



# The Johnson Chronicle

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## Skating Season has Arrived...We Hope

# Home of:



The dedicated staff at the Johnson Township Community Centre have been working hard the last month, overcoming many challenges to have the ice ready.

With Zamboni breakdowns, water main breaks, and battling frequent temperature changes they have all done a fabulous job facing all of these obstacles and maintaining ice for skating.

We want to send a huge thank you out to all the renters, parents, and players for being so understanding and adaptable throughout the start of the Ice Season.

We are happy to say things are starting to look better for the rest of the season. We are thrilled to have many returning favourites out on the ice this year including:

- The Central Algoma Secondary School Hockey Academy for grades 9-12
- The Shamrock Figure Skating Club & Learn to Skate CANSkate Program
- The North Channel Lightings U7-U18 Teams
- Toddler & Tots Monthly Free Skate with the Central Algoma EarlyON Centre
- Friday Night Skating Parties hosted by Johnson Township Recreation
- Holiday Free Skate Scheduling & Family Shiny

The rink is open 7 days a week 7am-10pm and available for rent for family functions, birthday parties, specialty hockey practices and more. Rentals are \$117+hst/hour, your ice rental will also included a discounted hall rental of \$25+hst/hour.

**Stay Tuned for Information about the NEW Skate Sharpener!**

### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### WEDNESDAY'S

- 9:30AM - 12:30PM CENTRAL ALGOMA EARLYON CENTRE
- 1PM - 3PM 50+ CLUB CARDS & SHUFFLE BOARD

#### FRIDAY'S PUBLIC SKATE PARTIES 6:30PM-8PM

- NOVEMBER 10: FREE SKATE
- NOVEMBER 17: CAMO AND ORANGE
- NOVEMBER 24: MAMMA MIA

#### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10 ADSB

- ADSB PD DAY
- CASS HOCKEY ACADEMY PD DAY CAMP
- MUNICIPAL OFFICE CLOSED

#### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY

#### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19 BIG BUCK AWARDS CEREMONY

#### FRIDAY DECEMBER 1 CARDS & CROKINOLE GORDON LAKE HALL

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 3 CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

# Events & Recreation

## Friday Night Public Skate Parties

Join us every Friday night from 6:30pm-8pm out on the rink for skating, music, games and fun. Entry is by donation and we have a variety of skates and helmets to borrow if you don't have any at home. Once a month we will host a Free Skate night sponsored by area organizations and businesses. Have a group interested in sponsoring the ice? Call Recreation at 705-782-6601 ex.205 for details. On-ice games will take place around 7pm with prizes and goodies to be won. Check out the upcoming line-up and get your outfits ready.



## Home with a Toddler?

In partnership with the Central Algoma Early On Centre we are bringing back Toddler & Tot skates every second Wednesday of the month starting in November. Join us for a free skate from 9:15am-10:15am then head upstairs for a meal and crafts. This program is free to attend we just ask that you bring another mom friend with you! Strollers and Wagons are welcomed onto the ice after they get a quick brush down by Community Centre Staff. Toddler and Tot Dates are as follows:

**November 8 | December 13 | January 10**  
**February 14 | March 13**



## Holiday's at Johnson Township Community Centre

Holiday activities are in the works in Johnson Township. Kicking things off early December with the Children's Holiday Party on Sunday, December 3rd from 1pm-4:30pm at the Johnson Township Community Centre. This is a free event starting with 1hr of skate time, followed by a visit from Santa, snacks, crafts, and a Holiday Movie up in the hall.

Keep your eyes peeled for the Free Holiday Skate & Shiny Schedule coming up over the Holiday Break in the next issue of our newsletter or on our Facebook Page.

**Need Volunteer Hours? All our events support High School Volunteer Hours Contact Patti Trotter at 705-257-6827**  
**ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca**



### Bick Buck Dinner Awards Ceremony

Celebrate the hunt as 75 registered hunters have been out searching for the biggest buck in Algoma. Join us for the annual Big Buck Awards Ceremony and Dinner on Sunday, November 19, 2023. Starting at 4pm the Sault College Fish & Wildlife Program will be measuring any successfully hunted racks with the Raculator to the Boone and Crockett measuring system.

Upstairs in the Hall the Royal Canadian Legion Bruce Mines Branch 211 will be opening up Bar service at 4pm with an All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Dinner starting at 6pm.

Dinner tickets will be available for purchase at the door, \$20 each.



### Big Buck Awards Ceremony

#### Sunday, November 19th

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Measuring and Check-in: 4pm-6pm  
 Bruce Mines Royal Canadian Legion Bar Service: 4pm - 8pm  
 All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Dinner: 6pm - 8pm

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### Dinner Tickets \$20

Tickets will be available for Purchase at the Door



## Fitness Programs for all Ages at the Johnson Township Community Centre Hall

### FITNESS WITH IGNITEGYM

10 Weeks  
 Oct 16-Dec 19, 2023  
 @ the Desbarats Arena

Mondays 6-6:45 Ages 9-12  
 Mondays 7-8 Adults (18+)  
 Tuesdays 4-4:45 Ages 4-8  
 Tuesdays 4:45-5:30 Ages 13-17

Drop In- \$15 plus HST  
 Full 10 Weeks- \$135 plus HST

Email [ignitegymhq@gmail.com](mailto:ignitegymhq@gmail.com)  
 Call/text 705 206 7100



### YOGA CLASSES

*with Terri*

Join us on the mat in this all levels class as we stretch, strengthen and relax. No experience necessary. Space is limited.

Thursdays (8 weeks)  
 Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 14, 21 & 28  
 \$120 +hst  
 7-8:15pm



Location: Johnston Township Community Centre  
 For more info or to register; [terri@meadowviewalpacaafarm.com](mailto:terri@meadowviewalpacaafarm.com) or call 705-785-3389

### YOGA / PILATES TUESDAYS

JOHNSON ARENA (UPSTAIRS)



**Yogalates 6-6:45 pm**

- Mix of yoga & pilates
- All levels
- \$18 per class

**Yoga 7-8 pm**

- Flow, stretch, & relax
- All levels
- \$18 per class

Jenn Flood  
 705 971 3036  
[jennflood99@yahoo.ca](mailto:jennflood99@yahoo.ca)

*By remembering, we pay tribute to members of the Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP who served to defend our values and freedoms. We also honour those who continue to serve our country today.*

## We Remember



**Legion**

Join us in Remembering on Saturday November 11th at the Desbarats Cenotaph at 12:30pm located on Lake Huron Drive. The Bruce Mines Royal Canadian Legion Branch 211 will be leading the service. Followed by a Soup and Sandwich lunch at the Bruce Mines Legion.

**WINTER DUMP HOURS ARE NOW IN EFFECT**  
**SATURDAY 9AM-5PM | WEDNESDAY 12PM-5PM**  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE IN SAULT STE. MARIE IS NOW CLOSED FOR THE SEASON**

## The Public Works Garage

We know, snow is coming, and the Public Works Crew has been busy preparing. The foundation for the new sand shed is in the works with an anticipated completion date of December 2023.

A huge thank you goes out to the entire team who spent countless hours this month, in all types of weather, searching for the water main break causing water pressure issues in the Hamlet. After digging through mud and muck and many late nights in the cold, they successfully found and patched the break without having to shut off the water.

As Matt enjoys retirement the crew welcomes John Fremlin to the team, give him a wave as you see him out on the plows this winter.

**REMINDER:** The Winter Parking By-Law is now in effect and there should be no parking taking place on Municipal Streets.

**ATTENTION:** Please keep your water meter clear of debris and snow. This includes keeping steps and laneways clear of snow and ice for ease of access to Municipal Staff reading the meters monthly.

## Getting Social at Gordon Lake Hall

Join the Gordon Lake Social Club the first Friday of every month for Cards and Crokinole at the Gordon Lake Hall. \$8.00 entry which includes light refreshments. Doors open at 7:30pm, everyone is welcome but only those aged 18+ can buy-in to play. Mark your Calendars for this years Party's

**December 1st | January 5th**

**February 2nd | March 1st | April 5th | May 3rd**

## Notes from the Fire Chief Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week Nov 1 - 7th



Carbon Monoxide can be one of the deadliest things in your home. Do you know how to keep your home safe from Carbon Monoxide and what to do if your alarms go off?

Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide poisoning include headaches, dizziness, vomiting, and short-ness of breath without a fever. If your alarm sounds or you are experiencing symptom's leave the home right away and call 9-1-1. Remember to test your alarms monthly.

## Community Emergency Management

**STORM SAFETY TIPS**

**Stay safe.** Your personal safety is the priority

- Avoid downed powerlines**
- Tune in and take cover**
- Do not touch wet appliances**
- Don't drive, walk, ride or swim through flood waters**

**Did You Know:** A new law was passed that drivers must not overtake snow plows working in echelon formation on multi-lane roads or highways with a posted speed limit of 80km/h or more. Passing is only permitted if a full lane is available to complete the pass safely.

# FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

October 25, 2023

Staff and Council members have recently undergone a variety of Emergency Management training courses offered in Sault Ste. Marie. To complete the training staff will be attending a walkthrough of an Emergency Scenario at the Johnson Township Community Centre to improve emergency response in the Township.

The Council was presented with the Johnson Township Climate Change Policy. The Policy will help to create a framework to support climate-adapted decisions and be better prepared to make decision with the increased uncertainty of a changing climate. The completed plan can be found on the website.

David MacDonald has resigned as the Community Emergency Management Coordinator for the township and Ed Sadowski was resigned as the alternate. Clerk/CAO Janet Maguire will become the new CEMC and has started the training process. David MacDonald has agreed to stay on as the alternate.

Council supported the Motion from Cambridge in regards to the Highway Traffic Act Amendments. The amendment would allow Municipal Government to install Automated Speed Enforcement Systems on any roadway in the Municipality and not just in the current Community and School Safety Zones.

**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, November 15, 6pm In-person at the Johnson Township Community Centre Hall  
**For the full council meetings proceedings please visit the website at [www.johnsontownship.ca](http://www.johnsontownship.ca)**

## Around the Community



Calling out all...

### VENDORS & PERFORMERS

*The Annual Holiday Spectacular is back on Thursday Dec 14th, 2023 - CASS - By donation*  
*Vendors from 5:00-8:00, show at 6:00*  
*All proceeds from the show will be donated to local area foodbanks.*  
 Contact Katrina at [beaulieukat@gmail.com](mailto:beaulieukat@gmail.com) for more information or to reserve your spot as a vendor or to join the show as a performer.



Central Dance- 705-987-1228-centraldance.cass@gmail.com



## RUMBLE & TUMBLE

Not able to commit to our full season? Looking for extra energy burning fun & exercise for your littles?

Our next 6 week session of Rumble & Tumble is open for registration!  
 TUESDAYS BEGINNING NOV 14th, 5:15-6 (age 3-5), 6-6:45 (age 6+)

TO REGISTER:

<https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/jr3.0/ParentPortal/Login?orgId=534511>

# SNAPP

| NEW PRODUCTS  
| PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT  
| CLEAN GROWTH IN AGRI-FOOD

✓ Funding for individual projects up to **\$10,000** at 50% cost-share.

✓ Up to **\$25,000** at 50% cost share for collaborations of 3 or more.

Applications will be accepted November 6, 2023 to January 12, 2024!!

Visit <https://rainalcoma.ca/SNAPP> for more information.



**November 10 PD Day:** CASS Hockey Academy PD Day Camp Returns.

**CASS Senior Girls Basketball:** Won the title of NSSA A Champions on November 8th with a hard fought game against Espanola.

**CASS at OFSAA XC:** A group of students travelled down to Toronto Nov 4th for the OFSAA XC Championship, representing CASS very well overall.



Weekly EarlyON Centre at 32 Kensington Rd. Central Childcare Centre in Desbarats. Wednesday's 9:30am-12:30 pm.

Bring a non-perishable food item to the EarlyON Centre anytime in November and December and you will be entered to win a December Literacy Prize Pack!



BRUCE STATION HALL  
MONDAYS & THURSDAYS 10AM

TREFRY CENTRE & ON ZOOM  
WEDNESDAYS 10AM

LAIRD HALL  
FRIDAYS 10AM

free of charge

Instructors  
Anne Cranston  
Margo Gibson

Call  
705-246-0036  
to register for a class



Players and their families will be selling raffle tickets with 3 prizes. Draw will be on December 13 at the Desbarats arena:

1st prize \$1000 | 2nd prize \$500  
3rd prize \$250

Support North Channel at their upcoming home games vrs. Thessalon on Saturday, November 18th  
U7 9am | U9 10am | U7 11am | U9 12pm | U11 1pm  
U11 3:30pm

## Sign Nite CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24TH  
DESBARATS ARENA  
630PM-8PM

\$70 INCLUDES  
16" DIY OLD TRUCK SIGN  
PIZZA, SALAD, BUTTER TART & PUNCH  
CHANCE AT SOME PRIZES  
& SPECIAL TAKE HOME KIT



ORDER AN ADDITIONAL SIGN  
KIT TO DO AT HOME  
FOR JUST \$30



Waterfowl Watching  
Thursday November 16

Location: Desbarats Area  
Time: 9:00am

Please register in advance. For more information, contact Carter at [carter.dorscht@kensingtonconservancy.org](mailto:carter.dorscht@kensingtonconservancy.org) or 705-782-2200.

### 50+ Cards & Shuffleboard

Meet upstairs at the Johnson Township Community Centre every Wednesday 1pm-3pm for fun, treats, and friendship. All Are Welcome!



# TREATS & TREASURES Holiday Fair

**November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Featuring*

- The Grasley Girls \* Masters Fiber Mill & Alpaca Farm
- Handmade By Brie \* Watercolours By Sheila
- Wise Words Creations \* Turning Over A New Leaf
- Willow Creek Farm \* Sunberry \* Teresa Smith
- Heart & Energy \* Rose Valley Maple Syrup
- Copper Country Crates \* Tiffany Runge \* Red Roof Honey
- Rock & Wood \* Glass On A Wire \* Lather Up
- Grandma & Twins \* Jude Ortiz
- The Pink Gypsy Handmade Boutique
- Lighthaven Christian Retirement Home

**TWO LOCATIONS!**

**JOHNSON TOWNSHIP  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
1 Cameron Dr., Desbarats

**BRUCE STATION  
COMMUNITY HALL**  
109 Station Road, Bruce Mines




# Holly Jolly Christmas Craft Show

Two floors of new and returning exhibitors!

Saturday November 18th, 2023  
10a.m. - 3p.m.  
Hilton Beach Community Hall  
Admission by Donation

# ATTN: DEER HUNTERS

## SAULT COLLEGE

### 2023 DEER CHECK STATION

ST. JOSEPH ISLAND at *Reesers Restaurant*




Bring us your deer jaw and receive a MNRF Deer Hunter Crest!  
Data collected for **both** WMU 36 & 45!

**Check station open**  
November 11-19th  
8:00 - 6:30 each day

**\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\***  
Random Prize Draws for Fawn, Adult Doe and Adult Buck Categories!




*The collection of fawn and yearling weights help to provide important data. Sault College thanks you for the continued support.*



Dr H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre

# Christmas Diner's Club

**Thursday December 7**  
RC Legion Richards Landing  
**\$21 per person**  
Doors open 11am

**Music by Nostalgia Live**

## Turkey Dinner

Tickets on sale until November 27th  
at Trefry Centre or  
online [www.trefrycentre.ca](http://www.trefrycentre.ca)



**Pasta Supper**  
**November 17th, 2023**

Come and enjoy a delicious pasta supper at the Bruce Station Hall.

**Tickets on sale at the township office**  
 \$20.00 for adult  
 \$10.00 for child

Two seatings at 5:00 pm and 6:30pm. Takeout Available.

For more information or to register for takeout please contact Sydney Kent at 705-785-3479 or [skent@plummertownship.ca](mailto:skent@plummertownship.ca)

All proceeds help fund Plummer Additional recreational programming!

**COPPER COUNTRY CHRISTMAS**

Featuring Artisans & Businesses Presented by Bruce Mines & District Chamber of Commerce



**NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

**Artisans, Crafts and Vendors**  
 Bruce Mines Community Centre and Chapel at 18 Hoatson  
 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Local Businesses**  
 Find participating businesses [See map for details](#)  
 (Specials, treats, street music)  
 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (or later)

**MOONLIGHT MADNESS**  
 In collaboration with the Thessalon Economic Development and Tourism Committee

**Where**  
 Thessalon

**Come out and join in the Christmas Spirit and Fun!**




**November is Fall Prevention Month**

The most effective steps you can take to prevent a fall is to:

- Exercise at least 150minutes a day
- Challenge your balance
- limit household hazards like loose carpets and poor lighting
- understanding any side effects of the medications you are taking
- Take a bone density test

**Over 1/3**  
 of older adults will be admitted to long-term care after hospitalization for a fall



**My office will be holding / Mon bureau tiendra des**  
**Constituency Clinics**  
**Rencontres communautaires**

Thursday November 16th / Jeudi, le 16 novembre



**Echo Bay**  
 Municipal Office / Édifice municipal  
 208 rue Church St. 9:30 - 10:30pm / 9h30 - 10h30

**Richard's Landing**  
 Municipal Office / Édifice municipal  
 1669 rue Arthur St. 11:00am - 12:00pm / 11h00 - 12h00

**Hilton Beach**  
 Municipal Office / Édifice municipal  
 3100 rue Bowker St. 12:30 - 1:30pm / 12h30 - 13h30

**Desbarats**  
 Community Centre (arena) / Centre communautaire (arène)  
 1 rue Cameron St. 2:00 - 3:00pm / 14h00 - 15h00



**Carol Hughes**  
 MP • Députée  
 Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing

To book an appointment: 1-855-297-4200 or [carol.hughes@parl.gc.ca](mailto:carol.hughes@parl.gc.ca)  
 Pour prendre un rendez-vous: 1-855-297-4200 ou [carol.hughes@parl.gc.ca](mailto:carol.hughes@parl.gc.ca)

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