



The Cornerstone

Township Of O'Connor

MAY 2024



PLEASE NOTE that the Township Office is closed for training Tuesday, April 30th and will reopen Wednesday, May 1st at 2 pm. The office will also be closed for the Victoria Day holiday Monday, May 20th.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: DEPUTY TREASURER

The Township of O'Connor is currently looking to hire an individual for full-time employment as Deputy Treasurer for the Township Office. The individual would be required to work 32 hours per week. For more information, please see details on our website at www.oconnortownship.ca or call the Township Office at 807-476-1451. Applications to be emailed to twpoconn@tbaytel.net or dropped off by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024 to:

Lorna Buob, Clerk-Treasurer
Township of O'Connor
R.R. #1, 330 Hwy 595 Kakabeka Falls, ON., P0T 1W0

We wish to thank all applicants for their interest. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used for employment purposes only. Council will review submitted resumes at their meeting to be held later that evening.

SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

1 Position at the Township of O'Connor Office

Job Title: Administrative
Start Date: July 2, 2024
Duration: 30 Hours/Week for 8 Weeks

For eligibility, students must be:

- a) between 15 and 30 years of age (inclusive) at the start of employment;
- b) a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*; and
- c) legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations.

*International students are not eligible. Recent immigrants are eligible if they are Canadian Citizens or permanent residents.

Please submit resumes by 4:30 pm on Monday, June 10th by either dropping them off in person at 330 Highway 595 or emailing to twpoconn@tbaytel.net.

SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

1 Position at the Township of O'Connor Roads Department

Job Title: General Labourer
Start Date: July 2, 2024
Duration: 35 Hours/Week for 8 Weeks

For eligibility, students must be:

- a) between 15 and 30 years of age (inclusive) at the start of employment;
- b) a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*; and
- c) legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations.

*International students are not eligible. Recent immigrants are eligible if they are Canadian Citizens or permanent residents.

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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:

Summer Hours (Apr 1-Aug 31)

Tuesdays 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Winter Hours (Sept 1-Mar 31)

Tuesdays 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Volunteer Fire Department:

Fire Chief Biloski 807-621-5773

Leanne Coderre, First Response
807-475-5828

Dog Control Officer:

Margaret Foster 807-632-1235

Building Permits:

Council, at their meeting, held March 25, 2024, approved By-law Number 2024-11,

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, stating 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, and

repealed the previous By-law Number

2016-12. Please note that the Building

Fees have changed. 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 807-630-9726

Email: cbomartint@gmail.com

Applications are available on the

Township Website or at the Township

Office.

Oliver Paipoonge Library:

See page 9 for hours.

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 MEETINGS

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

Monday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting

Monday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting

The Township Inspection will take place Monday, May 6th starting at 8:30 a.m. 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



POSITION AVAILABLE: CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

The Township of O'Connor is partnering with the Township of Conmee and the Municipality of Neebing to seek a Chief Building Official that will work in each municipality. The Chief Building Official is responsible for the management and enforcement of the Building Code Act, the Ontario Building Code and all other pertinent municipal and provincial regulatory requirements within each municipality. Although the municipalities are partnering in the hiring process, each municipality will be dealt with on an individual basis. This is a casual position in which the workload will depend on the number of permit applications received. Compensation for the work completed to be negotiated.

For more information, please refer to the Township's website at www.oconnortownship.ca under the Municipal Office heading in the Careers page.



FIRE PERMITS (required Apr. 1st to Oct. 31st)

PLEASE BURN WITH CAUTION AS IT IS STILL A VERY DRY SPRING

- Fire Permits are required for ALL outdoor burning, including fireworks and incinerators, with the exception of small campfires for cooking or warmth,
- Permits may be revoked at any time at the absolute discretion of the Township's Fire Chief, Greg Biloski,
- Fire Permits are now valid for the entire fire season and can be obtained online through the following steps below:

STEP 1: Register online at: <https://oconnor.burnpermits.com/> (Keep your password). If you are already registered, please skip to Step 2 to log in.

STEP 2: Using the same login information from previous years, follow the steps at the above web address to apply for your burn permit.

STEP 3: Call **1-833-490-0299** each time before you burn. Calling this number before you burn is mandatory to ensure the Township is aware of all active burns, while providing you with the necessary risk level information.

If you are unable to register online for your yearly fire permit, you may call the Township Office at 807-476-1451 and staff will help get you registered so that each time you burn, you need only call the number in Step 3 above.

O'CONNOR FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY ANNUAL BBQ STEAK DRAW

Licence #M855405

Must be 18 or older to participate.

1st PRIZE - 30 Rib Steaks

2nd PRIZE - 20 Rib Steaks

3rd PRIZE - 10 Rib Steaks

Draw Date is Tuesday, June 18th, 2024
at the O'Connor Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are 3 tickets for \$5.00.

Only 3000 tickets to be sold!

Get them before they sell out!

Tickets available at the O'Connor Township Office or from any of our amazing volunteers.

Get your tickets today and support O'Connor's Volunteer Fire Department!

Come join us as we celebrate

Fire Chief Henry Mattas' Retirement Party



Saturday, May 25th

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

O'Connor Community Centre
330 Highway 595

Come help us celebrate the long-standing volunteer, Henry Mattas, as he retires as Fire Chief from the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department.

Henry first joined the Paipoonge Volunteer Fire Department in 1974 and became Fire Chief of the department in 1984. Henry then joined the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department in 2000 as Fire Chief and was Mutual Aid Zone 1 Coordinator for several years. Upon his retirement March 15, 2024, Henry had dedicated his life volunteering for 49 years as a Volunteer Firefighter protecting the communities.

Henry has long loved giving back to his community, helping his neighbours and meeting new people in the process. He has also enjoyed the opportunity to work with the people he has volunteered with.

We thank you Henry for your time spent in service on the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department.

We wish you all the best in your retirement.



Volunteer Fire Department News

Since our last newsletter, the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department received 3 Fire calls and 2 First Response calls.

FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

- * DO NOT THROW CIGARETTE BUTTS OUT THE WINDOW OF YOUR VEHICLES
- * Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly to make sure they are in good working order.
- * 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.
- * Remove dead leaves and other debris around porches, decks, foundations, and stairs.
- * Check electrical appliances for frayed cords.
- * Practice your Home Fire Escape Plan with the family. 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 ongoing 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 Greg Biloski at 807-621-5773

Volunteer Fire Department

Leanne Coderre at 807-475-5828

Volunteer First Response

Cheri Biloski 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.



MEET YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT/FIRST RESPONSE MEMBERS

this month featuring

Volunteer Firefighter Jason Napper



Jason Napper volunteers for the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department as a Firefighter. He grew up in Thunder Bay and has now set his roots in the Township of O'Connor in 2014 with his wife Teri and two sons, Graeme and Kael. Jason is a college and university graduate and currently works for a local wholesaler, Guillevin Electrical, selling to the public and contractors alike. He and his family operate a small mixed farm with cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens and horses which they use for riding lessons. The farm keeps them quite busy during the warmer months and Teri's riding lessons year round. Jason would like to eventually expand their farm operations with new ventures and build an outdoor kitchen and sauna.

Jason first joined the Fire Department because he wanted to contribute to the community, and to be a part of a team while making more connections in our great municipality. He has now been with the department for three and a half years. Prior to joining the department, Jason was a member of the Rescue Team while working at Lac Des Iles Mine from 2012-2013. What he likes most about being a volunteer firefighter is that he's helping to provide necessary assistance to community members when they need it most. What he likes most about volunteering for the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department is the welcoming and comfortable comradery that allows you to learn and grow at your own pace. Jason considers his greatest strengths to be his work ethic and his sense of humour, keeping things light in times of stress. His future goals for the fire department are to get his DZ driver's licence and to eventually attain his Firefighter Certification. An interesting fact about Jason is he is an inductee in the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame for his participation as an athlete and coach in the sport of springboard and platform diving. Jason considers himself to be a bit of a foodie. He loves to cook and improvise feasts for his guinea-pig family. Jason's favorite food to eat is North Winds Farm Lamburgers. See page 11 to get the recipe.



TEN TIPS FOR FIRE SAFETY

1

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.



2

Test smoke alarms monthly. Replace batteries at least once a year.



3

Have a family fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.



4

If there's a fire in your home, get out, dial 911 and don't go back inside.



5

Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach



6

Use flashlights during power outages, not candles.



7

Never leave a burning candle unattended.



8

Turn off space heaters when you leave the room and don't leave them unattended.



9

Only use smoking materials outside.



10

Keep flammable items away from anything that can get hot, such as space heaters.





DISPOSAL SITE

PROVINCIAL DAY OF ACTION ON LITTER Tuesday, May 14th

There are actions we can all take to put litter in its proper place. You can do this by:

- **Reducing waste:** giving old products new life instead of throwing them away. (ie. use old containers for storage or support second-hand stores as opposed to buying new). **AND SAVE MONEY!!**
- **Diverting waste:** recycling or composting materials when and where possible to divert waste away from landfills. (ie. use your blue bins making sure you properly separate recyclables).
- **Preventing waste and litter:** stopping waste before it's created and has the chance to become litter. (ie. choose to buy goods with less packaging or bring a reusable cup to take-out establishments that accept them). **AND SAVE MONEY!!**
- **Cleaning up litter:** helping to keep your community clean by picking up and properly disposing of litter, or by organizing a community litter cleanup for others.
- **Properly disposing of waste:** making sure anything that belongs in the trash is securely placed in garbage bins to help keep our community clean.

\$\$ PREVENT LITTER AND SAVE MONEY \$\$

Some actions we take to prevent litter, also saves us money. With the rising costs in everything these days, you may want to read these useful tips:

- Use your own reusable dinnerware instead of disposable plastic or paper plates.
- Swap your plastic water bottle or takeout coffee cup for a reusable one when you're on the go.
- Use up leftover produce in your fridge by making a batch of soup or stir fry. Get creative!
- Put perishable foods on the top shelf of your fridge so you can keep an eye on them and use them up.
- Make zero-waste air fresheners and cleaners with a few simple household ingredients.
- Upcycle your old clothes into reusable rags or DIY projects.
- Create your own compost station outside for your garden soil.
- Use old towels to clean your windows, outdoor table tops and chairs.
- Create a seed nursery with toilet paper rolls before planting.
- Avoid food waste by planning your meals in advance and buying groceries for your weekly recipes.
- Purchase reusable food wraps and bags, napkins and straws instead of waste creating alternatives.
- Mason jars are handy and can be reused for multiple purposes in the home or garage.
- Buy in bulk when it makes sense.
- Home cooked meals over takeout food/containers.
- Dryer balls over dryer sheets.
- Library books over store bought books.
- Traditional coffee maker over single use cup coffee makers.
- Reusable make-up remover cloths over disposable wipes.



O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN HALL RENTAL FEES

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.

O'Connor Hall Rental Fees:

- ⇒ Social with Liquor - \$ 250.00
- ⇒ Hall Rental No Liquor - \$ 125.00
- ⇒ Use of basement Kitchen - \$ 75.00

Please note a \$50 damage deposit may be required.



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.



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.

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.



LOAD RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT (Half Loads)

Load restrictions were applied to all Township of O'Connor roads as of Thursday, March 14, 2024 and will continue during the period designated by the Township of O'Connor. The Township of O'Connor reserves the right to extend the load restrictions due to the weather and/or road conditions after the MTO has lifted their restrictions. MTO has also placed load restrictions on Highways 595 & 588 effective March 11, 2024.

MAY 2024



NorWest Community Health Centres
Centres de santé communautaire NorWest

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm	2	3
6 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C	7 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	8 Chair Yoga @ KB Legion	9 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs Mobile Clinic - Upsala 10am-3:30pm	10
13 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C	14 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Diabetes Educator	15 Chair Yoga @ KB Legion	16 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm	17
20 CLOSED - Victoria Day	21 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	22 Chair Yoga @ KB Legion	23 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm	24
27 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 1pm-6pm	28 Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 8:30am-1:30pm	29 Rural Health Fair	30 LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm	31

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

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

Rural Health Fair

Hosted at Kakabeka Falls Legion from Noon to 3pm



Follow us!

NorWest Community Health Centres - Kakabeka Falls Clinic

www.norwestchc.org

7th Rural

HEALTH FAIR

Wednesday, May 29th
at Kakabeka Falls Legion
from 12-3pm



FREE
No Admissions

Building Age Friendly Communities

Join NorWest CHC to learn the importance of healthy connections for our aging community to promote health and wellbeing.

- 35 exhibitors
- Draws
- Histor-Tea
- Rural Cupboard Food Drive
- and more!

For more information contact Elaine at (807) 473-5528



NorWest Community Health Centres
Centres de santé communautaire NorWest



YARD SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST

31 POOL ROAD

(off Highway 590, approximately 2.5 km from O'Connor Disposal Site)

10:00 AM UNTIL 3:00 PM

VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY
IS
MONDAY, MAY 20TH.

THE COUNCIL AND STAFF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY.

O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CLUB

The next Community Club meeting will be Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at 330 Highway 595. At this meeting, we will be discussing the upcoming **Strawberry Festival, to be held Friday, June 21st from 7 - 9 p.m.**, as well as other possible fundraising events. Anyone interested in attending the meeting is welcome to provide input.

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 so that social events continue to happen in O'Connor.

BLESSING BOX: DONATIONS NEEDED

The blessing box is being filled at least once a week, but needs everyone's help in keeping it stocked. If you are able to donate, please contact Shelley at 807-629-2851. Some products that can be added to the Blessing Box this season are:

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

Toiletries are also a great donation, items such as:

Deodorant	Feminine products
Tooth brushes	Diapers
Toothpaste	Bar soap

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
Good Company Choir - 1pm to 3pm

WEDNESDAYS

Quilting – 10am to 3pm
Beginners Carving 10am to 3pm
Cribbage – 1pm to 3pm

THURSDAYS

Weaving – 10am to 3pm
Knitting – 10am to 3pm

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Craft Room is open 10am to 3pm

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Neighbours Helping Neighbours

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

Next Food Bank is Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Registration 9 am to 11 am
Drive-thru pick up

FILL THE OPP CRUISER FOOD DRIVE for the RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Friday, June 14th
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Odena in Kakabeka Village

Neighbours helping Neighbours

All goods and financial
donations go to the
Rural Cupboard
Food Bank.



Happy 65th Anniversary to Pat & Tony Fiorito

May 2nd

Thank you for being our
inspiration.

Love your family



Happy 65th Birthday

to

Ron Biloski

May 29th

Love your family





Hymers Fair News



Hymers Fair is Hiring:

Hymers Fair Secretary

Job Description:

- A self-motivated person to complete their work within the required time constraints and be able to work under pressure,
- Have good communication skills,
- Be able to work well with all members, communicate well with the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors,
- To answer phone calls and emails in a timely manner especially during the height of the Fair season as members and committees count on us to answer any questions that arise,
- Have computer skills and be able to use MS Word, Excel, and Outlook,
- Learn and use new Fair computer program (coming late Fall 2024) – upload all current membership and prize book information,
- Keep an accurate database of all membership numbers and member contact information,
- Mail (email when accepted) information out that directly affects the membership: membership cards, entry information, Annual General Meeting notice,
- Prepare and update the Prize List each year (this is usually worked on February – May) - you will work closely with Donations Liaison Officer (DLO), who will arrange advertisements and prizes for the Prize Book,
- Be present for the fair (Labour Day weekend) Friday through Monday for Exhibit drop offs and Fair open hours,
- Distribute prize winnings, in cash, during the Fair (Sunday and Monday) to exhibitors,
- Distribute prizes (DLO arranged) to exhibitors winning different categories,
- Complete tally sheets after the Fair and give the list of exhibitors that didn't pick up their cash prizes to the Treasurer to issue prize cheques,
- Arrange judges for Exhibit Hall categories and Small Animals,
- Order ribbons once all Committee heads hand in their quantities required,
- Attend monthly meetings, take minutes, typing them up after and distributing them to Board of Directors.

You must be available this year, Labour Day weekend, August 31st to September 2nd to shadow the outgoing Secretary, at this year's Fair.

Please note this is a Volunteer position, but a yearly Honorarium is offered.

If interested, please send your resume, or letter of interest, to Debbie at info@hymersfair.com

For more information or if you have any further questions, please call Debbie Hoover at 807-475-8586, or email her at the above email address.

Deadline to apply: Friday, May 17, 2024.



The LRCA is celebrating its 70th Anniversary this year! As part of our celebration, we are hosting a special family event right here at our Administrative Office at 130 Conservation Road in Thunder Bay. The event is on Thursday, July 18th from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. We will be providing more information closer to the event, so be sure to follow us on social media for the details!

The LRCA also has several exciting public events scheduled throughout 2024, including a new round of our popular Watershed Explorers guided hike programs, Fall Waterfowl Viewing Day, and more! We will also be hosting our very first Fishing Derby in partnership with the Municipality of Neebing on Saturday, August 24! Visit our website, follow us on social media and sign up for our e-newsletter for up-to-date events information. Please note that some workshops and guided hikes require pre-registration, and space is limited. Visit our webstore to register.

Tickets to the 2024 Dorion Birding Festival are now on sale and moving fast! Be sure to get your ticket ASAP to secure your space on this popular birding outing, being held on May 25-26, 2024. Tickets and more information is available at www.store.lakeheadca.com.

Spring is upon us which means that people will be out visiting our Conservation Areas and enjoying the great outdoors once again! We would like to remind visitors that all dogs must be kept on-leash, and that mountain bikes are not permitted on our trails. If you visit frequently, consider purchasing an Explore Card Parking Pass for \$40.00 +HST, which 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! All Explore Card revenue goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Conservation Areas.

OAAAS CERTIFIED JUDGING SCHOOL

Want to become an OAAAS Certified Exhibits Judge or already an OAAAS Certified Judge that needs to re-certify - This school is for you!

Saturday & Sunday June 22 & 23, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Judging Categories covered:

Day 1 - Saturday	Day 2 - Sunday
Roots/Vegetables	Baking
Fruit	Canning
Eggs	Photography
	Quilts

Cost: One Day (Sat or Sun) \$25.00
Both Days \$40.00 Lunch Included

Dryden District Agricultural Society
Multiplex At Fairgrounds
99 Scott Street, Dryden, Ontario

For more information or to register
email: jofishrwo@gmail.com
Registration & fee must be received by June 15, 2024

An EarlyON Storytime Adventure



Monday, May 27
1:00pm-2:00pm

The Rural Family Centre is taking storytime on the road to the Murillo 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!



Murillo Library

Monday 10 – 8:00 pm
Wednesday 10 – 8:00 pm
Saturday 9 – 12 pm
935-2729



Email:
oplibrary@tbaytel.net
Website:
<http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca>

Rossllyn Library

Tuesday 10 – 8:00 pm
Thursday 10 to 8:00 pm
Saturday 1 – 4:00 pm
939-2312



**Murillo Library
Will be closed on
Monday, May
20th Victoria Day**

Thanks to LH North for their generous gift of \$2000 to be used to purchase new children's books for our library!

Looking for used books? Both Rossllyn and Murillo Library have a large selection of used books for sale for 50 cents each.



Use your library card to 'check out' tennis and pickleball equipment at Rossllyn Library.

Free exercise class for all ages and abilities.



Every Tuesday: Bands and Balls } At Rossllyn Hall from
Every Thursday Weights } 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 Rossllyn Library for more information 807-939-2312

Oliver Paipoonge Library
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**ONTARIO
PARK PASSES**

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

CRIBBAGE

BEGINNERS WELCOME!
EVERY TUESDAY 1 P.M.
ROSSLYN COMMUNITY CENTER
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Come and join the fun and friendship!

Seniors Carpet Bowling

Rossllyn Community Centre

Sponsored by Rossllyn Library



every

Thursday

1:30 -4:00 pm

Call the library at 939-2312 for more information.

Please bring indoor shoes!

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Enjoy a fun game of carpet bowling!

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Socializing & Fun times

Refreshments

Special days with prizes and snacks

Beginners welcome!!



May Events

The GCC is available to rent for activities, parties and more!
Do you have an activity or program you want to run?
Dance, scouts, karate or something else?
Contact us for details at gilliescommunitycentre@gmail.com

Thursday Evenings

Cornhole

Weekly tournaments with prize for the winner!
\$5/person
Starting at 7pm

Playgroups

May 10th
GCC Playgroup 10am-12pm
May 31st
Waldorf Playgroup 10am-12:30pm

Save the Date

June 15th

Father's Day
Outdoors/Gun Show

May 11th

Mom's Night Out

Tickets were sold as presale and no longer available.
Sorry NO walk ins.
Thank you those who bought tickets.
We can't wait to celebrate you!

We are looking for anyone who would like to bake or buy desserts for this event celebrating mom. If you would like to donate message Kaitlin Turk or the GCC to make arrangements. Thank you!

May 18th and 19th

Book Swap

12-4pm daily
1000's of books
Donations accepted at this FREE event.
All proceeds go directly to the GCC.

May 18th

Games Day

10am-12pm every Saturday of book swap
All ages welcome
Games & puzzles provided.
Feel free to bring your own
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Kakabeka Falls

& Rural District RCL Branch #225

Kakabeka Legion, 4556 Highway 11-17, Kakabeka Falls

Friday, May 3rd

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

Sunday, May 5th

- Fun Run. Call Jim Gilbert 807-626-0492

Saturday, May 11th

- Executive and General Meeting - 3:00/3:30 pm

Sunday, May 12th

- Buffet Breakfast 8:30 am until 11:00 am

Friday, May 17th

- Rural 60 Plus AGM - 5:00 pm

Saturday, May 18th

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

Sunday, May 19th

- Jam Session - 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Sunday, May 26th

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

Wednesday, May 29th

- Health Fair & Histor-Tea - Volunteers needed, as well as people's history to share. Please call Shaun at 807-473-5528.

Friday, May 31st

- Dinner/Dance with The Fugitives

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

Call Gary for reservations at 807-708-0411.



Aurora

Lutheran Bible Camp



2024 CAMP SCHEDULE

July 12-14: Little Lambs Camp (ages 4-8)

July 14-19: Children's Camp (ages 7-12)

July 21-26: Youth Camp (ages 11-15)



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Little Lambs (1 child and 1 adult): \$100

Additional Little Lambs from same family: \$50

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FURTHER INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORMS

Voicemail: (807) 767- 2420

E-mail: auroralutheranbiblecamp@gmail.com

Website: www.auroralutheranbiblecamp.com

"Like" us on Facebook: "Aurora Lutheran Bible Camp"



**MOM IS...
WORD SCRAMBLER**

(answers on page 12)

1. TABIELFUU _____
2. VGOLNI _____
3. LUPELFH _____
4. CNRGAI _____
5. ERNISEC _____
6. SIWE _____
7. ESSLFELS _____
8. POTUSPVRIE _____
9. CANOOPIAMSSET

10. NIDK _____
11. TROSGN _____
12. NOINEDCTF _____
13. RNRNGUIT _____
14. ZAMIGAN _____
15. PECTACGNI _____
16. EOENSUGR _____

North Winds Farm Lamburger

Submitted by Jason Napper

Lamb is cooked the same way that you would beef, but it has a sweet and rich flavour. Contact North Winds Farm if you'd like to try some! Let us know what you think of our North Winds Farm Facebook page!

Ingredients

- 1lb ground lamb
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon each ground cumin and coriander
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 4 kaiser buns

Ingredients for Toppings

- Thinly sliced red onion
- Long thin slices of cucumber
- 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped oregano
- 1 tablespoon coarsely chopped chives
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped mint
- 4 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup Crumbled feta

Directions

1. Turn BBQ to med-high. Stovetop skillet works also at med-high.
2. Mix lamb, garlic, spices, and lemon juice together.
3. Separate into 4 patties, pressed to ½" thick.
4. Mix mayonnaise, mustard, and herbs together.
5. Place patties on the grill, 4-5 minutes per side, cook to 150 degrees internal temperature, turning over once. Avoid pressing the patties down too firmly. Add sliced kaiser buns to the grill, face down, for the last minute.
6. Place feta on buns, followed by the patties. Top with red onion and cucumber slices, and add the herbed mayonnaise.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

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- GREEN GRASS
- THAW
- SHOWERS
- MUDDY
- KITE
- LIGHTENING
- COMPOST
- SUNSHINE
- GARDEN
- WIND
- DAMP
- WORMS
- LAMBS
- POLLEN
- PUDDLES
- SPROUT
- RAIN
- THUNDER
- LADYBUG
- FLOWERS
- FOG
- UMBRELLA
- BLOOM
- GROWING

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/6913047/>

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all mothers a wonderful
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on Sunday, May 12th.*




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Answers to Word Scramble:

1. BEAUTIFUL 2. LOVING
3. HELPFUL 4. CARING
5. SINCERE 6. WISE
7. SELFLESS 8. SUPPORTIVE
9. COMPASSIONATE 10. KIND
11. STRONG 12. CONFIDENT
13. NURTURING 14. AMAZING
15. ACCEPTING 16. GENEROUS



Cornerstone Advertising

The following fee structure for advertising in the Cornerstone has been set by Council;

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES IN THE AD FEES

- **1/4 Page Ad** - \$ 15.00
- **Half Page Ad** - \$ 30.00
- **Full Page Ad** - \$ 50.00
- **Personal, Announcement and Classified Ads** (ie. Garage Sale, Parties, Funerals or Celebrations) - \$ 7.50
- **Death Announcements** - Free of Charge for the Township of O'Connor past or present residents. **(This does not include funeral advertisements)**
- **Cornerstone mailing for non-residents - Annual Fee** - \$ 35.00

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if you would like to worship with us
from your own home.

Facebook: O'Connor Free Methodist Church

Pastor Chris Fiorito

Cell 624-6579

Church 577-2363

Email: pastor_chris@live.com

Please email, call, or text
if you have any inquiries.

www.oconnorfreemethodist.org

Come As You Are, Everyone Welcome!

Pinegrove United Church

100 Hwy 130, Rosslyn, ON

In person worship 10:30 am each Sunday.

See website at www.PinegroveUC.org

Join live stream worship any Sunday at 10:30 am at
www.trinityunited.church/livestream.

For Pastoral Care, call Church office at 807-939-1364, or
email pinegrove@tbaytel.net

Redeemer Lutheran Church

13 Marion Street, Kakabeka Falls, ON

For information, please contact Pastor Dan Barr
807-473-9164 or check the website at www.redeemerlcc.ca

St. James' Anglican Church

10505 John Street Rd., Murillo, ON

Please visit our website at countrywarmthinchrist.ca
to view online services every Sunday or join in person.

Rector: Reverend Jonathan Blanchard
807-939-1103 parish.rector@tbaytel.net

St. Mark's Anglican Church

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

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

St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church

10 Porter St., Kakabeka Falls, ON

For information, please contact
Parish Priest: Fr. Randal Morrisseau at 807-935-2898
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O'Connor-Conmee Fellowship Baptist Church

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First meeting is FREE.

TUESDAYS

10:00 am - Baptist Community Church,
corner of Mudlake and Oliver Roads, Murillo

10:15 am - Hope Christian Reform Church,
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.

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Commemorative Plaques

Celebrate a family member, friend or loved one and order a plaque TODAY!

The Township of O'Connor offers plaques to observe special anniversaries of 50 years or longer and birthday celebrations of 75 years or older for present and past residents of the Township. If you know anyone who will be celebrating either of these special events, please contact the Township Office three weeks prior to the date and a plaque will be ordered at no charge.



O'Connor's History Book

“First Hundred Years Of Country Living At Its Best” makes a great Christmas gift!!

The Township of O'Connor has copies of the O'Connor History Book which commemorate the “First 100 years of O'Connor's Country Living At Its Best.” Copies of the hardcover book can be purchased for \$40 at the O'Connor Township Office during regular office hours.

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Emergency Preparedness Week 2024

May 5 - 11, 2024

Be Prepared. Know Your Risks

Everyone has a role to play in an emergency. Emergency Preparedness Week is an opportunity for you to take action to ensure you are prepared to protect yourself, your family and your community during an emergency. This year, the theme is *Be Prepared. Know Your Risks*. The intent of the theme is to encourage residents to understand the risks in our area and learn what actions you can take to protect yourselves and your families.

With a little preparation, you can be ready for anything.

Be prepared - Understand the risks in our area, create a household emergency plan and build an emergency kit.

Know the Risks - Weather related risks for our area include flood, fire, power outage, extreme windstorms, extreme heat or drought.

Protect Yourself and Your Family - Ensure that everyone in the family knows your emergency plan and what their responsibilities are to protect the family.

Protect Your Property - Take measures to prevent wildfire from spreading through your property and getting to your house and other buildings.

Protect Your Home - When building or renovating your home or other buildings, think fire safety when choosing building materials, know the location of your fire extinguisher, water and gas valves, electrical panel and floor drains.

Have a Household Emergency and Escape Plan - Know the safe exits from your home and neighbourhood and meeting places to reunite with family.

Have an Emergency Kit - Have your identification, health and insurance information easily accessed, as well as all the necessary requirements for an emergency kit.

Help Your Neighbours and the Community - Talk to your neighbours, help each other and your community if able.

Stay Informed - Keep yourself informed on the emergency through radio, tv, online media.