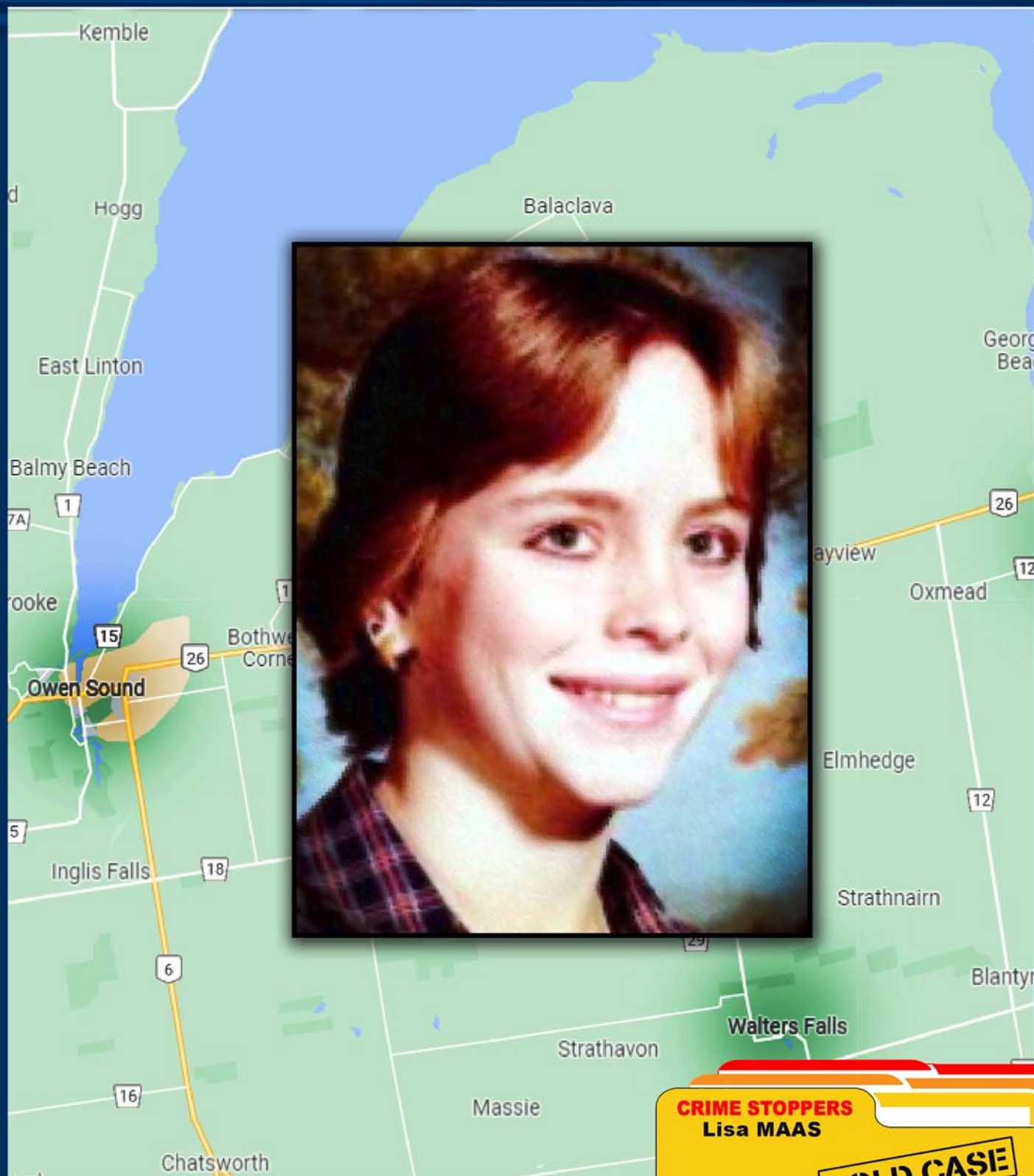


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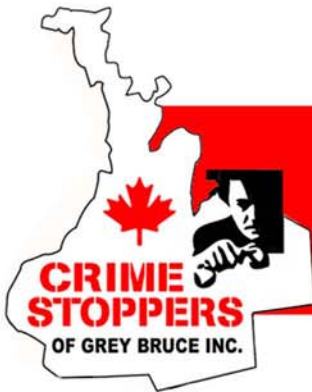
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A Legacy of Service To Others



by Drew Kalte

In April of this year Dean Rutherford, a long-time friend, supporter, and partner with Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce, passed away. Over his 18 years of service he has left a lot of memories and a strong legacy which has helped build the foundation by which this organization thrives upon to this day.

Dean began as full time Ontario Provincial Police Coordinator with Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce in 1998 until his retirement in 2016. Prior to being seconded to the program, Dean had been assigned to the Grey County OPP as a Constable, Detective Constable, and Court Officer.

Once Dean settled into his new role, he became instrumental in fundraising initiatives such as the Annual Golf Tournament, Bail-a-Thons, Markdale Ice Cream Festival, and Raffles, to name just a few. Dean, being an avid golfer, took a major role in the planning of the Annual Crime Stoppers Golf Tournaments. Dean played the role of “Crown Attorney” in each of

our Bail-a-Thon court sessions, where he presented comical charges against numerous “Jailbirds”, making these fund raisers very entertaining.

Dean was happy to attend public events such as maple festivals, fishing derbies, and fairs to work alongside the volunteers to meet and educate the public. Over the years, Dean attended many community group meetings, such as Women’s Institutes, Legions, and Rotary clubs, to give presentations about Crime Stoppers. Dean became the face and voice of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce due to his appearances on crime reenactments on CKNX TV and Rogers TV, as well as his voicing of “Crime of the Week” radio spots.

In 2002 the Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce program hosted the Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers (OACS) Training Conference at Blue Mountain Resort, and Dean worked alongside conference organizer Dolores Brosky in the planning of what would turn out to be a conference that “raised the bar” for subsequent OACS conferences.



Over the years, Dean had the good fortune of attending the Crime Stoppers International Training Conferences in Australia and Victoria BC, as well as several OACS Conferences hosted in Ontario, where he represented the twin counties program with professionalism and good humour.

Dean served as a police member on the OACS Board of Directors for several years, and was instrumental in arranging a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Finance for the handling of contraband tobacco tips; as well as coordinating the judging of the annual OACS Awards submissions.

Prior to Christmas time for several years, Dean took on the task of decorating our Santa Claus Parades float trailer, and many times he played the role of "The Grinch" locked in the jail, much to the de-

light and amusement of parade onlookers both young and old.

Even after his retirement, Dean remained involved with the Crime Stoppers program by reaching out to contacts to help obtain prizes for the organization's flagship golf tournament.

Dean spent a lot of time thinking about Crime Stoppers, remembering its successes of the past and sharing his thoughts for the future. Dean spent a lifetime that can be best described in a quote from Gandhi. "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Drew Kalte has spent over 25 years with Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. and is currently the Program Co-Ordinator.

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Tatto - Right Shoulder

Vital Statistics

Date Of Birth: March 16, 1966

Age at Time of Disappearance: 22 years old

Height and Weight: 4'10"; 96-97 lbs.

Distinguishing Characteristics: White female. Dark-blond, straight, shoulder length hair; hazel eyes. Three piercings in each ear. Thin build; fair complexion. Sometimes wears glasses.

Tattoos: She has a mouse tattoo on her left shoulder.

Clothing: She was last seen wearing blue jeans, white running shoes and a light blue sweatshirt with Mickey Mouse embossed on the front.

Medical Conditions: She was five months pregnant at the time of her disappearance.



Jewellery Worn



This is the jewellery Lisa was believed to be wearing at the time of her disappearance. Special attention could be made at Pawn Shops, Flea Markets or estate sales

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Four-day excavation strikes out...

...but they keep looking anyway



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Lisa was last seen on the morning of Sunday, July 17th, 1988, leaving a house party in Woodford, Ontario. Although she arrived at the party with a girlfriend and male acquaintance, her girlfriend stayed behind when Lisa left. The male acquaintance left with Lisa. According to his statement, he drove Lisa back to her car and she left for home.

Two days after her disappearance, Lisa's green 1976 Plymouth Fury was found on a blind road running through a farmer's property. The car had been stuck in the mud and there were indications that attempts were made to dislodge the car. The car's doors and trunk lid were found open. The contents of the car were strewn about and one window was partially down. Maas' driver's license was found in the tall grass along side road 24 a few kilometres southeast of Annan.

A dedicated group of volunteers working with an organization called "Please Bring Me Home" (PBMH) is still looking for signs of Lisa Maas's remains. Dozens of volunteers searched and dug through deep debris in a crevice near Woodford for four days. Nothing was found but the exercise showed how strong the community commitment is to find her.

They hauled out garbage from the secluded waste dump and known party spot on land owned by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority. The crevice is well known to locals and is along the Niagara Escarpment.

Volunteers, accompanied by loaned heavy equipment from Walker industries among others, removed car parts, tires and a few hundred bone fragments which

were tested not to be human by an anthropologist.

Unfortunately there was no sign of Maas, the pregnant 22-year-old whose 1988 disappearance after leaving a Woodford party still remains a mystery.

Nick Oldrieve, a co-founder of PBMH, recounted the search and described plans to keep searching. He said this was reported to be a high-hopes site in the eyes of searchers after a black purse like Lisa's was found there in a three-day search last summer. South of Highway 26 where Concession Road 4 North turns into a trail known to locals.

Tips to the web site of PBMH started in Ontario in 2018 but Oldrieve and friends began searching in 2016 for Lisa. One of the earliest tips pointed somewhere near the Bognor Marsh. Tips such as a road leading to the back of Bognor Marsh and a separate tip leading to where people party and dump garbage.

Oldrieve believed, from tips received, that some people knew where Lisa's remains are or even helped hide her and would frequent this area. "So they knew it existed, this specific crevice," Oldrieve reported to local media. "We were shown this location by someone that I believe could hold keys to crack this case wide open." The significance of the location is now "up for debate."

"Please Bring Me Home's" Facebook page documents the excavation. Oldrieve estimated garbage was piled almost five metres at its deepest. The crevice searched is about 15 metres long and three metres wide, Oldrieve said.

About 60 volunteers participated in all, includ-



ing a few friends of Lisa Maas. They started August 28th and continued for three days. Twenty people per day joined in, including Dave and Jim Hanna.

The Hannas' sister, Lois, disappeared in 1988, two weeks before Lisa. Her story will be the cover feature for the Fall edition of *TIPSTER Magazine*.

The 25-year-old had attended a homecoming dance in Lucknow, returned home in Kincardine and didn't attend work the next day. "Please Bring Me Home" volunteers have conducted extensive searches for her too.

Oldrieve said Hanna's brothers brought a tractor and big feed bags, which were lowered by machinery donated by Walker Aggregates into the crevice. They were filled with debris and hoisted back up, greatly speeding up the work. Two of Lisa's friends now work at Walker, which is how the company got involved.

The bags were placed in the tractor's shovel and emptied into a bin, donated by Miller Waste, to sift and sort debris.

It was reported a woman named Joan, who helped out with the search, said she went with Lisa Maas to Sauble Beach before Lisa attended the party in Woodford the night she went missing. Stories were rumoured that Lisa went to Orangeville that day but this woman refuted that rumour. She had discussed it with her parents but subsequent evidence indicates she had not.

Keefer Falls, near Annan, is another point of interest and close to where Lisa's ransacked car was found stuck on a path after she disappeared. Oldrieve told a reporter that "Keefer Falls is obvious because

it's a garbage dump, it's right there. It's the most opportune place to dump a body, to be honest." He proposes to clean up the site and in doing so, strike off another prime search location.

Police advise, however, they searched that area and so did Lisa's father, Ken Reimer, with others. During Reimer's visit they found a fishing net said to have come from Lisa's car, which raises a question for Oldrieve about the thoroughness of the search.

Further, hunters in that area marked a spot where they found what they believed to be a shallow grave the year after Lisa went missing. Oldrieve said they were going to contact authorities but coincidentally a story ran that the police were searching behind the Woodford house party so they did not call police.

The hunters contacted Oldrieve's group three years ago and said they could find the area again and is one of several follow-ups to come.

Please Bring Me Home?



Please Bring Me Home? is a non profit organization whose goal is to solicit tips and investigate missing persons cold cases from across Canada. Their volunteers have experience in law enforcement, social work, reporting, forensics and private investigation. Tips supplied to Crime Stoppers are confidential and anonymous.

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A Safe Summer Means Obeying Boating Laws



Province-wide shoreline boat speed restriction of 10 km\h within 30 meters of shore is in effect remind police

With sunny skies and warmer temperatures, predicted for this summer, OPP are reminding boaters that they field numerous complaints about boats operating at high rates of speed on area lakes and rivers. Operating boats at a high rate of speed puts both swimmers and other vessel occupants at risk.

Vessel operators have many responsibilities when travelling on waterways says an OPP news release.

Operators must have a valid Pleasure Craft Operator Card as well as all necessary safety equipment required by law for the style and size of their vessel. Every person onboard must have an approved personal flotation device or lifejacket, appropriate for their size.

Although not the law, it is a good idea to wear

your life jacket, particularly in smaller crafts and operators should ensure they have attached the tether kill switch cord.

A province-wide-shoreline speed restriction of 10 km\h within 30 meters of shore is in effect whether posted or not.

Exceptions include:

- Towing where the boat is heading on a 90 degree angle from the shoreline;
- Rivers less than 100m wide, as well as canals and buoyed channels;
- Areas where Transport Canada approved speed limits are already in place.

“Operating boats at high rates of speed in narrow waterways and rivers unnecessarily puts people and property at risk,” says Inspector Tyler Sturgeon, “It is not only a matter of respect for others using our waterways - it is a matter of public safety and potential legal consequences.”

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- Erosion of shorelines and destruction to wildlife habitat;
- Damage to moored boats and docks.

Operating in a Dangerous Manner is operating a pleasure craft or any water skis, surfboard, water sled, or other towed device in a manner that causes danger to the public given the nature and condition of the waters and the activities that may reasonably be expected to occur at that time. Do not:

- Buzz other boats or PWCs.
- Try to spray swimmers with the wake from your pleasure craft.
- Cut in front of or try to jump the wake of other boats or PWCs.

The OPP would also like to remind boaters that police officers are able to demand a roadside or boating breath demand from any lawful stopped driver/operator to determine whether a person has alcohol in their body without first having to suspect the motorist/boater has been drinking.

"Impaired boating is Impaired driving," says the release. "Operating a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is an offence under the Criminal

Code of Canada. There is no difference between impaired driving and impaired boating in the eyes of the Criminal Code of Canada."

The laws for recreational boating are there to ensure the safety for all who enjoy our waterways. And while some deficiencies or activities may result in a fine, failing to consider the impacts of your behaviours could find you being held financially accountable for damages or harm caused. For more information on boat safety, equipment requirements for your boat and recreational boating laws visit www.boatingsafety.gc.ca.

There is no need for anyone to feel they can do nothing about illegal boaters. An anonymous call to Crime Stoppers may just be the ticket to a quieter and safer summer for all.

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Stolen Truck Destroyed



On January 15, 2021 at 4:40 p.m. police responded to the theft of a pick-up truck from an address in Georgian Bluffs. Later that day, the thieves stole a wallet and used the credit cards to purchase fuel and other items. The stolen pick-up was later found abandoned after having been set on fire and destroyed. Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying two persons of interest as pictured above.

Major Theft in Meaford

Sometime between May 23, 2022 and May 26, 2022, culprits attended a property along Highway 26 in the Municipality of Meaford and stole several items, including:

- 2017 American Hauler cargo trailer - VIN 593200J27H1056367 bearing Ontario plate P3042W
- CAMSO UTV - 4S1 tracks for Honda side-by-side
- Two sets of winter tires on steel rims
- Honda lawn mower - model HRS2166PKC with serial number MZBZ6585699
- Honda weed eater - head model UMC435LAC1, head serial number HAMT2000960 / Brush Cutter model SSBCC with serial number SBCC1003941
- Thule bike rack - hitch mount
- Kubota Land Pride Rear finishing mower with rear discharge - model number FDR1660 with serial number 1587114
- Kubota Land Pride box blade - 66" width with model number BB1266 and serial number 1732011
- Horst welding pallet forks - model number HD2048 with serial number 21LA73571
- Various gardening tools (shovels, rake, etc)
- Mastercraft table saw
- Mastercraft wet saw
- Several gas cans
- Miscellaneous pieces of wood
- Some smaller tools used for installing tile
- Red snowblower with a 30" cut

On May 25, 2022 a white Ford pickup truck, possibly a 2010 or 2011 model with chrome rims, entered the property and later left eastbound on Highway 26; and this pickup truck is of interest to police.



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Major high-value jewellery theft

Thornbury



Police are seeking the public's help locating three suspects in connection with a jewelry theft at a business in Thornbury on the afternoon of June 11. Police have released a photo of the three suspects and are asking anyone with information to call. The three suspects were last seen driving a white late-model Dodge Caravan according to police.



Three suspects entered a Thornbury business on the afternoon of June 11 and proceeded to distract the store clerk, a police media release said. While some of the suspects distracted the employee, another one of the suspects gained entry to a display case and stole over 50 articles of jewellery worth several thousands of dollars.

Armed Robbery

Harriston

On June 22, 2022, at approximately 3:00 p.m. Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a reported bank robbery on Elora Street South, Harriston. It was reported that three persons armed with handguns had entered the busi-



ness and stole a quantity of currency before fleeing south on Elora Street in a silver sedan.

Both staff and customers were in the bank during the robbery. Investigators continue to examine the incident.



Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce received a generous donation of \$1,000 from the Hanover Walmart Supercentre Team in June. Walmart's ongoing support through their Community Grant program is greatly appreciated and helps make our communities safer.

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Trailer Theft in Hepworth

On November 12, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. three unknown suspects attended a residence on Spencer Street in Hepworth and stole a Puma travel trailer. The suspects departed in two vehicles with the trailer in tow behind a white pickup truck with what is believed to be a forged “U-Haul” sign stuck to the door on the side; and a silver vehicle believed to be a Subaru.

Sexual Assault



The incident took place in the early afternoon on April 22, 2022 at a privately owned business located at Blue Mountain Resort. It was at this location that a female was sexually assaulted. Police are asking for the public’s help in identifying the person in the attached photo to assist in the on-going investigation.

Suspected Child Luring

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce and the South Bruce OPP are seeking the public's help in identifying a suspicious driver and vehicle.

An elementary school age child was walking to school on Mackendrick Drive in Kincardine at 9:05 a.m. on April 14, 2022, when the child noticed a full-size pickup truck passed her several times.

At one point the male driver exited the pickup truck across the street from the child. The child kept her distance and continued on to school. The driver entered back into his vehicle and drove away, heading westbound on Russell Street. There was no conversation or contact between the adult and child.

The suspicious vehicle is described as a black newer model full size pickup truck with a tonneau cover.

The driver was described as male, between 30 to 40 years of age, at least 5'11", and wearing a black surgical face mask, a black hoodie, and blue jeans.

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Ontario couple loses more than \$100,000 in elaborate scam

An elderly couple in Petawawa, Ont. lost more than \$100,000 in an elaborate scam that took place over six months, police say.

It started last August when the couple received a call from someone posing as a law enforcement official who told them their credit card had been compromised and used fraudulently.

That turned out to be true; there were false charges on the card. Police say it's possible the scammer made those purchases before calling.

"The scammers could have somehow obtained that credit card number, put on a couple of purchases, and then followed up with a phone call," OPP Const. Shawn Peever said.

It certainly adds believability to the scammers when they make that initial call and say, 'You know, your credit card's been compromised.'"

The scammer told the couple their bank accounts were at risk and their money needed to be moved for safekeeping.

What followed was a six-month ordeal. Police

say the victims allowed the scammer access to their computer and online banking accounts. The couple also sent thousands of dollars in cash and electronically to locations in Canada, Europe and India.

The victims also sent personal information to the suspect, including void cheques and a photo of a driver's licence.

In February, the victims asked for their money back. When it wasn't returned, they realized they had been scammed and reported it to police.

Upper Ottawa Valley OPP are reminding anyone who's been defrauded or contacted by a scammer to reach out to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre or local police.



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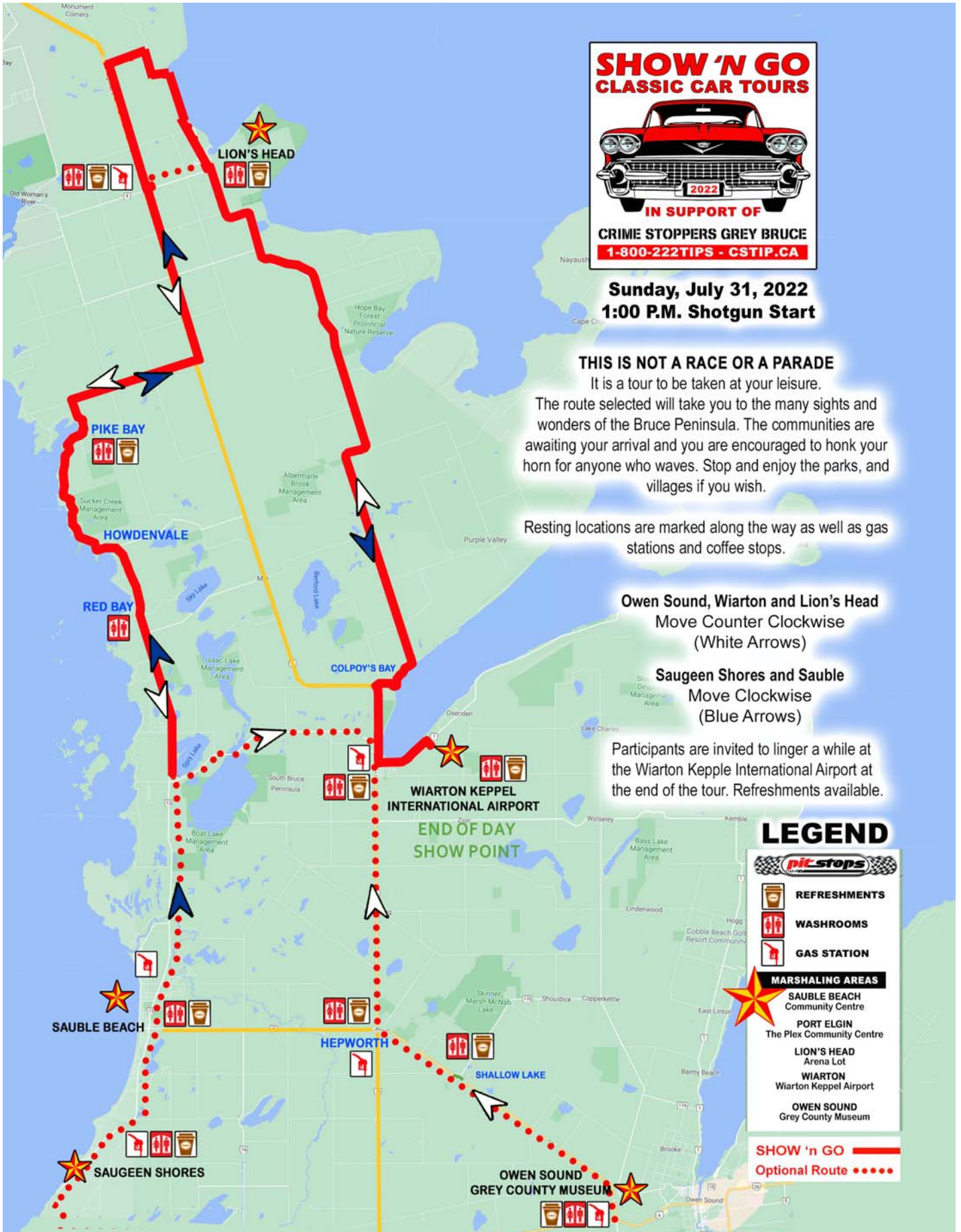
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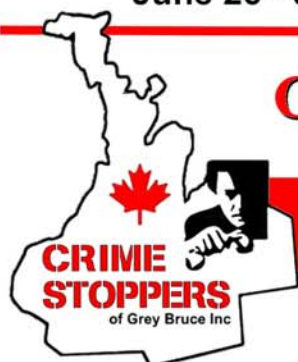
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