

Boarding the stage to the Grey Cup

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The stagecoach Ride to the 100th Grey Cup in Toronto later this month is about to become a reality for some Kincardine folks that have been working on it for some time now.

The four-day ride commences on Sunday Nov. 18, with overnight stops in Walkerton, Harriston, Arthur and Orangeville, leading up to the big game on Nov. 25, 2012.

"We even have a couple of home town lads flying in from Alberta to join in on the ride," said organizer Brad Kirkconnell. "We are carrying on the tradition of our forefathers that did similar rides in 1960 and 1971. It's all about promoting Kincardine and the 100th Grey Cup that will be our goal throughout the ride."

Partnering with Municipality of Kincardine Tourism, which provided funds for signage featuring the municipal website www.kincardine.net, Kirkconnell said past rides have also been to bring awareness of the community to the rest of the country.

The ride will also be a challenge physically, he said, adding the clothing and distance in cold weather will both take its toll.

"We'll be decked out in western gear, so it might be a chilly ride but we're looking forward to it," said Kirkconnell.

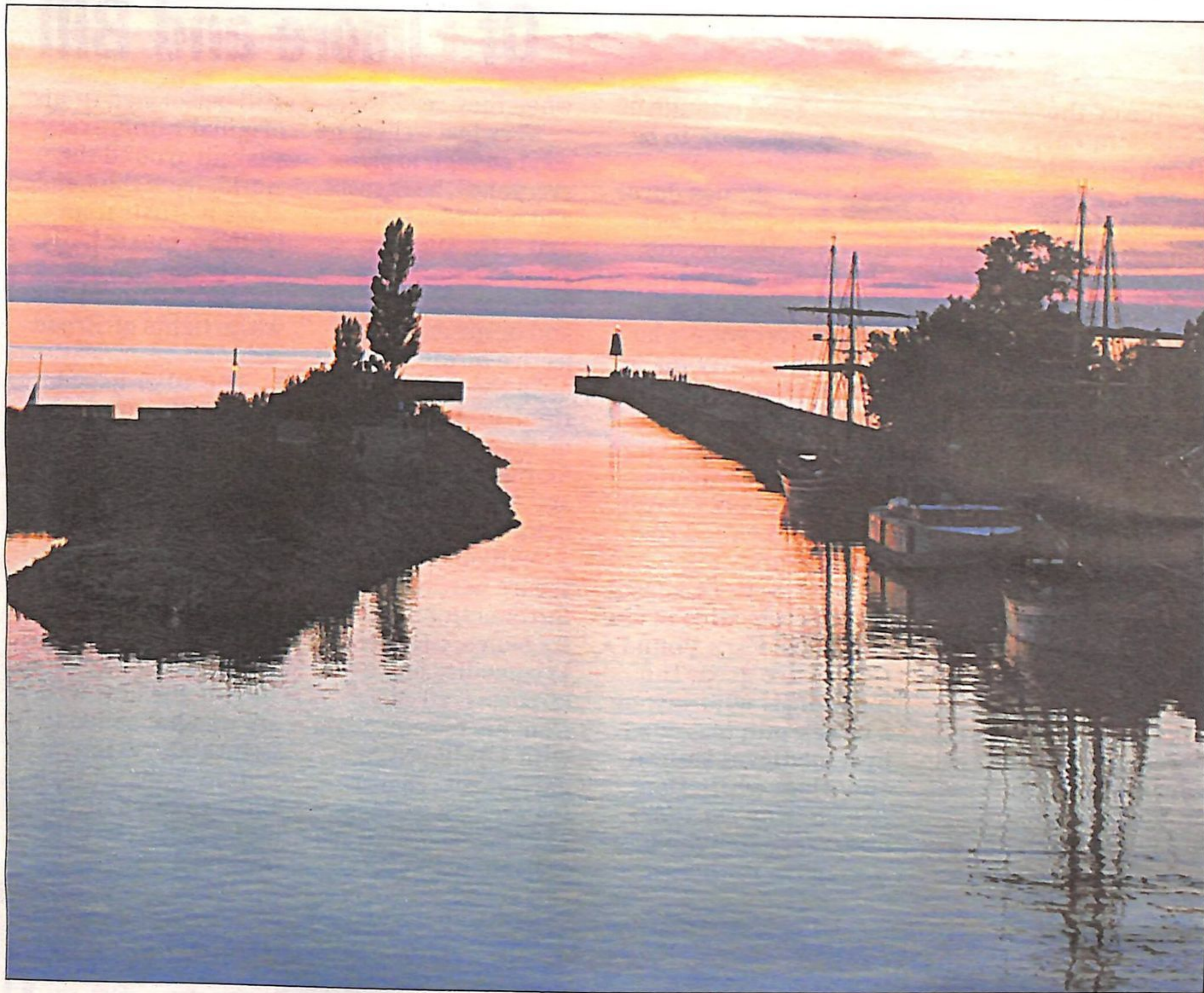
Don Scott owns the stagecoach, but the driver and owner of the horses "Chip & Dale" that will making the 250km trip is Ken Bradley of Kincardine.

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Kincardine's Brad Kirkconnell, right, and Ken MacDonald sit aboard the Kincardine 100th Grey Cup Express Stage Coach that will be the focus of attention during a ride from Kincardine to Orangeville, promoting the community along the way. The stagecoach will be transported from Orangeville to Toronto, in order to take part in the Grey Cup Festival. Previous rides were done from Kincardine in 1960 and 1971. (TROY PATTERSON/KINCARDINE NEWS)

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A glorious view

A breathtaking sunset over the calm lake captures the reflection of the Toronto Brigantine Tall Ships, Pathfinder and Playfair, while they were docked in the Kincardine harbour on Saturday, Aug. 24. A number of people stopped to take photos of the sunset and the ships after the Gathering of the Bands parade. (Barb McKay photo)