



Setting Sun & Season Changes



As summer winds down and the days grow a little shorter, we pause to reflect on a season filled with connection, laughter, and community spirit. From the excitement of Community Day and the friendly competition at the Reg McHale Big Pike Family Fishing Derby to the energy of the Summer Fun Day, this summer brought us together in truly meaningful ways. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a season to remember. Here's to the changing season and the cherished memories we carry with us into fall.

As autumn approaches, we welcome the crisp air and vibrant colors that signal a fresh chapter. This time of year invites us to gather around warm fires, enjoy hearty meals, and take part in the many events our community has to offer. Whether you're exploring the local artistic talents during the Sylvan Circle Tour on September 20th or gearing up for the annual ATV Poker Run on September 27th, there's something for everyone to enjoy.



IMPORTANT INFO:

The Share Shed is OPEN on Wednesdays.

**September 1st: Labour Day
Municipal Buildings Closed**

**September 1-30: Big Buck
Contest Registration**

**September 3rd: First Day of
School ADSB**

**September 16th: Healthy Aging &
Wellness Fair (RCLegion)**

**September 20th: Sylvan Circle
Tour**

September 26th: PD Day ADSB

September 27th: ATV Poker Run

**October 2: Economic
Development Advisory
Committee Inaugural Meeting**

October 13th: Thanksgiving

October 14th: Ice Rentals Start

October 17th: First Public Skate

**August 30 & October 30: Final
Tax Bills Due**

**Coming Soon: Banners for
Veteran's Tribute.
Coming to Lake Huron Drive
October 2025.**

**Have someone you want to see
on a banner? Details will be
mailed out later this month.**

Events & Recreation



18th Annual Big Buck Contest

Calling all hunters! Registration is now open for the 18th Annual Big Buck Contest in Johnson Township. Every registered hunter is guaranteed a prize. Whether you're in it for the trophy or the fun, this is your year to take part! Cash prizes are up for grabs for the top 3 adult and youth hunters, with final measuring and awards dinner on Saturday, November 22nd. Registration is open September 1 - September 30, 2025 and can be completed online at www.johnsontownship.ca

Fall Fun PD Day Camp

Join our Fall Fun PD Day Camp on Friday, September 26th, 2025 for kids ages 4-12. For crafts, games, and seasonal activities that foster creativity. Limited spots are available, so register early! Activities include a scavenger hunt, nature collage, and crafting paper roll turkeys, all in a safe environment for making friends. The camp runs from 10 AM to 4:30 PM and includes lunch for \$20/child. Register by emailing recreation@johnsontownship.ca and include your child's name, age, and dietary restrictions. We look forward to welcoming your child! This is not a licensed child care program.



2025 ATV Poker Run!

Rev up your engines and polish those wheels—our ATV poker run is zooming in fast for Saturday, September 27th! Registration is open online, so check out all the details on our website at www.johnsontownship.ca or roll on over to sign up in person on the big day at Gordon Lake Hall. A hot beef sandwich lunch will be available from the Gordon Lake Social Club following the ride for \$15/meal.

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

The Township is looking for a committed group of individuals who want to join in the conversation about how to better serve our existing businesses, how to encourage new business developments, and what resources are available or missing for success. The inaugural EDAC meeting will be:

Thursday October 2nd at 7pm, at the Johnson Township Community Centre.

All are welcome to attend; an agenda for the meeting will be posted to the website at least 1 week prior.

If you have a point of interest for the agenda, please email ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca.

Community Centre (JTCC) Bulletin

Completing a large portion of the summer upgrades for 2025, the Banquet Hall and Kitchen are now fully equipped with Air Conditioning, thanks to a grant from NOHFC, to make all your bookings and events more enjoyable.

The Multi-Sport Court containment fence is scheduled for installation on Monday, September 15th, 2025. The court will be closed for use while the fence installation is ongoing. To protect the equipment the hand crank for the net has been removed. Stop in and ask JTCC staff for assistance if you want to see the net height changed or for additional Pickleball nets. Someone is on site Mon-Sat 8am-5pm. A large bin has been added to the court to house various sports equipment available for public use. Please remember to put back what you used so others can enjoy the equipment as well.

The Sport Court will close for the season on October 31, 2025.



Johnson Township Community Centre

ICE AND HALL RENTALS AVAILABLE FOR

- TEAM PRACTICES
- FAMILY GATHERINGS
- STAG & DOES
- WEDDINGS
- BIRTHDAY PARTIES
- RETIREMENT PARTIES
- AND MORE!

Contact Patti to Book Today:
 Cell: 705-257-6827
 Office: 705-782-6601 x205
 Email: ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca

\$120/HOUR – ICE BOOKING
\$25/HOUR – HALL ACCOMPANYING AN ICE BOOKING
 *ALL PRICING IS +HST

Ice Rentals

Ice rentals are expected to start on Tuesday, October 14th. Bookings are now being taken for ice time at \$120/hr +HST regular rate and \$110/hr +HST for a contract rate of 5 or more recurring bookings. Booking early is advised to secure prime ice time. Suitable for hockey teams, figure skating clubs, private practices, birthday parties, or family gatherings, our facilities offer great amenities. For booking details, please email recreation@johnsontownship.ca. Regular user group contracts are in process and will be emailed out.

Buy a Rink Board

Have you always wanted to see your business logo at the JTCC? Advertising options for the 2025-2028 contracts are now available. There are advertising options available to fit all budgets for big business or small business. Interested in advertising with us? Check out the website at www.johnsontownship.ca/community/facility-booking/ or email recreation@johnsontownship.ca to see what might fit your budget. Have a specific idea in mind for the Zamboni or maybe the scoreboard? Let us know, and we would be happy to work with you to make your vision come to life.



Advertise at the
Johnson Township Community Centre

The Public Works Garage

The scheduled 2025 Surface Treatment work for Gordon Lake Road has now been completed. The remaining approximately 1km of gravel will be surface treated as per the road's plan in 2026. We thank you for your understanding as our crews completed this extensive project this year.

Look for the Public Works Crew as they complete brushing and ditching on Municipal roads into the fall. Filling in high washout areas and working on sport grading heavy washer board areas.

Healthy Aging & Wellness Fair

September 16, 2025
RCLegion (RichardsLanding)
11 am-3pm
Free Admission



Please join us at our Healthy Aging & Wellness Fair!

Learn about health services, social groups, and local clubs.

Caregivers, please bring friend, shut-in, or older relative out for a fun afternoon.

If you are new to the community, this is a perfect way to learn about the available services and talk face-to-face with providers.

All ages are welcome.



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Local Services



Caregiver Resources



Safety Tips



Local Activities



Light Lunch Provided



Resources & Support

Healthy Aging Services

Curious about what services, groups, and clubs are available in the area as you move into retirement and beyond? Stop by the Healthy Aging & Wellness Fair in Richards Landing on Tuesday, September 16th from 11am-3pm. We will be there to highlight the services available in Johnson Township and the opportunities available for new activities.

This is a great chance to learn all about the service providers in our area and how to make living at home as you age easier. Stop in and pick up a friend on your way.



SUMMER DUMP HOURS

SATURDAY 9AM-5PM | WEDNESDAY 12PM-7PM

HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT LOCATED AT 402 FIFTH LINE EAST SAULT STE. MARIE
HOURS OF OPERATION: TUESDAY TO SATURDAY - 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

Notes from the Fire Chief

Charge into Safety

As we prepare to go back to school, have you talked to your children about safe charging of devices? Most rechargeable electronic items they will use for school, cellphones, laptops, headphones etc. are powered by Lithium-Ion batteries. When used incorrectly, these batteries can cause a fire or explosion risk to your home. Talk to your students about:

- Buying stamped and tested products with a Canadian certification marking e.g., CSA, cUL, cETL. This includes charging blocks and devices.
- Charging your devices safely, on a hard surface with the provided undamaged cord and don't overcharge devices.
- Properly dispose of broken or damaged products not in your household trash.

Make sure to follow the **Desbarats Volunteer Fire Department on Facebook** for more fire-related tips, tricks, and updates.



FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

August, 20, 2025

Regular Council Meeting August 20, 2025: Council received staff reports with regard to:

- Final tax bills have been issued and are due August 30th and October 30, 2025.
- Overview of the 2012 Chevy Half Ton with regard to the work needed for repairing the vehicle. Council approved the decision to source out various quotes on the cost to complete the work and later evaluate if the cost is feasible.
- Facility Rental Rates review for October 1 2025 - September 30, 2026. Council decided on a slight increase in ice rental rates and to combine Hall rentals with Kitchen rentals and provide additional setup time before and after an 8hr rental.
- Council approved the Request for Quotation document regarding the Active Transportation Plan to be developed for Johnson Township, thanks to funding provided from the Active Transportation Fund.
- Council was provided a proposal to authorize staff to prepare and complete a grant application to FedNor to have an Economic Development Plan completed. With limited staff in 2026, the council has decided to revisit this proposal at a later date.
- Council will support the creation of an Economic Development Committee to help guide the next steps of Economic Development in Johnson Township. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 7pm at the Johnson Township Community Centre Banquet Hall. Anyone interested in Economic Development is encouraged to attend. An agenda will be provided closer to the day.

The Council accepted the increase in tipping fees for the Johnson/Tarbutt Landfill. See below for the updated fee schedule and when it will come into effect.

The Council supports the Resolution presented by the City of North Bay to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture and to expand the supports to include the impact of agricultural equipment on municipal infrastructure.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 2025

6pm In-person at the Council Chambers: 1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats, ON (Municipal Office)

Register



Tree Giveaway

Echo Bay to St. Joseph Community Tree Giveaway

Algoma Power Inc. and the townships of MacDonald, Meredith and Aberdeen

Additional, Tarbutt, Laird, Johnson and St. Joseph are holding a free distribution of trees and a native/pollinator plant seed mix giveaway to residents.

A limited number of trees are available; recipients will be chosen through a random draw.

Residents are responsible for planting, watering and maintaining the tree. Register by completing this form (<https://forms.gle/Rkx7xVgpZ6UYbjUNA>) or scanning the QR Code by the deadline date of Wednesday, September 24, 2025. An email with pick-up instructions will be sent to the successful recipients.

Around the Community



Welcome Back to School!

We're thrilled to welcome all our families back to Central Algoma Elementary School for the 2025–2026 school year! As we begin another exciting year of learning, growth, and community, we look forward to working together to support every student's success. To kick off the year, we invite all families to join us for our **Annual Back to School BBQ** on **Thursday, September 28th** from **4:00–6:00 PM**. It's a great opportunity to connect with staff, meet other families, and celebrate the start of a new school year in a fun and relaxed setting. We can't wait to see you there!

WE ARE IN NEED OF

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS



Can you spare time to drive someone in your area to appointments or scheduled outings?

Contact Cheryl MacKay
Trefry Centre 705-246-0036
transportation@trefrycentre.ca



Drivers
needed in
Desbarats
area

YOU CAN EXPECT:

- To be reimbursed for mileage monthly @.72/km
- To be gone for half a day helping someone to get to appointments/activities
- All drives to be arranged through The Dr. Trefry Memorial Centre
- To have fun, feel helpful and connected to your community
- To drive as often or as little as your schedule allows

YOGA CLASSES *with Terri*

Two locations this fall!!

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

Desbarats – Johnson Township Community Centre

Tuesdays, Sept 9 – Oct 28 (8 weeks)
7:00 PM – 8:15 PM
\$120 + tax = \$135.60



Bruce Station – Community Hall

Thursdays, Sept 11 – Oct 30 (8weeks)
7:00 PM – 8:15 PM
\$120 + tax = \$135.60

✨ Sign up for both sessions and save 10%!
\$216 + tax = \$244.08

Reserve your spot or ask questions:

terri@meadowviewalpacaafarm.com
705-785-3389



Please note an important update from our local post office regarding mailbox flag usage:

Mailbox flags will no longer be used to indicate incoming mail.
Flags should now be raised only when you have outgoing mail to send.

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POSTES
CANADA

Thank you for your understanding.
Sincerely,
Your Local Post Office Staff

Around the Community



Innovation Accelerator Program

The Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) offers up to \$25,000 in 50% cost-share funding for growth-focused SMEs in the Algoma-Manitoulin region. It supports strategic projects in areas like tech adoption, commercialization, and market expansion. Eligible activities include but are not limited to prototyping, IP development, engineering design, automation, project management solutions, and cybersecurity.

SAULT STE. MARIE INNOVATION CENTRE

705-942-7927 ext. 3139 | vdeoliveira@ssmic.com | www.ssmic.com/funding

Central Cheer & Gymnastics is Coming to Central Dance!

We're launching a fun, high-energy cheer program this September—perfect for dancers of all levels. Join our first-ever team and learn stunts, dance, and team spirit under the direction of Coach Kylie Moon.

Starting September 2025
Limited spots available — registration info coming


 centraldancecass.wixsite.com/dance

North Channel Hockey Registration Now Open!

Registration will close on September 30th
Teams for U7, U9, U11, U13, 15, U18

Team Caps will accept 15 players and 2 goalies per division for U9 and above. Additional players will be placed on a waitlist, and a second team may be formed if there are enough numbers.

Register online at:
<https://bit.ly/NorthChannel2025Reg>

Same Organization, New Name!

Effective Summer 2025, The Kensington Conservancy has rebranded as the Central Algoma Land Trust. Expanding their focus area to serve all of the Central Algoma region.



JOHNSON FARMERS' MARKET

DESBARATS

EVERY SATURDAY
June to Thanksgiving
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

GARAGE SALE

Saturday August 30, 2025
9AM- 3PM

40 MAIN STREET, DESBARATS



Free Competition Law 101 Seminar

The City of Elliot Lake and the Competition Bureau of Canada are presenting a free competition law 101 seminar.

Many small business owners don't know about competition law. For those who do, it can be hard to know how it applies to their business. Join the Economic Development Department and the Competition Bureau of Canada for a free online and in person seminar that will cover:

1. Why competition law matters to small businesses and entrepreneurs
2. How the Competition Bureau helps protect and promote competition
3. How to protect your business with compliance measures

This seminar is being presented online and in person at City Hall. There are 2 sessions on Tuesday September 16 at 1 pm and 7pm.

Please RSVP at EDO@ElliotLake.ca

Central Algoma CAPC EarlyON Child and Family Centre

33 Kensington Rd, Central Algoma (CASS)
Drop-In and Learn | Wednesdays: 9:30 am- 12:30 pm
Play, explore, enjoy snack and story time in a fun, welcoming space.

Special Event: Pete the Cat Revival
September 24, 2025 | 9:30am-12:30pm
Don't miss the fun- filled Pete the cat themed morning with activities crafts and a light lunch!

Follow us on Facebook: Central Algoma CAPC EarlyON Child and Family Centre



Oh My 'Gourdness' it's time for the



Central Algoma Exhibition Fall Fair



Bruce Mines Fall Fair, September 5, 6, 7th, 2025



Weekend Passes: "KIDS" 12 and under are free all weekend to any event requiring a pass | Youth 13 to 18 - \$10 | Adult 19 and over - \$25 | Adult 19 and over - \$45 (Includes access to concert)

Daily Passes: Youth 13 to 18 - \$5 | Adult 19 and over - \$10

Buy Your Passes Early



21st Annual Bruce Mines Fall Fair

DEMOLITION DERBY CRASH

DON'T JUST DRIVE IT... SMASH IT!

Friday
Sept. 5, 2025
6:30 PM (Rain or Shine)
Bruce Mines Fairgrounds HWY 638

\$10.00
Kids 12 & Under FREE

DRIVERS:

- \$50. Entry Fee (Includes 2 Pit Passes)
- Minimum \$3,500.00 Payout
- Compact Class
- Full-Size Class
- Truck Class

For more rules or information
Contact Doug 705-971-1382

Derby to start after opening ceremony

Bruce Mines Fall Fair invites all our
"Friends with Tractors"
to enter our
TRACTOR SHOW!!
Big or Small We Want Them All!!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

Registration opens at 10:00am - show starts at 11:00am - Registration fee is \$15.00 per person (includes \$5.00 membership fee)

"Best in Show"

This award is in memory of our dear friend Grover Edwards. His lovely wife Fran has sponsored this award and looks forward to seeing everyone's tractors on display!

Also awards for: Oldest Tractor, Peoples Choice, Most Unique Tractor and Best Homemade Tractor (craft for kids - under 12 free to enter)

Tractor Trot at 2:30pm

"Trotting" down to let the folks at Light Haven Christian Home see the amazing tractors. We'll be leaving the fair grounds, heading down Desbarats St. and turning around at Foster's Freshmart, returning back to the arena

Admission Tickets Here

presented by the
'BIG RIGS' TRACTOR SHOW
SATURDAY - SEPT. 6TH

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 10:00AM - SHOW STARTS AT 11:00AM -
REGISTRATION FEE IS \$15.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES \$5.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE)

THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME DOING THIS AND BOY IT'S GOING TO BE A TRACTOR SHOW WITH A DEFINITE TWIST!
WE'RE WANTING TO SEE THOSE 18-WHEELERS COMPETING IN CLASSES SUCH AS:

BIGGEST RIG - OLDEST RIG - PEOPLES CHOICE - MOST KM TRAVELLED - MOST ORIGINAL

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BRUCE MINES FALL FAIR

LAWN MOWER RACES

7th ANNUAL

COPPERTOWN RACEWAY

SATURDAY SEPT. 6, 2025
BRUCE MINES FAIRGROUNDS
REGISTRATION 11:00-12:30
RACING STARTS AT 1:00
\$15 FOR THE FIRST MOWER
\$10 PER ADDITIONAL MOWER (PER DRIVER)

JUNIOR MOD (AGE 6-10)
KIDS STOCK (AGE 11-15) 12.5HP MAX
POWDERPUFF (FEMALES 16+) 12.5HP MAX
FARMBOY STOCK (AGE 16+) 12.5HP MAX
SUPER STOCK (AGE 16+) 13-18.5HP MAX

RULES & MORE INFO ON FACEBOOK
BRUCE MINES FALL FAIR

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS CALL DOUG 705-971-1382

BRUCE MINES FALL FAIR 2025

Presents THE LUXURY

NORTHERN ONTARIO'S PREMIER TRAGICALLY HIP TRIBUTE ACT!

9PM - SEPT. 6TH - BRUCE MINES FAIR GROUNDS

Opening act 7:30pm to 9pm - **DARK EYED JUNKO** - with high energy electric blues and
VIP experience! straight up rock and roll!

LOOKING FOR AN EXCITING NIGHT OUT? LOOK NO FURTHER THAN OUR UPCOMING CONCERT!
GET READY TO ROCK THE NIGHT AWAY!!

Also performing

4:30pm - 5:45pm - THE SIDEKICKS
A dynamic rock trio rocking to the glory music of the 70s, 80s and 90s

6pm - 7:15pm - CLOUD BANDITS
A group of "down the line" guys bringing alive the music from the likes of the Eagles to Coldplay.

TICKETS per person

19 AND OVER - \$20 IN ADVANCE - \$30 AT THE GATE
19 AND OVER - VIP \$50
13 TO 18 YRS - \$5 IN ADVANCE - \$10 AT THE GATE
12 YRS AND UNDER - FREE

****NOTE - DOESN'T INCLUDE FAIR ADMISSION**

Camping is available Saturday night - \$15 per trailer - must purchase Day Pass \$10 per person if sleeping and arriving before 4pm Saturday - pre-registration required - email us at
bruceminesagssociety@gmail.com

Going to the fair, going to the fair, going to the Bruce Mines Agricultural Fair see y'all there!

Ticket Link
<https://events.frontdoor.plus/host/231>

CENTRAL ALGOMA EXHIBITION FALL FAIR PRESENTS
MULLET HAIR COMPETITION

Competition to find the best MULLET of the year!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 AT 11:30AM

Many thanks to our sponsors Algoma Dairy Distributors and M&J Hair Boutique for sponsoring this event!!

ALGOMA DAIRY DISTRIBUTOR
LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED
MILK • YOGURT • CHEESE • EGGS • JERKY • MEATS
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BRUCE MINES, ON
705-785-3726
Maria McPhee

"Business at the front, Party at the back!!"

Open to Everyone!

Age Categories: Kiddies 2 to 7 year, JR Kids 8 to 12 years, Teens 13 to 18 years, Adults 19+

Cash to be won for top three in each age category - to be judged on: Most Curliest, Best Rock Star Look, Most Fullest and Loudest Audience Cheer

REGISTER NOW by emailing us at bruceminesagsociety@gmail.com

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www.johnsontownship.ca | @JohnsonTownshipRecreation on Facebook
people@johnsontownship.ca | Mon-Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm