



The Cornerstone

Township Of O'Connor

FEBRUARY 2024



PLEASE NOTE that the Township Office is closed for Family Day Monday, February 19th.

2024 INTERIM TAX BILLS

The Interim tax bills will be mailed out during the first week of February. These bills will include the first two of four installments for the 2024 year. Due dates for the Interim Tax Bills are February 29th and April 30th. The interim billing is based on 50% of your previous years property taxes. Once the 2024 budget is approved and the rates have been finalized, the final billing, which includes the last two installments for 2024 will be issued. Payments of cash or cheque can be dropped off at the Municipal Office located at 330 Highway 595. Alternative methods of payment include internet or telephone banking. **The Township no longer accepts e-transfers.** For more information, please call the Municipal Office at 476-1451.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meetings of Council will be held at 330 Highway 595:

Monday, February 12th at 7 p.m. - Regular Meeting, Council Chambers

⇒ Council to review Administration Fees at this meeting.

Monday, February 26th at 7 p.m. - Regular Meeting, Council Chambers

To view meeting agendas, please visit the Township Website at www.oconnortownship.ca to access them through the "Council" page.

Council welcomes your involvement.

Mayor: Jim Vezina, 807-577-6735

Councillors:

Alex Crane, 807-473-9420

John Sobolta, 807-624-8025

Brendan Rea, 807-708-5122

Carly Torkkeli, 807-620-2579

Employment Opportunities -

By-Law Enforcement Officer, Casual

The Township of O'Connor, along with the Municipality of Neebing and the Township's of Conmee and Gillies, are currently looking to hire an individual for casual employment as By-Law Enforcement Officer.

For full job descriptions or more information, please visit the Township Website at www.oconnortownship.ca under "Careers," or call 807-476-1451. Applications are to be dropped off to Clerk-Treasurer Buob at the O'Connor Township Office at 330 Highway 595 or emailed to twpoconn@tbaytel.net on or before Monday, January 22nd, 2024 by 4:30 p.m. Please indicate which position you are applying for. Council will review applications at their meeting to be held later that evening.

WINTER SNOWPLOWING

When plowing and shoveling snow from driveways, residents are reminded that **it is illegal to push the snow across any roadway**. Ridges that are left on the road can cause a potential hazard to motorists and ridges left at the sides of the road is hazardous for road crews should it freeze before they have the chance to plow it.

Please use caution and slow down when approaching plow trucks on Municipal roads and Provincial highways and let them do their job to ensure roads are clear and safe to drive. **Also ensure that pets are not running out to the road as they could get hit.**

Be cautious in inclement weather, slow down and always be aware of other drivers. It is important to check your winter tire pressure on a regular basis as the cold temperatures can decrease tire pressure. Please drive safe.

Please Note: Severe storms may delay the clearing of the roads despite the best efforts of our road maintenance crew. Please be patient.

Emergency Contacts:

Medical Emergencies: 911

Fire: 911 Police: 911

Police Non-Emergency 1-888-310-1122

Municipal Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday:

9:00 am to Noon & 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Fridays: 9:00 am to Noon

Office Phone: 807-476-1451

Fax: 807-473-0891

Garage: 807-476-1453

Community Centre: 807-476-1452

Website: www.oconnortownship.ca

E-mail: twpoconn@tbaytel.net

Find the Cornerstone on our website!

Disposal Site Hours:

Winter Hours (Sept 1-Mar 31)

Tuesdays 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Summer Hours (Apr 1-Aug 31)

Tuesdays 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Volunteer Fire Department:

O'Connor needs Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders! For more Information or questions on volunteering, please see page 2.

Dog Control Officer:

Margaret Foster 807-632-1235

Building Permits:

By-law Number 2016-12, being a by-law respecting Construction, Demolition, Inspections, and to set out the rates for permits within the Corporation of the Township of O'Connor states that building permits will be required for the construction, erection, alteration, repair, removal, relocation and change of use of all buildings, decks or structures within the Township of O'Connor. If you are building anything larger than **161.2** square feet or any building with heating and/or plumbing, you are required to apply for a building permit. For more information, please call the Township Office or the Township's **Chief Building Official, Martin Tempelman, at 807-630-9726 or email to cbomartint@gmail.com**

Applications are available on the Township Website or at the Township Office.

Oliver Paipoonge Library Hours:

Rosslyn - Tues & Thurs 10-8 pm

Fridays 10-3 pm

Saturdays 1-4 pm

Murillo - Mon & Wed 10-8 pm

Saturdays 9 am-12 noon

Email: oplibrary@tbaytel.net

<http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca/>

Thunder Bay District Health Unit:

807-625-5900 Toll Free: 888-294-6630

Telehealth Ontario: 1-866-797-0000

Call Ontario 2-1-1 to find programs and services in your area.

Council would like to welcome Brendan Rea as Councillor for the Township of O'Connor.

At the January 22, 2024 Council meeting, Council gave a warm welcome to Brendan Rea as their newest member. Brendan was selected to fill the vacant seat on council, following the passing of Councillor Bishop Racicot. He was the candidate with the most votes, after those elected, during the 2018 Municipal Elections. He was sworn in during the regular meeting of Council on Monday, January 22, 2024.

Brendan grew up in Oliver-Paipoonge, settling in O'Connor Township in 2019. In 2020, he joined the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department becoming a Volunteer Firefighter, as well as joining the O'Connor First Response Team and Auxiliary. Brendan is also a member of the O'Connor Rink Committee, helping prepare and maintain the skating rink.

Happy Valentine's Day

to all O'Connor residents and their families.

*From the Council and Staff of the
Township of O'Connor.*

O'CONNOR SKATING RINK ~ THE RINK IS READY!!!

Thank you so much to all the volunteers that stepped up to get the rink ready this season.

Please Note - If you are going skating, please use caution as the warmer weather is having effect on the ice.

If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please call Erin at 807-629-8792. Your help is appreciated!



O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Book your next special occasion at the O'Connor Community Centre. Maximum capacity in the Community Centre is 162 people. If a liquor license is required, the Centre's capacity is 132 people. Please call the Township Office at 807-476-1451 for more information or to book your event.



Dogs Running at Large

The staff of the Township of O'Connor would like to give a friendly reminder to check your dog's leashes and collars inspecting for cracks, tears and breaks, and batteries in your battery operated dog leashes. If you are having trouble with dogs running at large, please contact the Township's Dog Control Officer, Margaret Foster at 807-632-1235.

O'CONNOR TOQUES FOR SALE

\$15 EACH

Stop by the Township Office to get a toque. Orange, blue or white available. Cash or cheque payments only. Cheques should be made out to "The O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary."



SMOKE DETECTORS & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SAVE LIVES



The O'Connor Fire Department has for purchase:

Kidde Smoke Alarms.....\$25.00

Kidde Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms.....\$25.00

Kidde Combination Smoke/CO Alarms.....\$50.00

These units can be picked up at the O'Connor Township Office during regular office hours.

EMERGENCY INFORMATIONS FORMS

As a small community, Staff and Council are always concerned for our residents' well-being. By filling out an Emergency Information Form, Staff will have the information they need to ensure that your needs are being met during an emergency or in the event of an emergency evacuation.

All information is kept confidential and used only in the event of an emergency. Don't need help in an emergency, but want to help your community? This information is also on the form! See the enclosed insert to fill out or find the Emergency Information Form on our website under "Emergency Services."

Email completed forms to twoconn@tbaytel.net, or drop off to the Township Office at 330 Highway 595.

Thank you.



Talk to neighbours, family, & friends about your winter preparedness plans. Discuss how you can support others to stay safe & comfortable if an emergency occurs.

More tips: ontario.ca/BePrepared
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O'CONNOR EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

Please sign up for O'Connor's Emergency Text Messaging Service. It is free of charge to you and phone numbers are for this service only. Stay informed on road closures, emergencies, municipal events and updates happening in O'Connor Township. Instructions for the Township of O'Connor Emergency Text Messaging System can be found on the Township Website "Emergency Services." Please see the insert for instructions.

PLEASE NOTE: The text messaging service is for outgoing messages only. If you wish to send us a message, please do so by emailing us at twoconn@tbaytel.net. Please do not respond to the delivered text messages as these are not checked on a regular basis.



Volunteer Fire Department News

Since our last newsletter, the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department received 0 Fire calls and 2 First Response calls.

FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

- * Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly to make sure they are in good working order.
- * Keep salt on hand to prevent falls on your driveway/ steps/walkway.
- * Make sure fire extinguishers are properly stored, easily accessible, charged and undamaged. Also make sure everyone in your household knows how and when to use it.
- * Keep your fire numbers visible from the road and driveways wide enough for emergency vehicles.
- * Review your Home Fire Escape Plan with the family, and talk to your neighbours to see how you can support one another in the event of an emergency.

For more information on fire safety, please check the Township website at www.oconnortownship.ca or ask the Township Office staff for available information pamphlets.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER! WE NEED YOU!!

The Township of O'Connor is looking for volunteers for O'Connor's Volunteer Fire Department and First Response Team. Volunteer firefighter training occurs on a weekly on-going basis and now is the perfect time to join our team. Our community needs more volunteers to ensure that in the event of an emergency, our residents will be taken care of as fast as possible.

For questions on volunteering for the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department, First Response and/or Auxiliary, please call:

Fire Chief Henry Mattas at 807-628-3523

Volunteer Fire Department

Leanne at 807-475-5828

Volunteer First Response

Cheri at 807-621-5768

Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Applications to join the team can be found on the Township website at www.oconnortownship.ca.

Your Volunteer time could make a difference in someone else's life.

HYDRO ONE POWER OUTAGES

HOW TO CONTACT HYDRO ONE

In case of an emergency or power outage you can reach us by calling our emergency number below.

HYDRO ONE POWER OUTAGE & EMERGENCY LINE

1-800-434-1235 - Use this number to report a power outage, fallen tree hazard or emergency (24 hours, 7 days a week).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency or power interruption we encourage you to take a moment to visit HydroOne.com, or follow Hydro One on Twitter to check power outages and safety information.

SIGN UP FOR OUTAGE ALERTS VIA TEXT OR EMAIL

Outage Alerts give you the information you need to plan around them. You'll also be able to report an outage by text! When you sign up to receive Outage Alerts by text or email, we'll let you know when the power is out, restoration updates throughout the power outage and once the power has been restored.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT/FIRST RESPONSE/ AUXILIARY MEMBERS

this month featuring

Volunteer Auxiliary Member President Cheri Biloski



Cheri grew up in O'Connor Township and has remained in O'Connor for 63 of her 64 years. She lives next door to her parents, Pat and Tony. She and her husband Ron have 4 awesome kids, Ron Jr., Suzanne, Michael and Greg. She is also blessed with two beautiful daughters in law, Emily and Genevieve, and four amazing grandchildren, Felix, Aurelie, Hayden and Seth. Cheri graduated grade 12 at Selkirk School in Thunder Bay. She completed hairdressing school in 1980 and is currently employed by Canada Post, working at the Kakabeka Post Office.

Cheri first joined the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary when sons, Greg and Michael (who had already joined the Volunteer Fire Department), and Mike Styles begged her to join to initiate fundraising for the department. She couldn't say no.

Cheri enjoys working with the fire department and first response teams. She says that O'Connor has the best teams around and she is extremely proud of them. She feels that everyone is always looking out for one another no matter what and are always eager to jump in and help her whenever there is a fundraiser idea to organize. She says she can always count on them to go above and beyond.

Cheri is a very outgoing people person that loves to volunteer for her church any township function. She extends her time to other communities or to whomever needs help. Every Easter for the last 4 years, she prepares a meal that she and Ron deliver to seniors in the area on Good Friday. She loves giving back to those who have been there for her when she was growing up. Cheri loves to cook. 90% of her time is spent in the kitchen. She loves to read go camping, spend time with family and friends, and volunteer where she can. She also sends encouragement daily to a wonderful group of people and friends.

Cheri prides herself on being an ordinary country girl trying to make the world and her community a great place to live. In the future, Cheri wants to keep fundraising for her awesome department for as long as she can. When she retires, Cheri would like to spend time with her family, assist her parents, have more kitchen time, travel and volunteer.

One of Cheri's favorite recipes to make is Texas Brownies. See page 10 to get the recipe.

BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY:

Learn how you can be prepared for emergencies by making an emergency plan

Make a Plan

In an emergency, your household may not be together, or you may be asked to evacuate your home. Thinking about what you would do in different situations and making a plan with every member of your household is the first step to being prepared.

Emergency communications plan

During an emergency, network damage or a jammed system may make it difficult to call someone locally. It may be easier to reach someone using either text messaging, social media or a long-distance call.

Discuss with your household which method(s) you will try to get in touch with each other. Identify one or two out-of-town contacts you and your household members can call or text to connect through and share information. Be sure they live far enough away so they will likely not be affected by the same emergency.

Record your 2 main emergency contacts in your mobile device, post the information somewhere that is easily accessible and visible for your household members to get to and ensure a copy is kept in your emergency preparedness kit.

Make sure everyone in your household, as well as your two key contacts, knows how to use text messaging. During emergencies, these messages may often get through even when phone calls may not. Always keep your communication devices fully charged.

Evacuation plan

In case you are asked to evacuate your home, or even your area, select two safe locations you could go to. One should be nearby, such as our local community centre. The other one should be farther away, outside of your neighbourhood, in case the emergency affects a large area.

Record your safe meeting places, make sure all household members are aware of the locations and keep a copy in your emergency preparedness kit.

You should also plan how you would travel to a safe location if evacuation was advised. Have an emergency kit ready to take with you. If you have pets, think of someone who can take your pet(s) if you have to leave your home. Often, only service animals are allowed at reception centres.

Record the following safety information, post it somewhere that is easily accessible and visible for your household and ensure a copy is kept in your emergency preparedness kit:

- my evacuation route
- location of my emergency kit
- location and contact information for pet assistance

Safety in your home

Evacuation route

Make sure everyone in your household knows how to safely exit your home—by a main exit and an alternate one. Be sure to consider your living situation. For instance, if you live in a high-rise building and have accessibility needs, talk to your building manager or neighbours to make arrangements, if necessary.

- Review safe exits from home and record them.

Emergency numbers

Keep a list of emergency numbers at the ready and make sure all members of your household know where they are. Teach children when and how to dial 9-1-1 and other key numbers they may need to call. Here are some numbers you should consider having on this list:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| • 9-1-1 (where available) | • poison control |
| • police | • relatives & friends who can lend support in a crisis |
| • fire | • insurance contact |
| • family doctor | • utility companies |
| • Telehealth | |

Fire and other safety

Follow general household safety rules for smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers. More information on how many to have, where to place them, and how often to check and replace them can be obtained from your local fire department.

- Review household fire and other safety measures and record them.

Utility shut-off procedure

Every adult in your household, and older children, should know how to turn off main utilities—water, electricity, gas. In certain emergencies, authorities will ask that these be turned off for safety reasons. Write out instructions, if needed, and post somewhere visible. Everyone should also know where the floor drain is located and ensure that it is not obstructed, in case of flooding.

- Review directions to turn-off utilities—including water valve, electrical panel and gas valve—and record them.

Important documents

Make copies of important documents—insurance, main identification documents like a driver's licence, passport, birth and marriage certificates, and wills. Keep these with your plan in a safe place. Consider sharing copies with out-of-town relatives or friends, or keep a set in a safety deposit box.

- Create a packet of important documents.

#BePrepared & fire safe this winter. If you are a home owner, have your home inspected & check and replace them ensure it's not a fire hazard.

More tips: ontario.ca/page/winter-storms

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DISPOSAL SITE

DISPOSAL SITE CARDS

Please remember that everyone must **bring their Disposal Site Card** to the site when disposing of garbage as new staff get to know everyone.

SPEEDING PROHIBITED

As health and safety is of the utmost importance to the Township of O'Connor Council, we would like to ask that drivers take extreme caution driving through the disposal site. Please **no speeding** as it puts our staff and residents at risk of major injury. If anyone visiting the site notes a vehicle driving dangerously, please note the make, model and colour of the vehicle, as well as the licence plate if possible and report to the Township Office.

FLUORESCENT TUBES & HAZARDOUS WASTE

Please note that hazardous waste, including fluorescent bulbs is not permitted at the O'Connor Disposal Site. Other examples of hazardous waste items not permitted at the O'Connor Disposal Site are:

- ⇒ Paint and Hazardous Coatings, Solvents
- ⇒ Pharmaceuticals
- ⇒ Drain Cleaner
- ⇒ Spot Remover
- ⇒ Household Cleaners
- ⇒ Mercury Thermometers
- ⇒ Household Batteries
- ⇒ Oven Cleaner
- ⇒ Used Motor Oil, Antifreeze
- ⇒ Spent Fluorescent Tubes and Compact Fluorescent Bulbs
- ⇒ Empty Propane Tanks
- ⇒ Herbicides, Pesticides, Fertilizers, Insecticides

For more information on recycling and disposing of your items and hazardous waste, please visit the Township Website at twoconn@tbaytel.net and check out our Waste Disposal Guide on the Disposal Site page.

The Council & Staff of O'Connor Township would like to wish all residents and their families a Happy Family Day this Monday, February 19th.

HAT FOUND

If anyone knows the owner of this tilly hat, please have them contact the Township Office at 807-476-1451. It was found on the Township grounds. Thank you.



DONATE YOUR:

- ⇒ POP CANS ⇒ BEER CANS
- ⇒ LIQUOR BOTTLES ⇒ BEER BOTTLES

FOR THE O'CONNOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT!

HELP OUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RAISE MONEY BY PUTTING YOUR CANS AND BOTTLES IN THE SPECIALIZED BINS FOR O'CONNOR!

The O'Connor Fire Department Auxiliary has pop & beer can, beer & liquor bottle bins at the O'Connor Disposal Site, the O'Connor Fire Hall, Kakabeka Falls Public School and Green Acres Variety. Using these bins, rather than the regular recycling bins, helps raise money for the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department equipment thus reducing the tax dollars needed during budget time.

FEELING EXTRA CHARITABLE??

Remove your pop can tabs and drop them off at the Township of O'Connor Office for the March of Dimes.

O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CLUB

ATTENTION PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS!!!

The O'Connor Community Club needs new members to help organize children's events!

Please join us at our next meeting or contact Lorna or Linda at 807-476-1451 for more information.

All are welcome to attend. Regular meetings are flexible to adhere to members availability. We are always looking for new members, event ideas or activities to organize! Please join us to that social events continue to happen in O'Connor.



RURAL 60 PLUS

5 Pineview Road, Kakabeka Falls
807-475-5779, www.rural60plus.ca, rural60@tbaytel.net

MONDAYS

Carving – 10am to 3pm

Disking – 1pm to 3pm

TUESDAYS

Weaving – 10am to 3pm

Knitting – 10am to 3pm

WEDNESDAYS

Cribbage – 1pm to 3pm

Quilting – 10am to 3pm

Beginners Carving 10am to 3pm

THURSDAYS

Yoga—10 to 11am (starts February 1st)

Weaving – 10am to 3pm

Knitting – 10am to 3pm

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Craft Room is open 10am to 3pm



Let's

FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY
16TH
5 P.M. – 7 P.M.

SKATE

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
FAMILY DAY

LOCATION:
O'CONNOR COMMUNITY
CENTRE ICE RINK

HOT DOGS, HOT CHOCOLATE & PRIZES!!
HOSTED BY O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CLUB

FEBRUARY 2024



NorWest Community
Health Centres
Centres de santé
communautaire NorWest

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1 LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm	2
5	6 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Diabetes Educator	7	8 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm	9
12 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C. & CHW drop in appts	13 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Dietitian	14 Chair Yoga @ KBF Legion	15 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs Mobile Clinic - Upsala 10am-3:30pm	16 Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm
19 CLOSED - Family Day	20 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Diabetes Educator Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm	21 Chair Yoga @ KBF Legion	22 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	23
26 Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 1pm-6pm Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C. & CHW drop in appts	27 Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 8:30am-1:30pm Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Dietitian	28 Chair Yoga @ KBF Legion	29 LifeLabs It's a leap year!	

Kakabeka Site

4785 ON-11 Unit B,
Kakabeka Falls,
ON P0T 1W0
(807) 473-5528

PROGRAM INFO.

Call Shaun at (807) 473-5528
ext. 1 to register for all programs

Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group
Meet at Kakabeka Falls Legion Hall
10am-11am

CHW Drop in Appointments
Available until 3pm

Chair Yoga
Hosted at O'Connor Community
Centre OR Kakabeka Falls Legion
Hall at 10:30am

Chair Yoga is also hosted virtually
at 10:30am

Please call to book an
appointment for:

- LifeLabs
- Dietitian
- Diabetes Educator



Follow us!

NorWest Community
Health Centres -
Kakabeka Falls Clinic

www.norwestchc.org

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

Provides FREE dental services
to eligible seniors

You may be eligible if you:

- Are 65 or older
- Are a resident of Ontario
- Have no access to any other form of dental benefits (e.g. private insurance or other government program)
- Have an annual net income of \$22,200 or less for a single person OR a combined net income of \$37,100 or less for a couple

For more information:
Visit TBDHU.com/SeniorsDental

To apply online:
Visit ontario.ca/SeniorsDental

For assistance or to book an appointment:
Call (807) 625-5984 or toll-free: 1-888-294-6630



NEW ONTARIO SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION INC.

PRESENTS

2023 KAKABEKA FALLS GUN SHOW

Saturday, August 26th • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, August 27th • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

KAKABEKA LEGION

4556 Trans-Canada Hwy, Kakabeka Falls, ON

\$5 Admission

Children 12 & under FREE with paid adult admission

DOOR PRIZES

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE


BUY • SELL • TRADE • DISPLAY

Guns • Knives • Reloading Supplies • Optics
Ammunition • Cartridges • Club Displays • Accessories • Literature

This show is a fundraiser for the Junior Shooters Program

www.nosa-newontarioshooters.org | Facebook: New Ontario Shooters Association Inc. - NOSA

For more Information call Samantha 807-626-4003



Oliver
Paipoonge
**ONTARIO
PARK PASSES**

Planning a day trip to one of our local provincial parks? Use your library card to borrow a free day pass!

Radon detectors available to borrow at
Oliver Paipoonge Library!



It is recommended that you test for
radon during furnace season.

For more information regarding Radon
visit Eco Superior:

<https://www.ecosuperior.org/homeenergy>

An EarlyON Storytime Adventure



Tuesday, February 20
1:00pm-2:00pm

The Rural Family Centre is taking storytime on
the road to the Rosslyn Library! We will be
meeting at the library to enjoy some engaging
tales, free play and crafts!

All ages welcome, no pre-registration necessary!

Call the Rural Family Centre at 935-3009 or ask
a staff member at the library for more
information!



Seniors Carpet Bowling

Rosslyn Community Centre

Sponsored by Rosslyn Library



every

Thursday

1:30 -4:00 pm

Call the library at 939-2312 for
more information.

Please bring indoor shoes!

Seniors!

Enjoy a fun game of
carpet bowling!

Relaxed & gentle pace of exercise

Free

Socializing & Fun times

Refreshments

Special days with prizes and snacks

Beginners welcome!!

Free exercise class for all ages and abilities.



Every Tuesday: Bands and Balls

Every Thursday Weights

At Rosslyn Hall from
11:30 to 12:00

No Registration necessary.

We still have room for anyone wishing to keep active and join
others in fun, laughter and conversation.

These activities are open to anyone interested in getting out of
the house and meeting new people.

Call Rosslyn Library for more information 807-939-2312

CRIBBAGE

BEGINNERS WELCOME!

EVERY TUESDAY 1 P.M.

ROSSLYN COMMUNITY CENTER

3405 ROSSLYN ROAD



Thank you!

Rosslyn Cribbage Club just celebrated their 1st
anniversary on Oct. 17th. Over the year we grew
from 9 to 34 players with room for many more.

So come and join the fun and friendship!



Story Time with Kelsea
Every Thursday at 11:00 am
at Rosslyn Library

(resuming January 11th)

'Get Creative' craft gathering
Every Thursday from 1 to 4:00
at Rosslyn Hall



Bring in your current craft project to
work on alongside other 'crafty-
minded' people. Games of Canasta,
dominoes or other card games can be
arranged if you wish to play. This is a
great time to meet new people,
socialize and share tips and ideas.

Call 939-2312 for more information.

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Neighbours Helping Neighbours

Conmee Municipal Complex
19 Holland Rd, Kakabeka Falls P0T1W0
807-285-0836

**Next Food Bank is
Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

**Registration 9 am to 11 am
Drive-thru pick up**

We sincerely thank all those that continue to support us.
Your donations enable the food bank to remain open.



LAKEHEAD REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



This is a reminder that the LRCA does not monitor ice conditions at any of our Conservation Areas. Make yourself aware of weather conditions before heading out to explore, and always ensure you are dressed appropriately and are wearing appropriate footwear while visiting. There is no winter maintenance on any of our trails. Please be safe when visiting. Staff conduct snow surveys on a bimonthly basis on the 1st and 15th of the month between November and May of each year. There are three historical snow survey locations which are located at Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area (Current River), Madeline Street (McVicar Creek), and Vibert Road (Pennock Creek). Snow depth and weight (water content) are collected and forwarded to the MNRF's Surface Water Monitoring Centre as part of the Flood Forecasting Program. The January 15, 2024 snow surveys indicate that the snow survey locations are below average for snow depth and water content, when compared to the historical averages for January 15. The water content results were also below average for two of the three snow courses, with an equivalent water content ranging from, 52.0 millimetres (mm) at Pennock Creek to 63.6 mm at Hazelwood (Current River), while McVicar Creek results were on average at 56.4 mm equivalent water content. The next snow survey measurements will be taken on February 1, 2024.

MNRF's snow monitoring data is now available to the public through the [Ontario GeoHub](#). The site contains information including a list of all active and historical snow survey locations, mapping of snow survey locations as well as historic and current snow survey data (1933 – 2023).

The 2024 Explore Card Parking Pass is now on-sale! Explore Card Parking Passes permit day-use/parking at our ten Conservation Areas for one calendar year. Visit as often as you like. Enjoy one calendar year of recreation activities! For the low price of \$40.00 +HST, it's convenient for frequent users. All Explore Card revenue goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Conservation Areas. Get out and Explore!



Hymers Fair News

Submitted by Erin Laforest



The Hymers Agricultural Society (HAS) is pleased to introduce its 2024 Board of Directors:

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Please visit our new website at <https://hymersfair.ca> and find our Volunteer Application Form under Volunteers. Forms can be emailed to:

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or mailed to:

**PO Box 196
Kakabeka Falls, ON, P0T 1W0**

For full details on becoming a Committee Lead or Volunteer, please email:

**Debbie Hoover at info@hymersfair.com
or
Erin at hymersagsociety@gmail.com**



Kakabeka Falls

& Rural District RCL Branch #225

Kakabeka Legion, 4556 Highway 11-17, Kakabeka Falls

Saturday, February 2nd

- Teen Challenge Set-up

Saturday, February 3rd

- Teen Challenge Supper

Saturday, February 10th

- Exec/Gen Meeting - 2:30/3:00 pm

Sunday, February 11th

- Breakfast 8:30 am until noon

Saturday, February 16th

- Rural 60+ Lunch - 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Saturday, February 17th

- Dance with Quest - 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Sunday, February 18th

- Jam Session - 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Saturday, February 24th

- Dance with Quest - 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Sunday, February 25th

- Afternoon of Music - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Call the Legion hotline for any changes at 807-473-9122.

FEBRUARY WORD SCRAMBLER

(answers on page 12)

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TEXAS BROWNIES

Submitted by Cheri Biloski

Ingredients:

2 cups flour
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup strong brewed coffee or 1 cup water
1/4 cup dark, unsweetened cocoa
1/2 cup buttermilk
2 eggs
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp vanilla

Frosting:

1/2 cup butter or margarine
2 Tbsp dark cocoa
1/4 cup milk
3 1/2 cups unsifted powdered sugar
1 tsp vanilla

Directions:

In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour and sugar. In a heavy saucepan, combine butter, shortening, coffee (or water) and cocoa. Stir and heat to boiling. Pour boiling mixture over the flour and sugar in the bowl. Add the buttermilk, eggs, baking soda and vanilla. Mix well, using a wooden spoon or high speed on electric mixer. Pour into a well buttered 17 1/2 " x 11" jelly roll pan. Bake at 400F for 20 minutes or until brownies test done in the center. While brownies bake, prepare the frosting. In a saucepan, combine the butter, cocoa and milk. Heat to boiling while stirring. Mix in the powdered sugar and vanilla until frosting is smooth. Pour warm frosting over brownies as soon as you take them out of the oven. Cool. Cut into 48 bars.

VALENTINE'S DAY

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FEBRUARY
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CHOCOLATES
FLOWERS
ROSES
CRUSH
HAPPINESS
GIFTS
DATE
SWEET
PERFUME
ADORE
CANDY
PINK
ROMANCE



Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/6658014/>





February Events

February 4th - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 5pm - 6pm

February 20th & 21st - Book Swap 12pm - 4pm

February 23rd Waldorf Parent & Child Gathering

Monday Gentle Flow Yoga 7pm-8pm

Thursday Gentle Flow Yoga 11am-12pm

Thursday Weekly Cornhole Tournaments 7pm

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- **Announcements** (ie. birthday, anniversary, baby) - \$ 2.00 (This does not include pictures)
- **Death Announcements** - Free of Charge for the Township of O'Connor past or present residents. (This does not include funeral advertisements)

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1315 Crawford Avenue, Thunder Bay

5:30 pm - Blake Community Hall,
71 Blake Hall Road, Neebing

WEDNESDAYS

11:00 am - O'Connor Community Centre
330 Highway 595, O'Connor

For more information, please contact 807-577-5924.

Answers to Word Scramble:

1. GROUNDHOG DAY
2. LEAP YEAR
3. LOVE
4. VALENTINE'S DAY
5. ROMANCE
6. ROSES
7. FAMILY DAY
8. SKATING
9. SLIDING
10. FISHING
11. BLACK HISTORY MONTH
12. FRIENDSHIP
13. HUGS AND KISSES
14. EARLY SPRING
15. SIX WEEKS OF WINTER



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Mixed nuts	Spices	Pasta
Granola bars	(ie. salt,	Rice
Fruit roll ups	pepper,	Cereal
Dried fruit	garlic powder,	Oatmeal
White sugar	sage,	Bread
Brown sugar	poultry seasoning,	Bagels
Flour	lemon pepper,	English muffins
	basil, etc.)	Pancake mix

Keep in mind when temperatures are averaging -5 Celcius you can add frozen products to Blessing Box such as:

Pizza	Frozen veggies
Hot Dogs	Frozen fruit
Bacon	Perogies
	Hot dogs

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For Pastoral Care, call Church office at 807-939-1364, or
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13 Marion Street, Kakabeka Falls, ON

For information, please contact Pastor Dan Barr
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10505 John Street Rd., Murillo, ON

Please visit our website at countrywarmthinchrist.ca
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Rector: Reverend Jonathan Blanchard
807-939-1103 parish.rector@tbaytel.net

St. Mark's Anglican Church

5 St. Mark's St., Rosslyn, ON

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Rector: Reverend Jonathan Blanchard
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St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church

10 Porter St., Kakabeka Falls, ON

For information, please contact
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Email: pastor_chris@live.com

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Mr. Bishop Garfield Racicot

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Bishop Garfield Racicot on December 30, 2023 at the Thunder Bay Regional Hospital. Bishop, after a courageous battle with cancer and renal disease, left this world with his wife Linda and son Mitchell by his side.

Bishop loved life and did not let his illness get in the way of living it to the fullest. Born in Sudbury, Ontario on March 14, 1963, and raised in Wahnapiatae, Bishop grew up with strong family values and ties that he carried with him to his last day. Bishop loved meeting people, and this was never more evident as when he established "Bishop's", a food vending business, where he fed many faithful customers with sausage, hotdogs, hamburgers, fries and poutine. Settling in O'Connor Township in 1993, Bishop spent many hours with his children and friends, playing paintball in the backyard, snowmobiling, riding his quad, fishing and kayaking.

He was also a dedicated employee of Hydro One for over 37 years and served his community as a Councillor for the Township of O'Connor with pride for over 24 years. He was one of a kind and brought so much to the Township of O'Connor during his term on Council. Councillor Racicot was first elected in 1998. He served on many Boards during his term, including the Thunder Bay District Municipal League, which he served as President, and the Lakehead Rural Planning Board.

Bishop is survived by wife Linda, son Mitchell, grandson Bishop Auren, brother Richard (Sue) and Frankie (Lynn) and sister Anita. Bishop is predeceased by parents Frank and Stella, daughter Laura Hazel and son Bishop Fernand. He also leaves behind nieces Stella, Jennifer, Amber, Meggie, Katie, Alicia, Jessica, Erika and nephews David, Curtis and Jordan.

A special Thank You to the Renal Staff at the Thunder Bay Hospital for their dedication, professionalism and compassion which was evident every time we walked in for dialysis treatment.

In honour of Bishop, we will be holding a Celebration of Life BBQ for family and friends.
(time and place TBD)

Arrangements have been entrusted to Simpler Times Cremation Centre,
575 Central Avenue, Thunder Bay.