



LAIRD RECREATION THIRD ANNUAL PUMPKIN FEST Sept 28, 2024:



**Thank you to ALL our volunteers!
Without you this event would not be possible.**

This year's **GRAND Champion** pumpkin weighing in at 105 pounds belonged to Vertus Tremblay.

Second place was the Boychuk Family entry weighing in at 87 pounds.

Third place was Lamming family entry weighing in at 78 pounds.

Hay wagon rides and lawnmower races both proved to be a huge hit again this year. **THANK YOU** Alf and Andy Roberts and Algoma Lawn Mower Racing Association. Our tractor parade continues to grow each year, **thank you** to all the drivers who came out.

We would like to take this opportunity to **thank ALL** the volunteers and attendees. Through everyone's generous donations toward the food bank we were able to make some less fortunate families lives a little brighter.

We would also like to **thank** the sponsors who donated towards the prizes:

Echo Bay Heritage Home Hardware - Great pumpkin Round Up award

Echo Bay Co-Op and Laird recreation - Carved and painted pumpkins awards

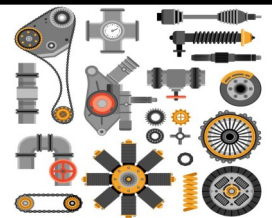
Terry Shewfelt and Laird recreation - Giant Pumpkin awards

PUMPKIN FEST 2025 will be Saturday September 27, 2025

Laird Fairgrounds Committee **SECOND ANNUAL SWAP MEET**

Laird Fairgrounds Committee hosted a fall motorsport swap meet at the Laird Fairgrounds on October 5, 2024.

Entry was by a food donation to go towards the **Christmas Cheer campaign**, or a cash fee that would be put towards Laird Fairgrounds improvements. Once again, the public came through raising cash and large number of food items.



Waste Disposal Site: Propane Tanks / Share Shed Guidelines



Propane tanks are **NOT** allowed at the waste disposal site or in the metal recycling bin. If you have old tanks to dispose of you can drop them off for free at the Pit Stop gas bar/JT Automotive in Echo Bay.



Share shed guidelines prohibit clothing and other fabric items such as stuffed animals. Please find other alternatives for your gently used clothing and fabric items.



Township Office Closure



Lest we forget

The Laird Township Office will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2024, in recognition of Remembrance Day.

The office will re-open on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 9 a.m.

Speed Limits and Dogs Running at Large



The Township office has received complaints about people speeding and concerns for the public safety of pedestrians walking and/or riding bikes on municipal roads.

Adding to the dangers we have also received many complaints of dogs running at large in these same areas. It is against Municipal By-law 921-12 to allow Animals to run at large, and considerable fines could be assessed not to mention the danger to animals and humans alike.

Road safety is a priority, we all play a part in keeping our roads safe. Please abide by the speed limit, take caution when approaching pedestrians, and keep your pets safe by NOT allowing them to roam.

You can report speeders and safety concerns to **O.P.P. at 1-800-310-1122**

Report dogs at large to the **By-Law officer at (705) 992-6692 or the Township office at (705) 248-2395.**

Animal abuse concerns should be directed to **Animal Welfare 1-833-926-4625**



Christmas Cheer

Laird Recreation Committee is assisting the Echo Bay United Church Outreach Committee by collecting items for Christmas Cheer Baskets. Items can be dropped off at the **Laird Township office by December 11, 2024.**



Donations of food and toiletries as well as hats, mittens, and socks for all ages. Any new gifts for toddlers to teens are more than welcome.

Donations are greatly appreciated and are sure to help spread some joy and Christmas spirit during this difficult time of year.

Donations can be made to:

- Echo Bay United Church Outreach, Box 447, Echo Bay ON P0S 1C0
- E-transfer echocaruc@gmail.com (marked Outreach)
- Credit card Echo Bay United Church <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> (marked Outreach)

If you could use an Outreach Christmas Cheer Basket and live in the P0S 1C0 catchment area, please email Echo Bay United Church at echobaruc@gmail.com or call/text Vivian at (705) 248-1834 or call Sheila at (705) 248-2891 and leave your phone number. **The closing date is December 1, 2024.**

Santa's Mailbox



Once again this year, Laird Recreation will be assisting Santa by placing a special "Letters To Santa" mailbox on the Township office front step. The mailbox will be available for Letters to Santa from November 15 to December 13, 2024.

Get your letters in early so Santa will have time to respond before he starts loading his sleigh, be sure to include a return address.

SAFE FOOD HANDLER COURSE



Laird Township Recreation is considering offering a safe food handler course. This would be a full day course at a cost of \$35. Upon completion each successful participant will receive their safe food handling certificate. We need at least 15 participants to run the course, please contact the Laird Township office 705-248-2395 or email info@lairdtownship.ca to express interest. A date will be set when we reach the required number of participants.