchapel.com



CEASER, Christena Adelle - peacefully Tuesday morning November 10, 2026, at the Lion's Head Hospital. Adelle Ceaser (nee McLay) of Lion's Head in her 85th year. Beloved wife of Ron Ceaser for 66 years. Cherished mother of Diane Given (Jim). Much loved grandmother of Christopher (Amanda), Joshua (Taylor), and Cody (Emily) and great-grandmother of Lorelei, Riley, Adelaide, and Tucker. Dear sister of Barry McLay (Sue) and sisters-in-law Marie McLay, Joan McLay and Mary McLay. Predeceased by parents Ruby (nee McCutcheon) and Kenneth McLay, daughter Susan, brothers Robert, Charles (Reta), Milton, and Mervin, and sister Verniece Richardson (Bob) and brothers-in-law John Hoffman, John Doubt, Lloyd Moore, Michael Holm, Helen Ceaser, Jacqueline Ceaser, and Laverne Ceaser. The family would like to thank the many doctors, nurses and staff at both Lion's Head and Owen Sound hospitals for their kindness, compassion and care during her stay. To Morgan, Justin and staff at the George Funeral Home for making a difficult time a little easier. To Krystal Walser for a beautiful graveside tribute. To the Swan Lake Legion and Ladies Auxiliary for your hard work to keep us all sustained. A huge thank you to all family & friends who attended the service and luncheon at the Legion from near & far and to those who shared their stories and love. Thank you for the many visits, phone calls, messages, and meals before, during and after her hospital stay. To all who sent condolence messages, sent cards, flowers or made a donation to the hospitals – THANK YOU ALL! Ron, Diane, Jim, Chris, Amanda, Lorelei, Riley, Josh, Taylor, Adelaide, Tucker, Cody & Emily.

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Clubs, Organizations, Groups, etc., call us before Dec. 9, 2026 to be included in the next Press.

MONDAY

Tobermory Coffee Club. Tobermory Community Centre. All are welcome. ***7:30–9:30am***
Bruce Men's Shed Drop-in Coffee. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. Contact brucemensshed@gmail.com or 519-793-3005 to get involved. ***9–11am***
Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation Board Meeting. Contact Catherine at 519-534-5856 for info. ***(last Mon.) Not July, Aug. or 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***
Bingo. Tobermory Legion, Br. 290. All are welcome. ***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 northbrucepeninsula.ca. ***2nd & 4th Mon. each month 9am***
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***
Stokes Bay Community Meeting. Stokes Bay Community Centre. ***4th Mon. each month. 7pm***

TUESDAY

Pickleball. Tobermory Community Centre. Guests welcome. $10. ***9am–1pm & 6–9pm***
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, 6–8pm (not 6–8pm 2nd Tues. each month)***
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***
Hand Drummers. Tobermory United Church. Everyone welcome. See tobermoryunited.ca. For info contact camdam888@hotmail.com. ***1–2:30pm***
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***
Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Lion's Head Meeting. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. More info call Leona 519-793-6232 or Wendy 519-372-5113. ***2nd Tues. each month. 1:30pm***
SOAR After School Program. The Meeting Place Tobermory. For kids Senior Kindergarten–Grade 3. Pre-registration required, email info@tobermorymeetingplace.com. Free. ***3:10–4:30pm***
Tobermory Legion Branch 290 General Branch Meeting. Tobermory Legion. ***2nd Tues. each month, not July/Aug. 2pm***
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***
Open Mic. The Meeting Place Tobermory. All are welcome. Check facebook.com/TMPTobermory for upcoming details. ***2nd Tues. each month. 7–9pm***

WEDNESDAY

Yin & Yang Yoga. Via Zoom. Contact barbara@lovingyoga.ca. ***7am***
Tobermory Coffee Club. Tobermory Community Centre. All are welcome. ***7:30–9:30am***
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***
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***
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 519-534-1260 ext. 5612 or info@bphospice.ca. ***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.***
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***

THURSDAY

Good Food Box Program, Lion's Head. Not-for-profit sustainable food program. Fresh fruits & vegetables. Drop off order before last Thurs. each month. Pickup box first Thurs. Bring sealed envelope with your name & $25 to LH Pharmacy or e-transfer to lionsheadgfb@gmail.com. Pick up at LH Rotary Hall 2:30–4:30pm. Info on Facebook @LHGoodFoodBox.
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***
Pickleball. Tobermory Community Centre. Guests welcome. $10. ***1–4pm & 6–9pm***
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***
Friendship Club Luncheon. Friendship Club Lion's Head. $8 for members. Contact 519-793-3101 or lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com for more info. ***2nd Thurs. each month. 11:30am***
Lion's Head Legion Branch 202 General Branch Meeting. Lion's Head Legion. ***1st Thurs. each month. 2pm***

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THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

Darts for Fun–Tobermory. Tobermory Legion Branch 290. ***3pm***
Wiarton Rotary Club Virtual Meeting. Wiartonrotary@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***
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***
Wiarton Legion Branch 208 Members Meeting. Wiarton Legion. ***3rd Thurs. Not Jan/Feb. 7:30pm***

FRIDAY

Tobermory Coffee Club. Tobermory Community Centre. All are welcome. ***7:30–9:30am***
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***
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***
Friday Afternoon at the Movies. Parks Visitor Centre. ***Nov. 27 "All the President's Men"; Dec. 4 "The Choral"; Dec. 11 "Boychoir". 1pm***
Lion's Head Legion Monthly Movies. Lion's Head Legion Br. 202. All are welcome. Free. Tea, coffee, snacks provided. ***3rd Fri. each month. 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***
Trivia. Tobermory Legion, Br. 290. $5 minimum entry, proceeds to the Food Bank. All are welcome (19+). tobermorylegion.org. ***Next Dec. 18. 7pm***
Karaoke. Wiarton Legion Br. 208. All are welcome. ***8pm***

SATURDAY

Bruce Men's Shed Men's Breakfast. 451 Frank St, Wiarton. RSVP to Steve at mensbreakfastnsbp@gmail.com. ***2nd Sat. each month. Coffee 8am, Breakfast 9am***
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***
Meeting Place Gym. The Meeting Place Tobermory. New users please register with staff. ***Drop in 9–11am***
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. Wiarton 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 ***4:30pm***
Friendship Club Meal. Friendship Club Lion's Head. Full course meal. $15 members, $18 non-members. Contact 519-793-3101 or lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com for time & more info. ***Last Sat. each month.***

SUNDAY

Pickleball. Tobermory Community Centre. Guests welcome. $10. ***9am–3pm***

Through the Week

Yoga. Yoga Hive North. See schedule at facebook.com/yogahivenorth

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Ongoing

Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Hikes. Dates, times, locations, and registration at peninsula.brucetrail.org/hikeitloveitkeepitclean, or follow us on Facebook under PeninsulaBTC.

Free Skates. Lion's Head Arena. *See ad pg. 4.*
Saturday November 28, 6–9pm
Saturday December 5, 6–9pm
Saturday December 12, 6–9pm
Saturday December 19, 6–9pm
Monday December 21, 1–3pm
Tuesday December 22, 1–3pm
Wednesday December 23, 1–3pm
Thursday December 24, 1–3pm

Tuesday November 24

Peninsula Family Health Team Vaccination Clinic. PFHT Clinic, Tobermory. All ages. ***12–6pm***

Wednesday November 25

Wellness Talk *Living Well with Dementia*. The Princess Hotel Patera Event Room. Hosted by Tobermory Health Services Auxiliary. Speaker Dr. Laura Middleton. ***2:20pm.***

Thursday November 26

Peninsula Family Health Team Vaccination Clinic. Lion's Head Arena. All ages. ***9:30am–3:30pm***

Learning from Mkwa*.** Princess Hotel, Tobermory. An Engaging Workshop on the Saugeen Black Bear. Saugeen Ojibway Nation researchers, knowledge holders, and traditional storytellers. Refreshments available for purchase. Entry by donation. ***6pm

Friday November 27

St. Edmunds Public School 3rd Annual Winter Planter Workshop. St. Edmunds School Gymnasium. Build your own for $40 or order premade for $50. Festive music, snacks and refreshments by donation. Funds support the school Playground Project. Register or order premade at amandastanger@me.com. ***6:30–8:30pm***

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

Saturday November 28

St. Nicholas Bazaar. Tobermory Community Centre. Hosted by Tobermory United Church. Bake sale plus local gifts and crafts. Lunch available. Contact the church 519-596-2394 to volunteer. *See ad pg. 3.* ***10am–2pm, Lunch 11am–1pm***

Lion's Head Friendship Club Christmas Gala. Lion's Head Friendship Club. Turkey dinner prepared by Bear Tracks Restaurant. For info contact lionsheadfriendshipclub@gmail.com. ***5pm***

Matt Chittick *Home for the Holidays* Christmas Concert. Bethel Church, Lion's Head. Featuring Kati Gleiser. Admission by donation. *See ad pg. 3.* ***7pm***

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SPECIAL EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Saturday November 28–Sunday November 29

Lion's Head Farmer's Market annual Christmas Market. Summer House Park, Miller Lake. Free shuttle for Seniors 55+ and anyone who does not drive. See lionsheadfarmersmarket.com/christmas-market for shuttle times and vendor list. ***10am–2pm***

Wednesday December 2

Christmas Toy Drive Registration Deadline. The Tobermory Food Bank. Children 16 years and younger. Provide age, gender and clothing size for each child. All is held in confidence. Call Linda at 519-596-2333.

Bruce Peninsula Environmental Group Meeting. Christ Church Anglican Church Hall, Lion's Head. *Embrace the Dark - Living in a Dark Skies Community* by Mike Warkentin. Everyone Welcome. ***7pm***

Thursday December 3

Christmas with Peninsula Musicians & Friends. United Church, Tobermory. Local musicians across genres. Fundraising concert for the Golden Dawn Redevelopment fund. Admission by donation. *See ad pg. 4.* ***7pm***

Friday December 4 – Thursday December 10

Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary Annual Online Auction. Bidding at LookLocally.ca/LHHA. *See ad pg 4.* ***Opens Dec. 4, 8am; Ends Dec. 10, 10pm***

Saturday December 5

Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary Cookie Walk. Anglican Church, Lion's Head. Everyone is welcome to bring their own containers. ***9am–1pm***

Breakfast with Santa. The Bruce Peninsula Family Centre. Cost by donation. *See ad pg 3.* ***9:30-11:30am.***

Christmas Stuff the Cruiser Event. Peacock's Foodland. Benefitting the Tobermory Food Bank. ***9:30am–3pm.***

Tobermory All Seasons Market Happy Holidays Market. Tobermory Community Centre. ***10am–1pm***

Peninsula SWANS Christmas Bazaar. Lion's Head Friendship Club. Christmas baking, Christmas greenery and wreaths & "Purses with Purpose". Luncheon $10. ***10am–2pm***

Lion's Head Santa Claus Parade. Downtown Lion's Head. Sponsored by the Rotary Club and The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. Meet & Greet with Santa at the Rotary Hall after the parade. *See ad pg 8.* ***1pm***

Wiarton Santa Claus Parade. Due to construction, parade beings at corner of George Street and Berford Street and ends at Division Street. Visit with Santa to follow at Pinkerton's Auto Supply. ***6pm***

Tuesday December 8

Peninsula Family Health Team Vaccination Clinic. Lion's Head PFHT Medical Clinic. All Ages. *See ad page 6.* ***4–7pm.***

Friday December 11

Turkey Raffle. Tobermory Legion, Br. 290. ***7pm***

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

Saturday December 12

Tobermory Santa Claus Parade. Downtown Tobermory. Sponsored by The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. Hot Dogs & Hot Chocolate by donation before the parade, served by the Tobermory Food Bank. Meet & Greet with Santa at the Community Centre after the parade. *See ad pg 8.* ***1pm***

Tuesday December 15

Christmas Cantata Choir - *Glory to the Newborn King*. Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church. Admission $10 plus a food bank donation. Net proceeds go to Women & Youth Crisis Centre Grey Bruce. ***See ad pg. 7. 7:30pm***

Wednesday December 16

Christmas Cantata Choir - *Glory to the Newborn King*. Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church. Admission $10 plus a food bank donation. Net proceeds go to Women & Youth Crisis Centre Grey Bruce. ***See ad pg. 7. 7:30pm***

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Offering free resources in the community?
Call us before Dec. 9, 2026 to provide updates or new listings to be included in the next Press.

COMMUNITY FOOD BANKS

Lion's Head. Pentecostal Country Church.
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34 Community Centre Rd, Neyaashiinigmiing. 519-534-3266 ext 105.
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Tobermory. The Meeting Place.
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Emergency service. ***Contact for service.***

Wiarton. The Salvation Army.
576 Edward St, Wiarton. 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@diohuron.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, 1:30pm***
- **St. Margaret's** 133 East Rd, Cape Chin. ***No service until May 2027***

Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church bethelemc.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, Wiarton. ***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, 10:30am.***

Pike Bay United Church lhpc@amtelecom.net, 519-793-3312.
575 West Road, Pike Bay. ***Joint Service at LH United, above.***

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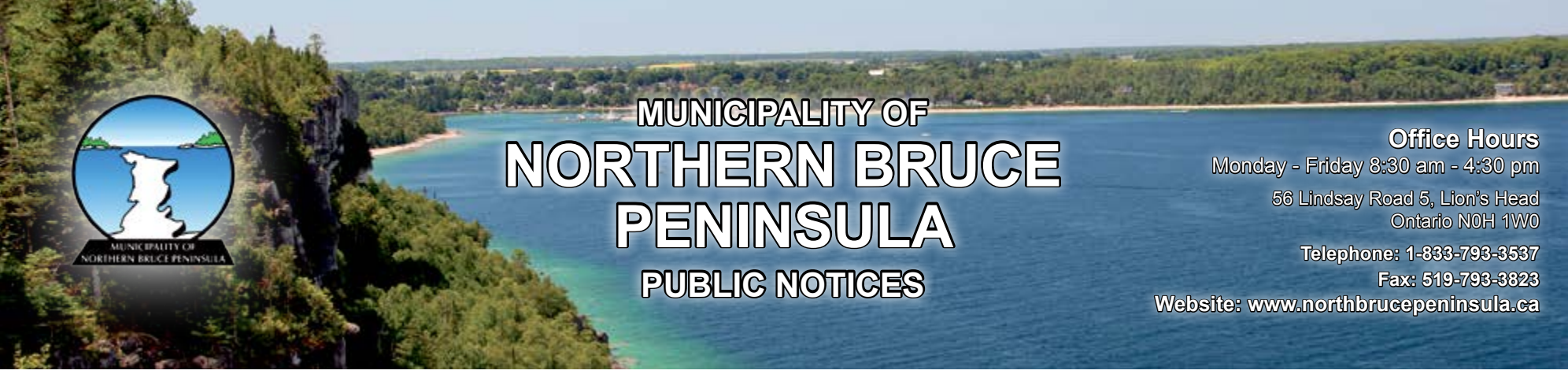

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HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The Municipal Office will be closed on Thursday, December 24, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. until Monday, January 4, 2027, at 8:30 a.m. for the holiday season.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The term for the new Council started on November 15, 2026 and the Inauguration Ceremony was held on November 23, 2026. The upcoming Council meetings are as follows:

Date	Start Time	Meeting Type	Public Participation
Monday December 7, 2026	9:00 a.m.	Council Orientation followed by Regular Business	In person and live stream
Monday December 14, 2026	9:00 a.m.	Council Orientation followed by Regular Business	In person only

For more details, including access to public meeting agendas and minutes, please visit www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/government.

MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX

Do you own or operate a Short-Term Accommodation, Bed & Breakfast, Hotel, Motel, or any other establishment offering short-term lodging (30 days or less) in all or part of a dwelling?

You are required to collect and remit the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT).

For more information about the MAT, visit our website at www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/MAT

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.

SCAN HERE

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.

LANDFILL SITES HOURS OF OPERATION

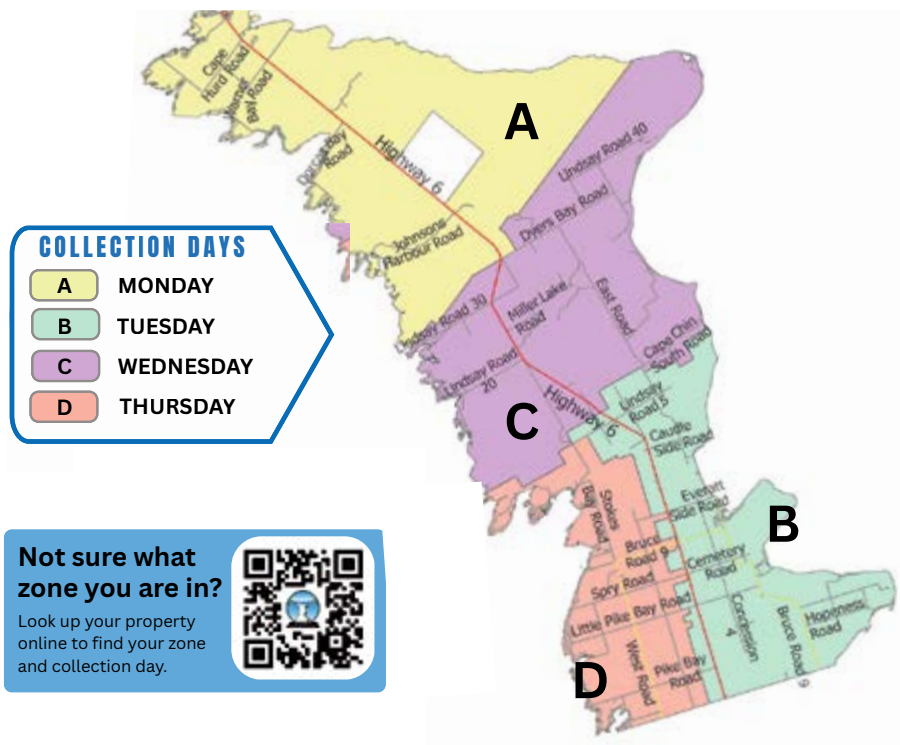
November 1 to March 31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Friday	Saturday
	Eastnor 10-4		St. Edmunds 10-4		Lindsay 10-4

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

Residents are reminded that starting November 23, 2026, garbage collection will be provided directly by the Municipality. Your collection day may change, so residents are encouraged to check the Municipal Website to confirm their new collection day at: northbrucepeninsula.ca/curbsidewaste

Municipal Collection Begins Monday November 23, 2026



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The deadline to register in 2026 is fast approaching! The 2026 licence fees have been waived. Take advantage of this opportunity and ensure your registration is completed before the deadline. Don't miss out!

For information on how to register your Bed and Breakfast, please visit **northbrucepeninsula.ca/b&b**

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

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

From **November 1 of any year to April 30 of the following year** between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., parking is prohibited on any highway including a boulevard that will interfere with the removal of snow from any road or sidewalk in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

AFTER-HOURS TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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

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

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

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

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

MONTHLY COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER

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SALC Newsletter

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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Venus Community Cats Seeking Temporary Foster Homes for Winter

A Temporary Arrangement to Provide Cats with Safe Warm Homes This Winter

Tammy Raycraft,
Bruce Peninsula Press

A growing number of stray and feral cats across the Bruce Peninsula prompted local rescue initiative, ***Venus Community Cats***, to focus on more than finding homes for kittens.

The Venus project began in March 2025, when local resident Karen Livick received a call from someone asking her to assess a family situation involving a large cat colony. The family had initially taken in a mother cat and her kitten, but without spaying or neutering, the population grew.

By the time Livick was contacted, the colony had reached 65 cats.

Livick spent much of the following year arranging to have the adult cats spayed and neutered, before returning them to the original family to be cared for. The kittens were brought into Livick's care at her home in Lion's Head, eventually prompting her to turn her garage into a temporary rescue space.

With help from community donations, and volunteers who helped to socialize the animals, 49 kittens found new homes.

What began as an effort to help one family eventually developed into a broader community initiative.

The Venus project has since expanded its outreach through a website, Facebook and TikTok, helping connect with residents across the Peninsula.

A Focus On Prevention

Brianne Farquhar reached out to Livick toward the end of 2025 after learning about her efforts, offering to help with the project. The two quickly discovered they shared the same goal: addressing the problem before it becomes another overwhelming situation.

"What we wanted to do was not just rescue cats, but to focus on prevention," said Farquhar. "If you don't deal with the situation right from the get-go, from the beginning, it grows," Livick said.

Farquhar said even a single cat can quickly lead to a much larger problem when people are unable to access affordable veterinary services.

She recalled working with a man who began feeding one female feral cat. Despite attempting to contact rescue organizations for assistance, he was unable to get help. Within two years, the colony had grown from one cat to 18, including 14 kittens.

The experience highlights what the organization says is a significant challenge across the Bruce Peninsula: limited access to affordable spay and neuter services, particularly for people living in remote communities.

Residents may have to travel considerable distances to access veterinary care. Farquhar said she has made trips from Sauble Beach to Collingwood for community cat spay and neuter appointments, a journey that can take an entire day.

The area also faces challenges associated with seasonal tourism and a large population of barn cats.

The women said cats are sometimes brought to the Peninsula by visitors and become lost, while other cats become dependent on seasonal residents who feed them during the summer before leaving for the winter. Without consistent caregivers, those animals can be left struggling to find food and shelter.

Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return (TNVR)

A major part of the project's work is trap-neuter-vaccinate-return, commonly referred to as TNVR.

The process involves humanely trapping cats, arranging spaying or neutering and rabies vaccinations, providing post-operative care and returning them to their original location when a reliable caregiver is available.



Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo L-R: Karen Livick and Brianne Farquhar, the women behind Venus Community Cats, play with a group of kittens at the shelter in Lion's Head. Their love for what they do is clear.

The project also works with caregivers to teach them how to trap cats and provide ongoing support. Farquhar said the goal is not simply to remove cats from their environments, but to control reproduction while ensuring animals have someone looking after their basic needs.

Venus Community Cats is working to support people who care for outdoor colonies, including providing straw for feral cat shelters during the colder months.

Immediate Need For Temporary Winter Foster Homes

Venus Community Cats has helped over 120 cats through spaying and neutering. They have worked with at least 10 colonies this year, stretching from Sauble Beach to Tobermory.

Despite the progress, the work is ongoing, and the organization is now facing an immediate need for temporary winter foster homes.

Livick said there are currently 27 cats in their care, although she hopes adoptions will reduce that number to around 20. **She described the fostering arrangement as a temporary commitment that would give cats an opportunity to experience life in a home and continue developing their social skills.**



Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Venus Community Cats provides shelter, food, beds and many toys for the cats waiting to be adopted. The current need is for winter foster homes for cats.

"It's a good kind of fostering because it has a beginning, and it has an end," she said.

Adoptions are also a priority, particularly for kittens and cats that have been socialized and are ready for family life.

Despite the organization's name and its focus on feral cat populations, Farquhar stressed that the animals currently available for adoption are not feral. Many were born in the organization's care or have been handled and socialized from a young age, making them suitable candidates for household pets.

Beyond fostering and adopting, residents can help by donating wet and dry cat food, contributing financially toward veterinary expenses, volunteering to socialize animals, transporting cats to appointments or simply sharing adoption posts on social media.



Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Venus Community Cats welcomes volunteers to play with and snuggle cats to help with socialization. These cats are housed separately from the young kittens.



Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: Leroy, the tortoiseshell kitten, was named before discovering she was female. Her calm demeanour matches the photo. She is currently housed with a group of kittens.

Farquhar estimated the medical cost of TNVR at approximately $200 per cat, which covers procedures, vaccinations, anaesthesia and pain management. That figure does not include the additional costs of transportation, food or caring for cats brought into the organization's care. The veterinarians have generously volunteered their time to this endeavour.

Livick said even small contributions can make a difference, recalling a young girl who once donated 25 cents of her own money to the project. "The smallest amount says the biggest thing often," she said.

Ultimately, Livick and Farquhar hope their work will encourage people to reach out for advice, particularly before beginning to feed an outdoor cat, as establishing a feeding routine can create an ongoing responsibility.

For Venus Community Cats, the goal is to build a network of informed residents who can help address the problem in their own communities.

"We can't help everybody," Livick said. "But we can help the ones that are in front of us. And we can help you help them."

More information about adoption, fostering, volunteering, and ways to support the organization can be found on their Facebook page – Venus Community Cats and on their website https://venuscats.ca



Tammy Raycraft, Bruce Peninsula Press photo
Photo: These adorable kittens were snuggled up together.

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Northern Bruce Peninsula Resident Charged in Sexual Assault Investigation

Media Release

Investigators Seeking Information from the Public

(HURON COUNTY, ON) - An individual from Northern Bruce Peninsula is facing charges in connection with an ongoing sexual assault investigation.

In May 2026, The Crime Unit of the Huron County Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) commenced an investigation into a reported sexual assault that resulted in an arrest and numerous criminal charges for offences that allegedly occurred in 2022 and 2023 in Huron County, Wellington County, and elsewhere in the Province of Ontario.

Following a month's-long investigation, on October 06, 2026, a 61-year-old from Northern Bruce Peninsula, was arrested and charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

-Sexual assault - three counts,

-Sexual exploitation - three counts,

-Adult - make available sexually explicit materials to a person under 18 years of age,

-Child pornography material - printing and publishing,

-Child pornography material - possession,

-Adult - luring a person under 18 years of age by telecommunication.

The accused was held for a bail hearing, then later released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Goderich on November 16, 2026.

Investigators are urging anyone who may have been affected, experienced similar circumstances or has information about the accused's activities that could assist the investigation to contact police.

The victim in this investigation has been referred to dedicated victim services to ensure they receive continued support. At every step, the OPP aims to treat victims with dignity and respect, reduce harm, and maintain clear, supportive communication to help minimize further trauma during investigations.

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Huron County OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or 519-482-1677.

SERIOUS COLLISION IN SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA UNDER INVESTIGATION

(SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - The Grey Bruce Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a serious single motor vehicle collision that occurred in the Municipality of South Bruce Peninsula.

On October 26, 2026, at approximately 5:35 a.m., members of the Grey Bruce OPP, along with fire services and paramedics, responded to a report of a single motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Bruce Road 8 and Bruce Road 14.

The lone occupant, a 35-year-old resident of Southampton, was ejected from the vehicle. The driver was initially transported to a local hospital before being airlifted by Air Ornge to a trauma centre with injuries deemed serious and life-threatening.

The intersection was closed for several hours while members of the OPP Traffic Incident Management and Enforcement (TIME) Team attended the scene to assist with the investigation. The roadway reopened at approximately 5:27 p.m.

Police are seeking assistance from the public. Anyone who witnessed the collision or who may have dashcam footage from the area around the time of the incident is asked to contact the Grey Bruce OPP at 1-888-310-1122 and reference occurrence number E261550758.

SINGLE VEHICLE COLLISION RESULTS IN CHARGES

(SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has charged a youth following a single vehicle collision in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula.

On October 24, 2026, at approximately 11:23 a.m., members of the Grey Bruce OPP, along with local fire and emergency medical services, responded to a report of a single motor vehicle collision on Mar Sideroad near Berford Park Road in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula.

Investigation revealed that a pickup truck had left the roadway and rolled into a ditch. The vehicle was occupied by three individuals, including one occupant who became trapped. Emergency crews successfully extricated the trapped individual.

All three occupants were transported to a local hospital for assessment and treatment of injuries.

Mar Sideroad was closed for several hours while emergency responders attended the scene and police conducted their investigation. The roadway was reopened at approximately 8:52 p.m.

A 17-year-old youth from Elora has been charged with the following offences:

-Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle, contrary to Section 320.13(1) of the Criminal Code

-Fail to Wear Seat Belt, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act

-Drive Motor Vehicle - Perform Stunt, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act

-Fail to Report Accident, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act

The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a future date.

In addition, the driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and the vehicle was impounded for 14 days.

The identity of the accused is protected under the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act and will not be released.

Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact the Grey Bruce OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

OPP CHARGE SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA RESIDENT IN CHILD EXPLOITATION INVESTIGATION

(ORILLIA, ON) - Police have arrested and charged a South Bruce Peninsula resident following a child sexual exploitation investigation.

On Friday, October 16, 2026, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Child Sexual Exploitation Unit executed a search warrant at a residence in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula. Assistance was provided by members of the Grey Bruce OPP and the Digital Forensics Unit. Several electronic devices were seized.

As a result of the investigation, a 31-year-old of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula, was arrested and charged with two counts of possession of child sexual abuse and exploitation material, contrary to section 163.1(4) of the Criminal Code.

The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Owen Sound on Tuesday, January 12, 2027.

The OPP will continue to identify and pursue individuals who use technology to exploit children. Parents are reminded to take a proactive approach to help protect their children from online sexual exploitation by educating their children on internet safety. Parents can find resources at cybertip.ca or protectchildren.ca.

If you have information regarding online child exploitation, report it to the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or through cybertip.ca.

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From November 12 to 14, 2026, the 5th annual self-guided ***Holiday Merchant Tour*** showcased 20 participating businesses in the Lion's Head/Ferndale area, as well as a pop-up shop at the Rotary Hall.

The first snow squalls of the season did not deter local shoppers from coming out to enjoy the Sip n' Sell Pop-Up Shop and Ladies Night on November 13. Vendors offered featured products, special promotions and door-prize draws. Many shoppers came out looking for locally made and unique decorating, entertaining and gift items, as well as some of their tried and true favourites. Merchants reported that they had one of their best sales days.

As with all community shopping-related events, it is more than just shopping, it is a highly social activity. The Sip n' Sell proved very popular, as it allowed shoppers a space to sit and chat with neighbours and friends while enjoying beverages and snacks.



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Photo L-R: Shoppers Hanne and Lisa explore the selection from vendor Val of Random Ranch Alpacas, a regular vendor at the Lion's Head Farmer' Market. Her display of seasonally appropriate wear was very fitting on this first day of snow squalls.



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Photo: Brittany (right) from Meadowland Dough Co. was inspired to start the new business during her maternity leave. Shoppers Nicole (left) and Ali (centre) say the kids love the playdough.

On Saturday, the Merchant Tour hosted a Family Market at the Rotary Hall. Along with vendors, there were games, crafts and family activities adding to the fun. There was also fundraising by local students and youth sports teams.

An added incentive to come out and check out the pop-up store was the grand-prize draw for a two-night stay at Cardinal Hill cottage, graciously donated by Grey Bruce Cottages Inc.

Organizer Charlotte Chinn says, "there's something lovely about shopping where you can meet the maker, hear the story and cheer on a local fundraiser along the way."



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Photo L-R: Erin and Lexy browse the ornaments at Scott's Home Hardware in Lion's Head during the "Ladies Night" event. The hardware store was offering "save the tax" for the special occasion.

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