

Brucelea Haven News

Together We Make A Difference!

May 2024

Spring Visits With Baby Goats & Bunnies!

Thank you to Huib, our Director of Nursing, and his wife Brooke for bringing in some of their farm babies to visit us! The residents enjoyed petting the goats and snuggling with little bunnies!



Easter Egg Painting

Leading up to Easter, we enjoyed many crafts and activities, including painting these beautiful eggs.



May Special Events

- **May 1** - EarlyON Baby Group Visit in the CAA
- **May 6 to May 10** - Happy Nurses Week!
- **May 7** - Joyfully Used Singers
- **May 8** - Mother's Day Breakfast on all floors!
- **May 10** - Bus Trip to Walmart
- **May 12** - Happy Mother's Day
- **May 12** - Mother's Day Cocktail Cart
- **May 15** - Resident Council Meeting
- **May 17** - Piano & Sing-a-Long with David Latham in the CAA
- **May 17** - Music with Ray Richards (3S)
- **May 17** - Birthday Paty with Cathy Kempert (2S)
- **May 20** - Happy Victoria Day
- **Week of May 20** - Painted Lady Butterfly Kits Arriving
- **May 20 to May 24** - Happy Personal Support Workers Week!
- **May 22** - Resident Council Community Walk for Alzheimer's
- **May 23** - Birthday Party with Helen Stewart in the CAA
- **May 25** - Wine & Cheese Tasting in the CAA
- **May 27** - Country Drive & Ice Cream

Cruise Week At Brucelea Haven!

The week of April 15 to April 19, the residents of Brucelea Haven boarded the SS. Brucelea Maiden for a week of cruising to the Bahamas! Our Recreation Team did an incredible job decorating our home to make it feel like a cruise ship! Our 4 South dining room was also transformed into our Casino. What a week of fun!

We started the week off with a non-alcoholic Pina Colada Drink Bar, complete with fun straws and photo booth props to start the week off! Joe Passion boarded our Cruise Ship in the afternoon and entertained us with his 'Aloha Show'. We had a great afternoon and enjoyed this new entertainer! We can't wait to have him back again!

Day 2 of our Cruise Week brought us to Key West, Florida! We started the morning with Virtual Dancing on the 'Level 3 Promenade Deck' and spent the afternoon of the Caribbean cruise playing Bingo in the 'Grand Auditorium'. Participants even shouted 'Ahoy!' when they won their Bingo!

On Day 3 the SS Brucelea Maiden docked in Bimini, Bahamas for some hula hooping in the morning. We shared plenty of laughs and memories over this activity. In the afternoon we enjoyed entertainment by Brent Meidinger in the CAA. Brent always puts on a great show!

Day 4 of Cruise week brought us to Nassau, Bahamas. We spent the morning in the 'Casino Lounge' playing Blackjack, Euchre, and various card games. In the afternoon the Lutheran Church boarded our ship for an afternoon church service in the Chapel.

Day 5 of Cruise Week brought us back to port in Miami, Florida where we finished off our Cruise on the SS. Brucelea Maiden with a Formal Captain's Luncheon. The Recreation Team had our dining tables decorated beautifully and everyone sure looked great! Special Thank you to our Head Chef, Jeff and his crew for preparing the Captain's Burger for our Luncheon.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our week of fun! We would also like to thank Carson's Dry Cleaners in Hanover for donating formal wear for our Captain's Luncheon! We appreciate your generosity and kindness.

Until next year - Bon Voyage from the SS Brucelea Maiden!



2024/2025 Rate Reduction Application

If your loved one is currently receiving a rate reduction, please note the current cycle ends June 30, 2024. To reapply we require the 2023 Notice of Assessment. Please email/fax/drop off your loved one's 2023 Notice of Assessment to reception prior to June 15, 2024.

Email bruceleahavenreception@brucecounty.on.ca or Fax 519-881-0123



Family Council

The Family Council is a forum where members share experiences, learn, and exchange information for the purpose of enabling quality of life and care through dialogue and collaboration with each other, staff, families, and residents. The Council hosts regular meetings where members connect on issues of importance, receive information on home-level developments, engage in education, provide thoughtful leadership to Brucelea Haven on key issues and make suggestions for improvement. This Council tries to better the Home through constructive feedback and support. The focus of this group is on “whole home” issues. If you have a specific concern regarding your loved one, please reach out to a BLH team member.



Family Councils Ontario

The Council is a collective voice to improve services and care through collaboration and partnership. Brucelea Haven is looking to reestablish their Family Council. If you have any questions about the Family Council, please contact the Recreation & Leisure Manager, Katrina Tolton at 519-881-1570 ex. 315 or ktolton@brucecounty.on.ca. For more information on Family Councils, please visit: www.fco.ngo

Happy Personal Support Worker Week: May 20 To May 24

On May 20 to May 26, we will celebrate a very special occasion - Personal Support Worker Week - and to honor the exceptional staff at both Gateway Haven and Brucelea Haven. Each of you have shown exceptional dedication and compassion in your roles, significantly impacting the lives of those within the Bruce County long-term care community.

Your tireless efforts do not go unnoticed. The personal attention, care, and support you offer daily does not just meet the needs of those you look after, but often exceeds expectations, offering comfort and companionship to those who depend on you most. On behalf of everyone at Bruce County, we want you to know how much we appreciate everything you do. You are not just staff, you are heroes who improve the quality of life for every resident. So on the week of May 20 to May 26, we will celebrate you - our skilled, kind-hearted, and dedicated Personal Support Workers. Let this week serve as a reminder of how invaluable you are to our community and to each individual you touch with your work that provide support and warm smiles that brighten days.

At both Gateway and Brucelea, we will be:

- Involving residents in activities focused around messages of appreciation
- Variety of food and beverage activities to celebrate the contributions of PSWs
- Interactive activities throughout the week for all to participate.

Happy Mother’s Day

Happy Mother’s Day to all the women in our lives - the Mother’s, Grandmother’s, Sisters, Aunts, and Friends who enrich the lives of those they love.



Eclipse On March 18!

The residents of Brucelea Haven joined together on March 18 to safely watch the streaming of the lunar eclipse.



Easter Bunny Visits

Our 2nd Floor residents enjoyed a pancake lunch made by our Recreation Team and visits with the Easter Bunny on Easter Sunday!



Bus Trip To Belmore Maple Syrup Festival

On April 11, we traveled to Belmore to partake in the Belmore Maple Syrup Festival. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch with pancakes, sausage, and fresh local Maple Syrup. We also enjoyed looking at the craft show and listening to the live music.



Walk for Alzheimer's - May 22

The Residents and Resident Council of Brucelea Haven are participating in the Grey Bruce Walk for Alzheimer's on May 22. Our walk will begin at 2:00 PM, outdoors if the sun is shining and indoors otherwise.

If you are available on May 22 to support your loved one in participating in the walk, or have friends that would like to join us, please reach out to Katrina at ktolton@brucecounty.on.ca to RSVP by May 15. The more the merrier!

If you would like to make a donation towards the Brucelea Haven Residents Council Alzheimer fundraiser, please visit our page: www.alzgiving.ca/goto/brucelearesidents to donate.

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Grandfriends April Visit

Our Grade 8 Grandfriends returned on April 3 for a Spring Visit. We played games for the afternoon and shared stories with each other. We love this friendship we have created with this class. They look forward to visiting with us just as much as we do with them!



Happy Nurses Week: May 6 To May 10

This Year, for Nursing week (May 6 to May 12), we are extending our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the dedicated and compassionate nursing staff of Bruce County at both Gateway Haven and Brucelea Haven. Our sincere thanks go to the Registered Nurses, Registered Practical Nurses, and Nurse Practitioners at the heart of our community.

Every day, you bring not only expert care but also kindness and understanding to your roles, creating a nurturing environment for our residents and their families. Your commitment, especially in the past year, demonstrates a level of dedication that deserves recognition and celebration.

At both Gateway Haven and Brucelea Haven, you are more than just caregivers; you are crucial supports of the Bruce County long-term care community and the backbone of our homes. The strength you show in your every action, the comfort you provide to our residents, and the meticulous attention to their wellbeing, embody the highest standards of care.

During Nursing Week, each home will reflect on your invaluable contributions - from clinical excellence to the moments of personal connection that enhance the lives of our residents. You have each shared something profoundly meaningful with those in your care, fostering an environment where dignity, respect, and wellbeing are prioritized above all.

Let's use this week to acknowledge the sacrifices you make, the care you provide, and the impact you have. You are truly appreciated, not just during Nursing Week, but every day.

At Brucelea we plan to:

- Have activities that celebrate many attributes of those who make up our nursing team
- Helping each nurse to realize what we value most about their contributions.
- Provide several celebratory food and beverage events for our dedicated team of Nurses

Thank you, from all of us at Bruce County Long-Term Care.

David Latham - The Piano Man!

On April 10, we enjoyed a morning Sing-a-long with David Latham, the Piano Man! David was so entertaining and had us all clapping, singing along, and even dancing out of our seats! Looking forward to having David back in May!



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