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Family Fun in February

February was filled with fun activities, including public skates, the Memorial CU-JO hockey tournament with 26 games across various divisions, and Family Day events. The Kings won the men's division, while the Karhis claimed victory in the women's division. A golden stick was introduced for the winning team to sign. Thanks to the Copper Bean Canteen and Bruce Mines Legion for supporting players and families, and to Peter Nelson and Stone for providing music. Family Day at the Johnson Township Community Center featured activities such as bum slides, log sawing, and bingo, ensuring enjoyment for all. Thank you to everyone who participated! Thank you to Riley and Melissa for face painting, Public Works for bum slides, Fire Dept for spraying them. Hugh for nailing driving and log sawing, Marlee for the kids bingo, and 50+ for cards. And Reg and Angie, Janet and Rhonda.



Women's Division Champs- Karhis

Men's Competitive Champs- Kings



IMPORTANT INFO:

The Share Shed is closed on Wednesdays

Wednesdays: 50+ Club 1:00pm to 3:00pm

March break crafts dates

- March 10th 10am-3:30pm
- March 11th 10am-3:30pm
- March 12th See poster (Page 5)
- March 13th 10am-3:30pm

Public Skate: 6:30pm-8:00pm

- March 7th Lions club skate
- March 14th (St. Patrick's skate)
- March 21st
- March 28th Last Skate!

Sundays:

- Free Skate 1:00pm-2:30pm
- Shiny 6:00pm-7:30pm

Last Sunday skates and shiny are February 23rd.

Tax bills have been mailed out; the first payment was due on February 28th 2025, and the second payment is due on April 30th 2025. If you have not received your bill in the mail, please reach out to the Municipal office at 705-782-6601.

GETTING SOCIAL AT GORDON LAKE HALL

**Monthly Card Parties:
Join the Gordon Lake Social Club
the first Friday of the month:**

March 7th, 2025

April 4th, 2025

May 2nd, 2025

Doors Open 7:00pm



Events & Recreation

Ice Bookings for the 2024-2025 season can still be made. Please contact Patti at 705-257-6827 or email ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca if you are interested.



Grab your trusty old skates because we're about to glide into some epic news! We're thrilled to announce that Shinny is ON for the rest of the ice season! Join us every Sunday from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM for a whirlwind of fun! Remember, helmets are a must, and if you're 13 or under, it's full gear time! Can't wait to see all your smiling faces on the ice!

Last Sunday for Shinny is March 24th.

Public Skating

Friday Night Skate Parties at the Johnson Township Community Centre from 6:30pm-8pm. Join in for skating, music and fun. Entry is by donation and we have a variety of skates and helmet for you to borrow.

Skates not sharp enough? Get them sharpened while you are here at the Rink!






Parent & Tot Drop-in Free Skate!



Johnson Community Centre, 1 Cameron Dr, Desbarats ON
10:00am - 12:00pm

Join your Central Algoma EarlyON at the Johnson Community Centre for a free skate, followed by crafts and a snack upstairs!

Boots and strollers are welcome on the ice after a quick wipe down, and there are skates available to borrow!

November 13	November 27	December 18	January 8
January 22	February 12	February 26	March 12

For More Information visit our website at www.keyon.ca or call us at 705-542-5662





FREE SKATE

FRIDAY, MARCH 7th
6:30pm to 8:00pm

Johnson Township Community Centre.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the foodbank

Sponsored by the Bruce Mines & District Lions Club



GORDON LAKE SOCIAL CLUB CARD PARTY

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025
\$8.00 BUY IN
500 BID & CROKINOLE, 18+

Gordon Lake Hall Doors Open At 7:00 pm

 **Spring Yoga Session** 

Shake off winter and welcome the renewal of spring with a new yoga session!

 **Tuesdays: March 18 – April 29**

 **Time:** 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM

 **Location:** Johnson Township Community Centre

\$ 7-week session: \$105 + tax (Total: \$118.65)

Reserve your spot or ask questions:


 **Email / E-transfer:** terri@meadowviewalpacaafarm.com

 **Call:** 705-785-3389

Join me on the mat and flow into spring!  



Congratulate the Girls' and Boys' Huskie hockey teams on their fantastic seasons and all the hard work and dedication they put in this year!



A REMINDER THAT ATVS, INCLUDING SNOWMACHINES OF ANY KIND ARE NOT ALLOWED ON OUR SOCCER FIELDS, BASEBALL FIELD AND SPORT COURT.



Looking for something to do on March Break?

We have some crafts, movies and fun AND free skates planned for the march break here at the JTCC! Keep an eye on our Facebook page @JohnsonTownshipRecreation and website (www.johnsontownship.ca) for updates on the recreational events we have lined up



Last Call for the 24/25 ice season!
Looking for some extra practice time for your hockey group? Planning a winter Birthday Party?
Give us a call to book ice time today. We still have various weekend slots available. 1hr of ice is \$117+hst. Call Patti at 705-257-6827 or email ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca or

MARCH BREAK CRAFTS & MOVIES

March 10th-13th 2025

Monday March 10th
10am-12pm: Shamrock Craft
12pm: Movie: Yogi Bear Movie

Tuesday March 11th
10am-12pm: Leprechaun Finger Puppet
12pm: Movie: The Queen's Corgi

Wednesday March 12th
9:15am: Toddler & Tots Skate with EarlyON
3:30pm: Movie: Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank

Thursday March 13th
12pm: Inflatable Archery Range \$35 Registration Required
3:30pm: Movie: Happy Feet

Friday March 14th
6:30pm-8pm: St. Patrick's Day Skate Party

FREE SKATE DAILY 2PM-3:30PM
No Free Skate on Friday

Johnson Township Community Centre,
1 Cameron Ave. Desbarats, ON

MARCH 20TH 2025

6 PM - 8 PM

UPSTAIRS AT THE JOHNSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

BRING A WRAPPED GIFT TO SWAP FOR A PRIZE.

There's a lot to be done, and we would truly value any assistance you can provide. Get in contact with us at ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca or 705-257-6827





WINTER DUMP HOURS SATURDAY 9AM-5PM | WEDNESDAY 12PM-5PM

The Public Works Garage

As warmer weather approaches, please exercise caution while driving on our roads. Be vigilant for the Public Works Crew as they strive to keep the roadways clear and apply sand for ice due to melting. Watch for our team when navigating around corners and blind spots, and be mindful of your speed given the icy and snowy conditions. Remember to maintain a safe distance behind our plow trucks and refrain from passing them. During the winter months, parking is prohibited on Hamlet streets and roads.

Do Not Push Snow Across The Streets and Roads, as it clogs up culverts and causes problems and backups! Keep water meters clear of snow for municipal staff!

Notes from the Fire Chief

- Regularly test your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms; replace the batteries immediately if they're dead. If your smoke alarms are over 10 years old, or your CO alarms are older than 5 to 7 years, replace the entire units.
- Prepare an emergency preparedness kit to be ready for situations like power outages or floods.
- Practice your home escape plan so everyone in your household knows the steps to take in case of a fire. Ensure that windows open and close easily, as they may be needed for an exit. Keep stairs and landings clear to facilitate safe evacuation during an emergency.
- Inspect outdoor electrical outlets and appliances for animal nests and ensure that the wiring is safe and up to code. during these spring months

Rock Network

We had a groundbreaking ceremony back in October with the announcement of fiber optic coming to our area. We are happy to say that we will be connected in late April or the beginning of May.

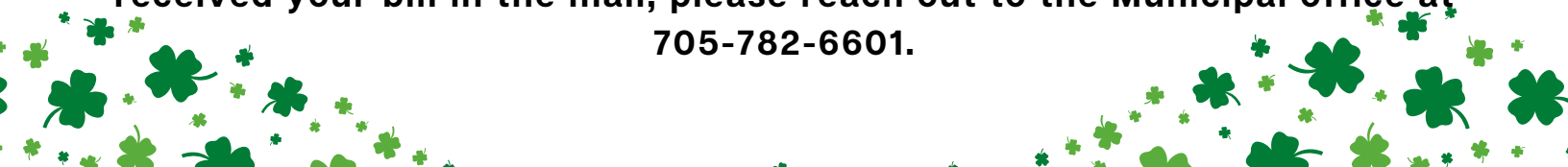
We want to let you know that over the next few months, they will have representatives coming door to door with information, and they will have their ID with them. Don't be afraid to ask them.

They will be able to answer your questions.

MPAC Information

Please ensure that your address details on MPAC include your 911 number, as the post office no longer utilizes rural route (RR) numbers. You can update this information by visiting [MPAC's website](<https://www.mpac.ca/en/MakingChangesUpdates>).

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Seniors 65+ or persons with a disability, living between Echo Bay and Desbarats, including St Joseph Island, all income levels are eligible for

Meals on Wheels

Hot meals, cooked fresh & delivered to your door.

\$13.80/DAY FOR SOUP, MEAL AND DESSERT
(AS LOW AS \$9.60 WITH SLIDING SCALE BASED ON HOUSEHOLD INCOME)

4 week rotating menu with diabetic dessert option

CALL 705-246-0036 OR VISIT TREFRYCENTRE.CA FOR MORE DETAILS





Dr HS Trefry Memorial Centre
1601 C Line Richards Landing ON P0R 1J0



It's time



Kindergarten registration at the Algoma District School Board.

Families registering children for the 2025/2026 school year.

For more information about registering online or in person, visit www.adsb.on.ca or call 705-945-7235.



50+ Community Program 2025 March Programs



'Stories in the Wood'
Presentations by local woodworkers & artisans
Sun. March 2nd, 1:30-5pm
Legion Hall, St. Joseph Island

Old-Time Dance
Featuring 'Ezee Country', fiddler Raymond Schryer & caller Donna Bisson
Wed. March 5, 2-5pm
Legion Hall, St. Joseph Island

Celtic Harpist & Fibre Artist: a presentation by Mary Anderson
Thurs. March 6, 1:30-4pm
Bruce Station Hall



Soft Pastel Art Workshop w/ Taimi Poldmaa *
Tues. March 11, 1-4pm
Trefry Centre

St. Patrick's Day Irish Session
Mon. March 17, 6:30 to 9:30PM
Ije's, Desbarats

50+ Program Final Celebration
Thurs. March 20
More details to come!

*Register at algomatrad.ca

Contact us!
705-943-9127
tori@algomatrad.ca

Central Algoma Seedy Saturday



For more information:
Email: seedysat@gmail.com

A FUN FAMILY EVENT!

March 8th, 2025

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C.A.S.S.

Central Algoma Secondary School

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

32 Kensington Rd.

Desbarats
(off Hwy.17)

Presentations

Demonstrations

Prizes

Children's Activities

Exhibitors

Vendors

Seed Swap

Seed Sales

Lunch by The

Copper Bean

Accessible Venue

Your donations are important to the events' continued success.
Thank you!



MARCH EVENTS

SAT
MAR 8

TKC at Seedy Saturday

Location: Central Algoma Secondary School
Time: 10:00am EDT
TKC will once again have a table at this annual event. Stop in, say hello, and learn about our local conservation work.
At 11:30am, our Executive Director, Carter Dorsch, will be giving a presentation titled "An Introduction to iNaturalist", where you can learn how iNaturalist can help identify plants and wildlife while fostering connections with like-minded individuals.



TUES
MAR 25

Guided Hike Gravel Point Preserve

Location: Gravel Point Preserve
Time: 10:00am EDT
Come join us for a guided hike along the Gravel Point Preserve Hiking Trails! The preserve offers about 4km of trails with easy to moderate terrain. Please note that since this event is happening in late March, the trails may be wet.
For more details, feel free to reach out to Corinne at corinne.wilkerson@kensingtonconservancy.org or call 705-782-2200.



WED
MAR 26

Webinar: Watershed Reports

Location: Zoom
Time: 1:00pm EST
The webinar will discuss river health, exploring scores and trends for water quality, flow, benthic invertebrates, and fish.
Experts will help interpret results and will also talk about how they think these reports will support future work in water data. TKC contributes to this dataset through its Water Quality Monitoring Program.



Bat Monitoring and Education Program

Location: Central Algoma
Time: Ongoing
Early spring is an ideal time to install a bat house. We have a limited number of single-chamber bat boxes, crafted by students at Superior Heights Collegiate & Vocational School, available for \$60 each. These boxes can be picked up at The Kensington Conservation Centre.
For more information about our Bat Monitoring and Education Program, along with instructions on how to properly install a bat house, please get in touch.



For more information about our events, and to register, please visit www.kensingtonconservancy.org or call 705-782-2200.

Want to get in touch with us? 1 Johnson Drive, Box 160, Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0 | 705-782-6601 www.johnsontownship.ca | @JohnsonTownshipRecreation on Facebook people@johnsontownship.ca | Mon-Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm

