



The Johnson Chronicle

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OH Deer!



Big Buck Awards Ceremony

November 19, 2023

We all gathered at the Community Centre for an all-you-can-eat Pasta Dinner. 66 hunters registered with hopes of finding their big buck.

Congratulations to Youth hunter Nelson Mackay for bringing in this year's winner, 9-point buck scoring 150.375. Nelson walked away with the \$300 grand prize and the \$50 youth prize. Coming in second was Keith Mackay with an 8-point buck scoring 129.5 winning him \$150.00 in cash. Third place went to Richard Winter with an 8-point buck scoring 99.625. A total of 17 racks we brought in for measuring compared to 22 in 2022 proving to be a harder year for the hunt.

A big thank you goes out to the Sault College Fish and Wildlife Conservation Technician Program for providing 5 students to measure all the racks.

Thank you also to Bruce Mines Legion Branch 211 for providing Bar Service and Cheryl Larrett for cooking up an amazing meal. A big thank you to all our very generous sponsors. Without your generous donations this event would not be such a success.

Happy Holiday's, from the Mayor, Council and Staff at Johnson Township. Enjoy a Safe Holiday Season with Family and Friends.

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

DECEMBER 8: FREE SKATE

DECEMBER 15: UGLY SWEATER NIGHT

DECEMBER 22: CHRISTMAS NIGHT

MUNICIPAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 20 AT 4:30PM AND WILL REOPEN JANUARY 2ND, 2024 AT 8:30AM.

ADSB WINTER BREAK DECEMBER 25 2023 - JANUARY 5, 2024

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY WILL BE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 24 AT 12PM, 25 AND JANUARY 1ST

FRIDAY JANUARY 5 CARDS & CROKINOLE GORDON LAKE HALL

Events & Recreation

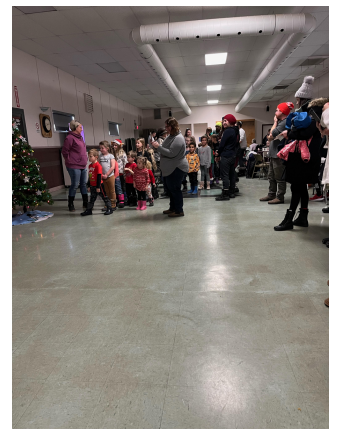
Friday Night Public Skate Parties

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. December's Free Skate is generously sponsored in part by the Bruce Mines & District Lion's Club. 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. We now are offering skate sharpening.



Kids Holiday Party

The Kids Holiday Party was a great success, fun was had by all. 45 kids came out and enjoyed a free skate donated by the Desbarats Women's Institute from 1-2pm. Then all came upstairs for some Holiday crafts and hot chocolate with sprinkles and whipped cream. Cookies and cupcakes were generously donated by Denise Methot and Hazel Fortier. A visit from Santa allowed all the children to snag a picture, tell him what was the top item on their wish list and receive a candy bag. Merry Christmas!!



Recreation Coordinator on Maternity Leave for 1 Year

As we move into the Holiday Season, Recreation Coordinator Patti Trotter will be taking a 1-year Maternity Leave. Frieda Labelle, long time Johnson Township Staff Member, will be filling in while she is gone. If you need to get in touch with Recreation please reach out to Frieda at flabelle@johnsontownship.ca or 705-782-6601 ex. 205. Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Need Volunteer Hours? All our events support High School Volunteer Hours Contact Frieda Labelle at 705-782 6601 ext 205 flabelle@johnsontownship.ca



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
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@meadowviewalpaca.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

Holiday's at Johnson Township Community Centre

Home with a Toddler?

In partnership with the Central Algoma Early On Centre every second Wednesday of the month we are hosting a Toddler & Tot skates. 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:

December 13 | January 10 | February 14 | March 13

Nov 8th
Dec 13th
Jan 10th
Feb 14th
Mar 13th

9:15am-10:15am
Toddlers & Tots
Drop-in Free Skate

Crafts & Lunch Following the Skate until 12:30pm
in Partnership with

Early ON child care algoma

Johnson Township Community Centre
7 Cameron Drive, Desbarats, ON

FREE Holiday Skate Schedule
A Special Gift from your Mayor and Councillors

Free Skate | 1pm-2pm
Family Shinny | 7pm-8pm

December 26 | December 27 | December 28 | December 30
December 31 | January 2 | January 3 | January 4

Skate Parties | 6:30pm-8pm
December 22 | December 29 | January 5

The Johnson Township Community Centre is Closed
December 24th at 12pm, December 25th and January 1st.

Free Holiday Skate & Family Shinny

Happy Holiday's from your Mayor and Council, enjoy a selection of open free ice times during the Holiday break.

Free Skates 1pm-2pm and Family Shinny 7pm-8pm on:

December 26 | December 27 | December 28

December 30 | December 31 | January 2

January 3 | January 4

Players must wear a helmet to play shinny and equipment is encouraged for children. Sticks are available to borrow at the Community Centre



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



After many years of Cora Drive being closed, The Public Works Crew has installed a new culvert bridge for road access all the way back out to the Highway. This upgrade increases the safety for buses, our Township Employees, and Mennonite Travelers.



No Pushing snow across roads and streets it is not only a safety hazard; it is also against the law.

The Ontario Traffic Act states:
 No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road.

R.S.O. 1990,c. H.8,s. 181

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:

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

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.

Community Emergency Management

DON'T CROWD THE PLOW

Plow trucks travel between 25-35 MPH
 Allow enough time & space to safely stop/slow down

NEVER PASS ON THE RIGHT
 Plows push snow to right shoulder & may use a wing (often 6-8 feet long) which is difficult to see

Don't assume the plow driver can see your vehicle.
THE DRIVER'S FIELD OF VISION IS LIMITED
 You may see them, but they may not see you

Trucks release salt and sand from the back of the truck - if you're too close to the truck, materials could hit your windshield & obstruct visibility.

Maintain at least 200-foot distance from plow truck to:

- Ensure the driver can see you at all times
- Allow time for you to slow down or stop
- Avoid obstructing visibility from material released or cloud of snow

Remember: Plow trucks may need to "back up at intersections during snow response - make sure to leave room to do so.

A CIVIL MARRIAGE OFFICIANT IS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH THE JOHNSON TOWNSHIP FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL JANET MAGUIRE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Notes from the Fire Chief



Enjoy a Fire-safe Holiday season by following these tips:

- Always stay in the kitchen when something is cooking on the stove.
- Place lit candles away from anything that can burn and out of reach of children and pets.
- Remember to snuff out candles before

For more information contact your local fire department.



leaving the room or going to bed. Consider using battery-operated or electric candles.

- Drink responsibly, attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol is too often a contributing factor in fatal fires.
- Make sure the base of your Christmas Tree is immersed in water at all times, to prevent them from drying out.
- Check all sets of decorative lights before putting them up and discard any sets that are damaged.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan so everyone in your home knows what to do if the smoke or CO alarms sound.

Around the Community



Alumni Day

Friday December 22nd at 11:30am. Volleyball starts at 11:30 & Basketball at 1:00pm
Come out and enjoy the fun.

50+ Cards & Shuffleboard

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



SEE IF YOU CAN FIND ALL 7 HIDDEN SANTA HATS IN THIS NEWSLETTER



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!

Holiday Skate Bookings Still Available

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.

Skate sharpening is now available by donation!

CALL TO BOOK AT 705-782-6601 EXT 205



Desbarats Christmas Bird Count Wednesday December 27, 2023

You can help monitor and conserve North America's birds! Started in 1900.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT IJE'S PLACE ON DECEMBER 19, 2023

Merry Christmas

MENU

Appetizers

SAMOSAS SPRING ROLLS
DEEP FRIED PICKLES MOZZA STIX

Main Course

Choice of Roast Turkey, Roast Chicken, Baked Ham, with Holiday Stuffing, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Roasted vegetables, Cranberry sauce, and Gravy.

Choice of Jerk Pork Ribs or Jerk Chicken or Curry Chicken or Butter chicken with Rice , Naan, Roti Skins and Coleslaw or Jamaican cabbage salad and Fried dumplings or Fried plantains

Dessert

Choice of Christmas deserts, Gingerbread Cookies, South African Milk Tarts and Koeksisters, Ghana Pancakes and Cheesecake

\$15 per Senior and 9-14yrs
\$20 per Adult
Kids under 8: FREE

TIME: 12PM - 3PM 5PM - 8PM
Reservations Recommended.

Call 249-479-0130
or text 705-988-2630
or inbox us on facebook

CHRISTMAS

Operation Actively Aging **PRIZE BINGO**

Wednesday, December 20th
Echo Bay Hall
Doors will open at 11am
Bingo will start at 12pm

FREE to Participate

Winners will choose from a wide assortment of prizes!!
If you have your own dabbers please bring them but we will have dabbers available!

CANTEEN WITH DRINKS, LUNCH & SNACKS

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CASS Dance Squad, local performers & Central Dance present...

A HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

Central Algoma Secondary School
Thursday December 14th, 2023

Vendors open 5-8pm
Show begins at 6pm

A holiday show of local talent & performances and a vendor sale!

ALL proceeds from the show go to local area foodbanks

ANY VENDORS INTERESTED IN A TABLE, EMAIL BEAULIEUKAT@GMAIL.COM



Town of Bruce Mines Presents

Holiday Parade of Lights

Design your vehicle or float and come and join us

6:00 PM PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

Staging will be along east end of Desbarats street between Light Haven and 638

FOR MORE INFO CALL JODY AT (705) 971-8158

