



# Brucelea Haven News

*Together We Make A Difference!*

October 2024

## Terry Fox Walk & Roll in support of Cancer Research

On September 12, residents of Brucelea Haven laced up to walk & roll in honour of Terry Fox, raising money and awareness for Cancer research. Our Resident Council Team raised \$330 through donations from friends, family, and team members. Thank you everyone for your support in this initiative. If you would still like to make a donation, please visit: <https://run.terryfox.ca/team/blhrescouncil>



## Bus Trip to Durham Conservation Area

This trip has been months in the making, having to be postponed due to previous weather conditions. Our residents enjoyed a lovely homemade picnic and a view of McGowan Falls in Durham on September 11.



## October Special Events

- **October 1** - Joyfully Used Singers
- **October 2** - Piano Sing-a-long with David Latham in the CAA
- **October 3** - Rhythm & Beat (3S)
- **October 4** - Bookmobile Library in the CAA
- **October 9** - Helen Stewart Entertains in the CAA
- **October 14** - Happy Thanksgiving
- **October 15** - October Birthday Party with Al Crawford in the CAA
- **October 16** - JBS Clothing – onsite Shopping from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the CAA
- **October 17** - Rhythm & Beat (3S)
- **October 18** - Bookmobile Library in the CAA
- **October 18** - Music with Ray Richards (3S)
- **October 18** - Birthday Party with Cathy Kempert (2S)
- **October 22** - Resident Council Meeting in the CAA
- **October 23** - Entertainment by Dave & the Retros in the CAA
- **October 30** - Halloween Party with Johnny Borton in the CAA
- **October 31** - Happy Halloween!



## Kelly Burrows - Administrative Assistant

Hello, my name is Kelly Burrows and I am the Administrative Assistant Q&S. I am brand new to Long-Term Care, as I have spent the last 15 years working in Primary care within a Family Health Team.



In my spare time you will find me engulfed in activities with my husband and 2 boys, enjoying the outdoors and all it has to offer, or snuggled up reading a good book!

I am very excited to be welcomed as part of the team here at Brucelea Haven!

## Sadie Fitzsimmons - PSW Co-op Student

My name is Sadie Fitzsimmons. I am finishing my grade 12 year at WDCS. Currently I work on my family farm, I also work for a local farmer milking cows, and I work at the Cargill sales barn.



Some of my goals are to graduate high school this year and go off to Secondary School following my co-op at Brucelea Haven pursuing a career in the Personal Support Worker field.

Somethings I hope to learn at my co-op are how to multi-task and care for others. How to be mentally strong and patient and to advance my social skills and problem-solving abilities. My future career goal is to have a full-time career that offers me a sense of stability alongside helping to enhance the quality of life of those around me. I am looking forward to the hands-on experience this Co-op Placement will bring me this semester.

## Sing-A-Long With David Latham

David Latham is the 'Piano Man'! He sure knows how to play and get us all singing along!



## Happy Environmental Service Week - September 8 to 15!

Brucelea Haven observed Environmental Services Week, September 8th-15th. We want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the exceptional contributions of our Maintenance, Housekeeping, and Laundry teams. Their dedication and hard work ensure our homes remain clean, safe, and efficient.

Our teams' efforts go beyond routine tasks; they are caring people who are essential to the functionality of the home and well-being of the residents. From maintaining our infrastructure and ensuring cleanliness, to managing laundry services, their commitment to excellence does not go unnoticed.

Did you know?

- Our maintenance team has completed 4340 maintenance requests so far this year, plus many other tasks.
- The laundry team has sorted, cleaned, and prepared approximately 225,000 pounds of laundry this year.
- Housekeeping is consistently deep cleaning rooms, taking out garbage and ensuring high touch areas are clean, along with many other tasks, to ensure a healthy and safe resident experience.





## Matthew Hennig - Maintenance Co-op Student

My name is Matthew Hennig, I'm a student at Walkerton District High-school, and I live on a farm outside of Mildmay. I grew up on Vancouver Island in British Columbia, but moved to Ontario at the age of five. I hope to learn more maintenance skills from my placement and further prepare myself for the workplace. I have many interests and future goals. I find custodial jobs and most manual labor jobs to be where I feel most comfortable and experienced. Farm work is another type of job where I feel comfortable, as I've grown up on a farm for most of my life. I might peruse farm work as a future career path, but I would prefer to explore other options first. Lastly, I've always been a relatively simple guy with simple interests. I like things that you'd expect a lot of teen boys to like, whether it be music, video games, or other tech-related things. I also have an enjoyment for writing and occasionally drawing.



## Dakota Spears - PSW Co-op Student

Hello, my name is Dakota Spears and I live in Hanover. I am in grade 13 at Walkerton District Community School. My hobbies mostly include playing video games, reading, watching Japanese anime, and drawing. I'm a very friendly and caring person and love helping people. I have assisted family members and friends with various projects around the home. In this co-op placement I hope to gain more work experience and provide help where it is needed. Currently, I'm uncertain which program I will study after high school; however, I know I want to help others.



## Education Sessions for Families in Long-Term Care

Grey County and Bruce County Long-Term Care are hosting four Family Education Sessions this fall to provide valuable insight on important topics. The sessions will focus on Power of Attorney Rights and Responsibilities, as well as Long-Term Care Homes Rights and Responsibilities. Guest speaker Angela Yenssen, a staff lawyer with the Grey Bruce Community Legal Clinic, will lead the discussions.

The sessions will be offered at no charge and will take place on

- October 2 at Gateway Haven in Warton,
- October 7 at Rockwood Terrace in Durham, and
- October 9 at Brucelea Haven in Walkerton.

All sessions will be held from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Attendees can gain a better understanding of these critical issues. Those interested in attending, please contact Raelynn Aljoe at [raljoe@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:raljoe@brucecounty.on.ca) or by contacting Angela Yenssen at [angela.yenssen@gbclc.clcj.ca](mailto:angela.yenssen@gbclc.clcj.ca) or by phone at 519-370-2200, ext. 33 for more information.

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## Courtyard Music with Johnny Borton

We love when Johnny Borton comes to sing for us! Johnny played and sang in our courtyard on a beautiful September afternoon. Residents could even enjoy the show from their balcony!



## Leah Durrer - Nursing Co-op Student

Hi, my name is Leah Durrer and I am from Mildmay. I am a grade 11 student at Sacred Heart High School. Through this co-op placement, I hope to learn more about the field of nursing. I hope to become more knowledgeable and discover my passion throughout my time at Brucelea Haven. In the future, I hope to become a registered nurse. My aunt is a nurse and I have always looked up to her and the work she does. I am very interested and inspired about nursing and it has been my dream to become one for a very long time.



## Bowling

We love some friendly competition here at Brucelea Haven! A fun game of bowling was a great way to spend an afternoon!



## JBS Clothing Company - October 16

JBS Clothing will be here at Brucelea Haven on Wednesday, October 16 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Residents and Families will be able to shop the racks of JBS Clothing in the CAA and purchase desired clothing for the fall and winter season. Both regular and adaptive clothing will be available for women and men. The Nursing Teams will be provided with an opportunity prior to the event to make any clothing requests or suggestions for Residents, and recreation will touch base with the Family prior to purchasing. This is a great opportunity for residents to be able to shop and pick out some new clothing. We look forward to seeing you on the 16th and shopping with us!



## Join Us for Brucelea Haven's Christmas Bazaar!

On Wednesday, December 4, Brucelea Haven will be hosting a Christmas Bazaar in the CAA from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Vendor's are welcome to sign up for a table. A \$10 Vendor fee will go towards our Brucelea Haven Resident Council. Please contact Katrina at [ktolton@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:ktolton@brucecounty.on.ca) for more information and to reserve your spot! Looking forward to a great day of shopping and cheer!



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