



The Johnson Chronicle

OCTOBER 2022



Mud, Muck, and Mess at the 14th Annual ATV Poker Run



Gravel flew on Saturday, September 24th as 67 ATV riders headed out on the annual ATV Poker Run. Trail scouts Terry Barber, Trevor, Dave MacDonald, and Glenn Heubner spent the weeks prior setting the stage marking out a very long and very muddy route. Filled with fun twists and turns and some tricky technical rock outcrops. 48 bikes left the Johnson Township Community Centre early Saturday morning to tackle the approximately 140km of trail in search of the perfect poker hand and the hidden mystery card.

Hours later, each rider returned to the Community Centre with a full poker hand of 5 cards in unopened envelopes where a volunteer was waiting to reveal if they had found the winning hand. The best poker hand would take home the pot of \$862.50. As the last riders came in just after 7pm, Trevor Barber was crowned the winner with a hand of "four of a kind". Along with Marcus Barber, Kerri Whitely, Carly Holmberg, and Ken Grasley, who each won the mystery card prizes generously donated by Bud Robinson's MotorSport.

A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers and donors that helped make this event happen. Trail Captain Terry Barber was instrumental in making the ride happen, while Dana & Frieda Labelle, along with Kelly O'Reilly from the Recreation Committee volunteered throughout the day.

**Save the Date for the 15th Annual ATV Poker Run on
Saturday, September 23, 2023**

IMPORTANT DATES

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8 - LAST DAY OF THE JOHNSON FARMERS' MARKET 10AM-2PM

MONDAY OCTOBER 10 - THANKSGIVING, MUNICIPAL OFFICE IS CLOSED

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11 -

- 2022/2023 ICE SEASON OPENS
- MPP MICHAEL MANTHA CONSTITUENCY CLINIC 1PM-2PM

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12 - 50+ CLUB STARTS UP 1PM-3PM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 13 - ALL CANDIDATES MEETING 7:30PM

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14 -

- FREE PUBLIC SKATE 6:30PM - 8PM
- CARD PARTY 7:30PM GORDON LAKE HALL

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15 - MUNICIPAL ELECTION ADVANCED POLLING 10AM-6PM

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21 - COUNTRY HOEDOWN PUBLIC SKATE PARTY 6:30PM-8PM

MONDAY OCTOBER 24 -

- ADSB PD DAY
- MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY 10AM-8PM

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28 - HALLOWEEN SKATE PARTY 6:30PM-8PM

MONDAY OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN

WINTER DUMP HOURS ARE NOW IN EFFECT
SATURDAYS 9AM-5PM | SHARE SHED 9AM-5PM
WEDNESDAYS 12PM-5PM | SHARE SHED 12PM-5PM
HAZARDOUS WASTE IN SAULT STE. MARIE IS OPEN
TUESDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM-4:30PM UNTIL OCTOBER 22.

The Public Works Garage

The team has been busy out on Diamond Lake Road replacing culverts and making some changes to the snowplow turnaround preparing for the winter weather. The majority of the 2022 Roads Work Plan has been completed with the remaining ditching, and culvert replacements ongoing as long as weather permits. The Public Works Team had a very successful year completing many major projects throughout the township plus a few extra projects to deal with drainage at the arena and rehabilitation of the school property.

Utility Billing is due Monday October 31st 2022.

GENERATORS

- NEVER use a generator in an enclosed space, like a garage or porch, even with the door open.
- Place at least 20 feet AWAY from your home.
- Aim exhaust away from doors and windows.
- Never refuel a hot generator.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors in your home. Change batteries and test them regularly.
- Most manufacturers state that portable generators are NOT safe to be used while wet, like during an active rainstorm.



Paying Your Bills Online?

If you are paying your Property Taxes or Utility Billing online through your financial institution please make your payments 2-3 business days prior to the billing due date. This will allow for your payment to be processed on time to avoid any late fees or additional interest charges.

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

September 21, 2022

Council approved the hiring of a second full-time position at the Johnson Township Community Centre. Rob Romberg was the successful applicant for the position and has started work at the arena helping to prepare for this year's ice season.

Council accepted the quote from Tulloch Engineering to explore additional options of cell development at the landfill. If successful this will help expand the existing landfill site.

Council supported the motion put forth by the township of MacDonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional to call on the Electoral Boundary Commission to maintain the existing Northern

Ontario electoral ridings. Ensuring that the Northern Ontario voices are heard and funds are still distributed to northern communities in a fair manner.

Council accepted the requirements of the Canada Active Transportation Fund Agreement that will award the township \$50,000 to complete a master plan for Active Transportation. This will include looking at green space for hiking, biking, walking, and riding without the use of motorized vehicles. This plan will position the township to apply for future grants to develop the trails, walking and biking paths, sidewalks, and safe highway overpasses.

Council approved the appointment of Frieda Labelle as Deputy Clerk and Savanna Chaisson as Deputy Treasurer.

Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Via Zoom: reach out if you need the link to attend

For the full council meetings proceedings please visit our website at www.johnsontownship.ca

Events & Recreation

Big Buck Contest Registration Closed

15TH ANNUAL BIG BUCK CONTEST

Registration has now closed for the 2022 Big Buck Contest. Thank you to all hunters who have signed up. Stay tuned to find out the winner at the Awards Ceremony & Dinner on

Sunday November 20th. Dinner tickets are still available for \$20/adult and \$10/children 12 and under.

Pull Out Those Skates!

Friday Night Public Skate Party's are returning to the Johnson Township Community Centre. Public Skate Parties will be every Friday night from 6:30pm-8pm at the Johnson Township Community Centre located at 1 Cameron Drive, Desbarats ON.

October parties are as follows:

- **October 14:** Come as you are **Free Skate** to celebrate the first week of ice!
- **October 21: Country Hoedown Party**, bring out the plaid and cowboy hats, and prepare for Ice Square Dancing!
- **October 28: Halloween Party.** Costume contest and goodies will be provided.

Entry is by donation and we will be collecting donations for area food banks throughout the season.

Coming out just to skate? Keep track of your laps! Each week we will keep a running tally of laps skated per person. The person with the most laps skated by the end of the season has a chance to win a fabulous prize.

Gordon Lake Social Club Returns

Renovations are complete at the Gordon Lake Hall! To celebrate the Gordon Lake Social Club invites everyone to a **fall open house** on **Wednesday, November 2, from 7pm-9pm** to see the incredible changes to the hall. Light refreshments will be provided.

Monthly card parties have returned. Parties will be held: **October 14 | November 4 | December 2 | January 6 | February 3 | March 3 | April 7 | May 5 starting at 7:30pm.** The fee is \$5 and light refreshments will be provided. Players must be 16 or older, playing 500 bid and Crokinole.

COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATES

The majority of the exterior construction is almost complete. With new siding outside and new insulation inside, the arena is not only more efficient but looks nicely updated. Stay tuned as the front awning is installed later this month.



Ready for Some Ice Time?

ICE BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

For the 2022/2023 Season
\$117/hour
Call Patti: 705-257-6827



Around the Community

North Channel Lightening

North Channel Minor Hockey is excited to get back on the ice!

Registration is still open for our U7 (\$550) ,U9 (\$600) , U11 (\$600), U13 (\$720), and U15 (\$720) divisions.

FUNDRAISING Raffle has begun!

Draw is Dec 13, 2022

1st prize \$1000

Tickets \$5.00/each

Contact us today at

northchannelminorhockey@gmail.com

Shamrock FSC
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in October
Johnson Twp. Community Centre

- ★ Star Skate
- ★ CanSkate
- ★ CanPower Skate

Registration Links available on our Facebook Page
or
Email shamrockfsc@gmail.com

Calvary Baptist Church

Main Service is on Sundays
at 11:00 AM.

Johnson Farmers' Market

Head out for the last market
of the season on Saturday
October 8th from 10am-2pm.

Central Algoma Early ON Child & Family Centre

Our Early Ontario Child and Family Centre welcomes families with children 0-6 every Wednesday's from 9:30-12:30 to a space to play, crafts, stories, and snacks at the Central Algoma Childcare Centre located in Central Algoma Elementary School at 32 Kensington Rd. Desbarats.

Baby Picasso

Baby Picasso is a 1.5 hr, four week sensory play and early art experience for 0-18mths. During each program children will explore a wide variety of sensory play and art opportunities at their own pace. All activities are at floor level.

Location: Echo Bay Community Hall
257 Church St. Echo Bay

Dates: Monday November 7, 14, 21, & 28

Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm

To Register:
Register at www.keyon.ca under
Region: Algoma
Site: Echo Bay EarlyON
OR
Call Megan at (705)542-5661

The Kensington Conservancy

Jack-o'-lantern Contest. Submit your carved pumpkin for your chance to win a TKC prize pack.

For more info visit:

www.kensingtonconservancy.org

Desbarats United Church

Repairs have been completed and service is resuming on Sundays



Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator

Appreciation Day October 18, 2022 in recognition of their education, dedication and commitment to children, their families and quality of life of the community, join the Algoma District Services Administration Board in celebrating Early Childhood Educators and child care workers in Echo Bay, Desbarats, Thessalon and across the Algoma District!

Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre

IT'S BOO-GIE TIME Halloween Celebration

Friday October 28th 1:00 to 3:00pm



Music by **Just the Two of Us**
Frank Musso and Susan Kovacs Weigel

Dress-up or dress down, dust off your dancing shoes or sit back and relax!
Come out and have some fun!

\$10 dollars per person
Drinks and Snacks will be provided
Door Prizes



Please confirm attendance and pay at the Dr. HS Trefry Memorial Centre by Friday October 21st.
*proof of vaccination required
*space is limited to 40 people

50+ Club

Meetings will resume every
Wednesday 1pm-3pm starting
October 12 at the Johnson
Township Community Centre Hall

Want to get in touch with us?

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