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Wow, what a kick-off to the 2026/2027 ice season!

We are so excited to be starting off the season with a bang! Our Halloween public skate night was such a success, from all the fun costumes to our wonderful volunteers who came out to hand out candy to all the kiddos! We are looking forward to an awesome season with you all. Friday Night Public skates every Friday 6:30pm-8pm at the JTCC If you are looking to book ice time with us, the time slots ARE FILLING UP FAST! Our ice rental rate is $125 an hour. Email recreation@johnsontownship.ca to ask about our availability for the 2026/2027 season. We can't wait to welcome you back for this season! It's going to be a great one.





IMPORTANT DATES:

Gordon Lake Card Parties: First Friday of Every Month

50+ Club Wednesdays 1pm-3pm

Remembrance Day, Wednesday, November 11th:

- **Municipal Office Closed**
- **Remembrance Day Service 12:30pm, Cenotaph on Lake Huron Drive.**

November 13th: CASS Boys Hockey Game 5pm

November 14th: CASS Boys Hockey 7pm

APH Immunization Clinic, Tuesday, November 20: 9:30am-4:30pm

Toddlers and Tots Free Skate, Wednesday, November 11th & 25th, 9am-12:30pm

November 28th: Big Buck Awards

December 6th: Kids Holiday Christmas Party

Keep Water Meters clear of debris and snow!



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Friday Night Public Skating

Every Friday at the JTCC is Public Skating from 6:30pm-8pm. Entry is by donation, and we have lots of skates, helmets, and skate assists for you to borrow to get out onto the ice.

We strongly encourage that all skaters wear a helmet, and remember that using the ice is at your own risk and ability.

Do you have a set of skates sitting at home not getting any use? Consider donating them to the rink.





Getting Social at Gordon Lake Hall

The Gordon Lake Social Club hosts monthly Card & Crokinole Parties on the first Friday of the month from October 2026 - May 2027. Doors open at the Gordon Lake Hall, at 7pm with play starting at 7:30pm. Light refreshments are provided, and all ages are welcome; players must be aged 18+. Admission is $10. Mark your calendars for this year's party dates:

November 6, 2026 | December 4, 2026 | January 8, 2027 | February 5, 2027
March 5, 2027 | April 2, 2027 | May 7, 2027

Ice and Hall bookings are a ton of fun for Birthday Parties, family fun and more. Contact Gabi LeClair at 705-782-6601 x 803 or email recreation@johnsontownship.ca to make a booking.

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Kids Holiday Party

Get ready for a visit from the big guy in red! Santa himself will be at the Johnson Township Community Centre on Sunday, December 6, 2026.

Holiday celebrations will start at 1pm-2pm with a FREE Public Skate. Skates, helmets, and skate assists will be available to borrow. Skate sharpening is by donation on site. Remember to skate to your own ability and use the ice at your own risk.

After a few laps, head upstairs for Hot Chocolate, Holiday snacks, and a visit from the big guy himself! 2pm-4pm the hall will be open for snacks, crafts, and our sources say Santa will stop by around 3pm to hear if the Children of Desbarats have been good or bad this year!





19th Annual Big Buck Contest

Registration is now closed, and preparations are underway for the Awards Dinner on Saturday, November 28, 2026.

Dinner Tickets are still available for $20/adult and $10/kids under 12. Bar service, provided by the Bruce Mines Royal Canadian Legion Branch 211, will start at 4pm with dinner from the Copper Bean Cafe at 6pm. Dinner Tickets can be purchased at the door on the night of or ahead of time by emailing recreation@johnsontownship.ca

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CASS CORNER

GO HUSKIES!

Get ready to bring your loudest cheer as the Boys Hockey kicks off Friday Novemeber 13th 5PM and Saturday, November 14th, 2026, at 7PM, at the Johnson Township Community Center! Wear your Husky pride and come cheer them on!

Municipal Office Notices

The Municipal office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 for Remembrance Day. All Community members are invited to attend the wreath laying and Remembrance Day service at the Desbarats Cenotaph on Lake Huron Drive, by the Bruce Mines Royal Canadian Legion Branch 211. 12:30pm





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FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

October 21st, 2026

- Radon detectors are available for loan at the Bruce Mines and Plummer Additonal Union Public Library.
- Certificates of congratulations from MPP Bill Rosenberg : Johnson Township has been approved for $264,263 to upgrade the heating and cooling systems in the Johnson Township Community Centre, which will ensure the space can continue to host recreation activities and events, as well as be an emergency response, cooling and warming centre, supporting residents' well-being and safety.

OTHER NOTES

Mayor Reg McKinnon extends his gratitude to all past and present councillors for their contributions. A special thank you goes to Councillor Gavin Grant for his tireless efforts on behalf of our community, and to Councillor Jason Kern for twelve years of committed service on council.

We also wish our newly elected council the very best as they embark on their new roles. Good luck, and thank you for your willingness to serve Johnson Township.

Next Regular Meeting: November 18th, 2026
6pm In-person at the Council Chambers: 1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats, ON (Municipal Office)

The Public Works Garage

The Roads Department is preparing for the winter season. As we approach snowfall, we kindly ask that you do not push snow across the road. Additionally, please keep water meters clear of debris and snow to ensure easy access for readings. Your cooperation helps us maintain safe and efficient road conditions for everyone. Let's work together to keep our community safe and accessible throughout the winter months.

Algoma Public Health Immunization Clinic

Bookings are now open for Friday November 20, 2026, Clinic Date at the Johnson Township Community Centre. Bookings can be done by phone: 705-541-7370 or online at www.algomapublichealth.com.



Winter Landfill hours in effect:

Saturdays 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM / Wednesdays noon – 5:00 PM /Holidays – Closed

Around the Community

SILENT AUCTION

CASS onStage est. 1972

TRIVIA Night

IN SUPPORT OF CASS onStage's PRODUCTION OF

GREASE School Version

RESERVE TEAMS OF 8 OR SHOW UP AT THE DOOR!

$25 TICKET

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2026

JOHNSON COMMUNITY CENTRE

DOORS: 6:00 P.M. / TRIVIA: 7:30 P.M.

Dress in Grease attire TO BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW FOR PRIZES!

FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION: 705-782-6263 OR curriec@adsb.on.ca



COPPER COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

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

November 14th 2026

Artisans~ Crafts ~ Vendors

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Two locations

Bruce Mines Community Centre	Bruce Mines United Church
9180 Hwy. 17 East	18 William Street

Local Businesses

Invite you to drop in for unique local shopping opportunities

Join us as we celebrate Christmastime in Bruce Mines!

Event proceeds for Bruce Mines Foodbank

Save The Date!

Christmas Tea

Come and enjoy a time of good company and delicious treats.

November 21, 2026
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bruce Mines Centennial Arena

$10.00 per person



Limited tables for vendors.

Contact Peggy Strum at 705-785-3377 to rent a table for $20.00.

Sponsored by Bruce Mines Agricultural Society

as a fundraiser to purchase kitchen equipment.

the Holy Walk

Nov. 20th & 21st

JOIN US AT ALL TRIBES CHRISTIAN CAMP FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Doors open at 5:30pm and close at 9pm

For families with small children or anyone needing a more accessible walk:

ADDITIONAL TIME ON SATURDAY BY APPOINTMENT FROM 3:30-5:30PM

Contact Ashton Kent for more info: 705-782-6483

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All Tribes Christian Camp, 1065 Hilton Rd, Richards Landing, ON

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