



The Cornerstone

Township Of O'Connor

NOVEMBER 2023



DON'T FORGET to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5th, and to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms.

NO E-TRANSFER PAYMENTS

Please do not attempt to make any payments using E-Transfer at this time. The payments are not being deposited into the Township's account. Please check our website or contact the Township Office for other payment options. If you have made a payment using this method since October 17, 2023 please contact the office at (807) 476-1451.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meetings of Council will be held:

Monday, November 13th and 27th at 7:00 p.m.

The regular meetings of Council will be held in Council Chambers at 330 Highway 595. To view meeting agendas, please visit the Township Website at www.oconnortownship.ca to access them through the "Council" page. Please note that the virtual option to join a meeting is no longer available. Council welcomes your involvement.

Mayor: Jim Vezina, 807-577-6735

Councillors:

Alex Crane, 807-473-9420

John Sobolta, 807-624-8025

Bishop Racicot, 807-620-6030

Carly Torkkeli, 807-620-2579

O'CONNOR SKATING RINK

The Township of O'Connor is looking for volunteers to join the Rink Committee to help flood the rink once the cold weather arrives and to help maintain the rink through the skating season (shovelling, snowblowing, and flooding). If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please call the Township Office at 807-476-1451. If you volunteered last year, you are still on the list and staff will contact you. Your help is greatly appreciated!

O'CONNOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE

The Council of the Township of O'Connor did an excellent job of trying to minimize tax increases this year. In the best interest of the community, Council would like to reach out and ask if any individual would be interested in furthering the community spirit in keeping taxes minimized and would like to volunteer their time assisting Administrative staff with their duties in a time of being short-staffed. Computer skills would be an asset. For interest or inquiries, please contact the Township Office at 807-476-1451.

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

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 3 for contact numbers.

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: olibrary@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.



Volunteer Fire Department News

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

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT/FIRST RESPONSE MEMBERS

this month featuring

Deputy Fire Chief Greg Biloski



Greg Biloski, Deputy Fire Chief, has been with the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department for 15 years. He grew up in O'Connor where he attended Whitefish Valley School and Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute. He continues to reside in O'Connor Township. Greg first joined the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department because he has always liked being a part of the great community that we live in and he wanted to serve and protect the awesome people who live in the Township. Another reason he joined was to gain experience and possibly pursue a

career in firefighting.

When Greg first joined the fire department, he had zero experience, but quickly learned a lot of new skills and met a lot of great people over the process of his first year. What Greg likes most of all about being a volunteer firefighter is the fact that he could help those in times of need and be there for the people in our community. He also enjoys going to train and work with other fire departments in the rural area. What Greg likes most about volunteering for the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department is his team. He says O'Connor has a great group of volunteers that excel each in their own way that helps contribute in all aspects of the department.

What helps Greg the most in being a volunteer member, are his hands on learning. He likes to get down and dirty to get tasks done. His hobbies and interests are working on anything mechanical, hunting and fishing and just enjoying the beautiful outdoors we get to call home. An interesting thing about Greg is that he is ambidextrous, which he says is really handy for most things.

Greg hopes to someday start his own family and settle down in O'Connor. He says his future goal for the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department is aspiring to become a great leader and building the department to be one of the best, and to that he says they are already on the right track.

Greg's favorite food to eat is Chocolate Chip Squares. See page 12 to get the recipe.

First Response Coordinator Leanne Coderre



Leanne Coderre, First Response Co-ordinator and Instructor, has been a First Responder for about 38 years. She grew up in Kakabeka where she attended Kakabeka School, Fort William Collegiate and the Thunder Bay School of Medical Technology. She had a great career working as a Medical Laboratory Technologist for 37 years at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, where she retired in 2019.

Leanne has lived in O'Connor for almost 42 years with her husband Willy where they raised three wonderful children, one son and two daughters and have five energetic, fun grandsons that bring her so much joy. Three of her family members are also on the O'Connor First Response Team. Leanne is an avid year round outdoors lover. She loves to be in the wilderness, whether it's canoeing, kayaking, hiking, backpacking, snowshoeing, biking, etc. This outdoor passion has led her to many great adventures spent with friends. She is also very much into photography, so you'll always see her accompanied by her camera. One of her more recent adventures was working for a couple weeks at a remote fishing lodge which was a fantastic experience helping her to become a better fishergirl.

When Leanne first joined the team, there were many hours of training and many weekends spent, as our team was the first in the area and the concept was new.

Leanne joined because she wanted to know what to do in an emergency, but her main focus has always been to help others, especially in times of a medical or trauma situation. Leanne says she finds the volunteer position very rewarding to know you have made a difference for someone else. She loves to help people and make a difference in their life and hopes her presence puts them at ease. Leanne feels her personal strengths are her ability to remain calm in almost any situation, her physical fitness, her training and her willingness to always help. Leanne speaks highly of the great group of volunteers on the O'Connor Volunteer Fire, First Response and Auxiliary teams, and she is very grateful for them all. Leanne continues to respond to calls with her busy schedule and hopes to entice more volunteers to join the team. Until then, she'll keep seizing every opportunity for more great adventures and keep spending lots of time with her grandsons to share her love of the outdoors and be the best gran she can be. Leanne's favorite food to eat is Cherry Cheesecake. See page 12 to get the recipe.

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. For more information, please call Henry Mattas at 807-628-3523.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION 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! 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.

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.



O'Connor's History Book

"First Hundred Years Of Country Living At Its Best"

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.

REMINDER TO FARMERS

Please ensure that fence lines are ready to withstand the effects of winter storms. Also check for any damage from weathering, fallen trees, etc.

Be mindful of keeping your animals on your side of the fence and that they are not free to roam on Township roads or into your neighbouring yards.

Non-Emergency Bear Encounters

Call the toll-free Bear Wise reporting line at 1-866-514-2327 or (TTY 705-945-7641) if a bear:

- Roams around or checks garbage cans,
- Breaks into a shed where garbage or food is stored,
- Pulls down a bird feeder or knocks over a barbecue,
- Moves through a backyard or field, but does not linger.

This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from April 1st to November 30th.

Emergency Bear Encounters

For bears posing an immediate threat, please call 911.



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.



DISPOSAL SITE

WHAT IS RECYCLING CONTAMINATION?

Recycling contamination occurs when materials are sorted into the wrong recycling bin (ie. placing a pop can into the paper/cardboard recycling bin), or when materials are not properly cleaned, such as when food residue remains on a plastic yogurt container, or when materials are rinsed and not dried, allowing the potential of mold on the inside of the container. If you're simply throwing something into the recycling in the hope that it will find its way to where it needs to be eventually, think again. There's a strong possibility that it will be rejected and sent to the landfill, resulting in a complete wasted recycling effort altogether. Unfortunately, contaminants can turn your recycling into nothing more than trash.

Examples of Recycling Contamination

- Plastic Bags
- Food Waste/Residue
- Heavily Dyed Paper (ie. wrapping paper)
- Loose Shredded Paper
- Wrong Containers or Incorrect Bin
- Hazardous Waste
- Bio-Hazards (ie. toilet paper, syringes)
- Frozen Food Containers

In an effort to make sure our recycling efforts aren't wasted (pun intended), please do your best to follow these simple guidelines. Keep it clean!! Keep it separated!!

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

MICROWAVE NEEDED FOR O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

If anyone has a microwave they would like to donate to the O'Connor Community Centre, please contact Lorna or Erin at the Township Office at 807-476-1451. We would greatly appreciate it.



DONATE YOUR:

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| ⇒ 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 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY 2-BIT AUCTION THANK YOU

What an overwhelming show of support we had this year from our community and surrounding communities to make our 2-Bit Auction so successful. A huge thank you to our community team, Erin Slomke, Lorna Buob, Ron Biloski, Lorna Krieg, Diana Bockus, Sheila, Leanne Coderre, Janet Turk, and Brittany Dumoulin for helping to make my job easier. Also, a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped out before and during the event. Of course, our event would not happen without our amazing sponsors. A huge thank you to the following individuals and businesses who made such generous donations. If I happened to miss anyone, my sincere apologies.

Odena Super A Foods
Canadian Tire (Arthur St.)
Canadian Tire (Fort William Rd.)
OK Tire
Kakabeka Esso
The Falls Bait Shop
TORKON Construction
A & A Timber
A & L Auto
Harold Hunt & Nancy Bridgman
Brittany Dumoulin
Green Acres Variety
Lots of Dots by Lisa
Barb McEwen
Anna Lebel
Diana Bockus
South Neebing Variety
Shine Hair Studio
Valley Foods
St. Urho's Golf Course
Nicole Hill
Thunder Bay Hydraulics
Terri Macsemchuk
The Can Crusher
CRT Racing – Kolby Reed
Thunder City Speedway
Excalibur
Bay Village Coffee
Spectrum

The Eddy
The Sal
Applebees
Tony Roma's
Kakabeka Depot
Henry Mattas
Upsala Variety and Garage
Eat Local Pizza
Wayne's Auto
Rocky's Resort on Whitefish
Frances Platnick
Pat & Tony Fiorito
Real Canadian Superstore
Lorna & Harry Krieg
Erin Slomke
Alex Crane
ITEC 2000
Fort William Country Club
Bay City Contractors
Sharon Corrigan
Wacky Wings
DUO Therapy
H & H Importers
Dr. Kristina Peterson
Rosemary Parker
Bulk Zone
Metro's

Kam River Fighting Walleye
Rosslyn Service
Mallon's
Dr. Mike Czapla
The Folicle
Aunt Sarah's 588 Café
Chris Holland
Misty Creek Homestead
Dawson General Store
Tim & Kandy Smith
Thunder Bay Co-Op
Heather Kuivala
Dragon Hill's Golf Course
Bruno's Contracting
On the Links
Janet, Josh, Jesse Turk & family
Dawn Coulter
The Pines Hardware
Lou & Lauren Richard
First Response Coffee, Jesse Buob
PinePoint Resort
Chinese Express
Nucci's
The Metropolitan Moose
Evergreen Pharmacy
June & Jo Spice Company

We look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Humbly Yours, Cheri Biloski, President of the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

“Lest We Forget”: Remembering with Respect and Honour

In 1897 Rudyard Kipling (d. 1936) composed a poem entitled “Recessional,” where he reminds readers not to forget what is not to be obliterated. In the poem, he underscores the phrase “lest we forget”:

*God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,
Beneath whose awful Hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!*

The phrase is then adopted to capture the significance of remembering the soldiers fallen in war, and it has become widely known for the occasion of Remembrance Day, also called “Armistice Day” until 1930, particularly in the Commonwealth countries and states. Equally outstanding in this respect is the poem entitled “For The Fallen” by Laurence Binyon (d. 1943), the fourth stanza of which is known to us as the “Act of Remembrance,” where it chants:

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Always do we remember the sacrifices the soldiers made in the line of duty, but at this time of year we do so deliberately and consciously across the country and the globe, not merely individually but also corporately.

Forgetting the past is by default part of an acceptable phenomenon to us, but there are certain things we retain in our memories and knowledge, such as significant moments and events, as well as honourable people and their acts in history.

Ironic it may then sound that the sacrifices of the fallen soldiers are honourable, yet we purposefully act to remember them so as not to forget them. In a true sense, however, it is more than a gesture; it is our dedication with respect to honouring their selfless services. We respect their determination to serve the country. We honour their courage, even death in line of duty.

Reflecting the values of our community as a whole, we remember them with respect and honour. For those of the past, present and future, we will remember them for their dedication.

We will remember them for their courage.

We will remember them for the sacrifice of their lives for ours.

We will remember them.

Capt Min Kim, Padre, 1 Service Battalion



NOVEMBER 2023



NorWest Community
Health Centres
Centres de santé
communautaire NorWest

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 Walk-In Clinic 10am-6pm	2 LifeLabs Mobile Clinic - Upsala 10am-3:30pm	3
6 Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 1pm-6pm	7 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 8:30am-1:30pm	8	9 LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 10am-6pm	10
13 CLOSED FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY	14 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Diabetes Educator Dietitian	15	16 LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm	17
20	21 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	22	23 LifeLabs Mobile Clinic - Upsala 10am-3:30pm	24
27	28 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Dietitian Diabetes Educator	29	30 LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm	

Kakabeka Site

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

Thunder Bay Site

525 Simpson Street
Thunder Bay, ON P7C 3J6
(807) 622-8235

PROGRAM INFO.

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

Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group
Meets outside of the Kakabeka site

Please call to book an
appointment for:

- LifeLabs
- Dietitian
- Diabetes Educator



Follow us!

NorWest Community
Health Centres -
Kakabeka Falls Clinic

www.norwestchc.org

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Neighbours Helping Neighbours

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

Next Food Bank is
Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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.

O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CLUB

Christmas is coming! We will be decorating the O'Connor Community Centre on Saturday, December 2nd at 10 am if anyone would like to join us. Our next meeting will also be held that day at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please see our full page ad on the next page for our upcoming Community Christmas Dinner to be held on a new date and time, Sunday, December 10th with doors opening at 4:00 pm and dinner at 4:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

If you are interested in joining the O'Connor Community Club team or volunteering for the club, please contact Lorna at 807-476-1451 for more information. All are welcome to attend. Meeting nights are flexible to adhere to members availability. We are always looking for new members, event ideas and activities! Please join us to see what the club is all about and ensure that social events continue to happen in O'Connor.

O'CONNOR BLESSING BOX

The O'Connor Blessing Box is once again pairing up with the Rural Cupboard Food Bank to receive donations at O'Connor's 4th Annual Drive-Thru Christmas Parade. Please give back this season and bring what you can spare to help support these two wonderful fundraisers for the community and surrounding areas.

The "Blessing Box" is a **community pantry** open to and supported by the residents of O'Connor. The Blessing Box can be found outside of the O'Connor Community Centre at 330 Highway 595. If you have any questions, please contact Shelley at 807-629-2851.

If you would like to contribute to the Blessing Box, please see examples of items below to donate. Please do not put anything in the box that could be damaged from the increasing cold temperatures.

- Rice
- Pasta, Boxed Soup
- Oatmeal, Cereal
- Oatmeal, Granola or Cereal Bars
- Crackers
- Pancake Mix (add water mix)
- Peanut Butter
- Toilet Paper, Tissue Boxes

CHECK YOUR WELL WATER

Every household should check the quality of their well water a few times a year. Now is a good time to check your well water. After heavy rains, our wells can be subject to run off and contaminants in our water. Water sample bottles are available for pick up at the Township of O'Connor Municipal Office during regular office hours at 330 Highway 595. Water samples can be dropped off at the Public Health Laboratory located at 336 South Syndicate Avenue. For more information, please call the Township Office at 807-476-1451 during office hours.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

hosted by

The O'Connor Community Club

Special guests SANTA & HIS HELPERS!

Mark your calendars and plan on coming out to enjoy an evening
with family, friends, and neighbours.

Sunday, December 10th, 2023



O'Connor Community Centre

330 Highway 595

Symposium 4:00 p.m. Dinner 4:30 p.m.

EARLIER START
TIME

**Each family will be asked to bring a dish for dinner and
pay a small admission fee**

Immediate Family - \$15.00, Couples - \$10.00, Single - \$5.00

We would like to know who will be attending to ensure sufficient seating,
to know how many children will be coming to see Santa,
and what food item you will be bringing to ensure a good variety of dishes.


**If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by Monday, December 4th.
Please call the Township Office at 807-476-1451.**

If you would be interested in making a door prize donation for the event,
please drop off at the Township Office during regular business hours.

We thank you for your generosity and hope to see you there!


<p>Murillo Library Monday 10 – 8:00 pm Wednesday 10 – 8:00 pm Saturday 9 – 12 pm 935-2729</p>	<p>Email: oplibrary@tbaytel.net Website: http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca</p>	<p>Rosslyn Library Tuesday 10 – 8:00 pm Thursday 10 to 8:00 pm Friday 10 – 3:00 pm Saturday 1 – 4:00 pm 939-2312</p>	<p>Radon detectors available to borrow at Oliver <u>Paipoonge</u> Library!</p>  <p>It is recommended that you test for radon during furnace season. For more information regarding Radon visit Eco Superior: https://www.ecosuperior.org/homeenergy</p>
	 <p>Child and Family Centre</p>		
<p>Murillo Library will be closed on Monday November 13th in observance of Remembrance Day</p> 	<p>Join us for Storytime with Ashley from Murillo EarlyOn Center!</p> <p>She will be visiting Murillo Library on Monday November 20th from 1:00 to 2:00 <i>No registration required!</i></p>	<p>Thank you to Rosslyn Women's Institute for their generous donation in memory of Sandy Vibert and Linda Spooner.</p>	

Come join us!



FREE dental services for eligible seniors

Visit ontario.ca/seniorsdental or call 1-800-461 Oral Health Program at (800) 625-6284 or toll free 1-888-214-6830



Learn about Senior's Oral Health & the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

Date: Thursday, November 9th, 2023
Time: 12:30pm
Location: Oliver Paipoonge Library: Rosslyn Branch

Carpet Bowling for Seniors
Rosslyn Community Centre
Sponsored by Rosslyn Library

Seniors!

Enjoy a fun game of carpet bowling!

- Relaxed & gentle pace of exercise
- Free
- Socializing & fun times
- Coaching available
- Snacks & refreshments
- Air conditioned comfort

Beginners welcome!!





Rosslyn Hall every Friday

1 - 3 pm

Call the library at 939-2312 for more information.


Please bring indoor shoes!





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

CRIBBAGE
BEGINNERS WELCOME!
EVERY TUESDAY 1 P.M.
ROSSLYN COMMUNITY CENTER
3405 ROSSLYN ROAD



'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.

After school 'Reading with Rena'

Calling students in grades 4 to 6...

Do you enjoy being read to in a
quiet relaxing space?

Why not join us at the Murillo Library
and see what it's all about.

Every Monday at 3:00 p.m.

(except Oct. 9th)

Snacks will be provided.



Start the new year off right! It's time to join....

Free Exercise Class for all ages



This safe low-impact routine works to lubricate joints and keep them flexible, strengthen and stabilize individual muscles and increase blood circulation resulting in a decreased number of falls and an increased ability to better accomplish day-to-day physical activities.

**Drop in every Tuesday and Thursday
from 11:30 – 12:00 at Rosslyn Library**
(Stretch bands and balls on Tuesday, weights on Thursday) *Please bring indoor shoes and weights.*



November Events

Monday Gentle Flow Yoga 7-8pm

Thursday Weekly Cornhole Tournaments 7pm

November 24th Waldorf Parent & Child Gathering

November 26th Holiday Craft Market & Bake Sale

SAVE THE DATE December 3rd Christmas Tea

Be sure to follow along on the Gillies Community Centre Facebook page for ALL the events happening this month!



LAKEHEAD REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



The 2024 Explore Card Parking Pass will be available for sale beginning November 1, 2023! 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, and a great stocking stuffer for the outdoor enthusiasts in your life! All Explore Card revenue goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Conservation Areas. The popular LRCA 2024 Calendar will be available for free beginning this month (November). Be sure to look for it at your municipal office and select businesses such as Safeway, Waverly Public Library, LU Bookstore and more. The LRCA will also have some copies available at our Administrative Office at 130 Conservation Road. The calendars go extremely fast, so be sure to get yours while supplies last! Thank you to all of the sponsors for making this calendar possible for another year. Get out and Explore!

RURAL 60 PLUS

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

TUESDAYS

Weaving – 10am to 3pm

Knitting – 10am to 3pm

WEDNESDAYS

Cribbage – 1pm to 3pm

Quilting – 10am to 3pm

Carving 10am to 3pm

THURSDAYS

Weaving – 10am to 3pm

Knitting – 10am to 3pm

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY

Craft Room is open 10am to 3pm



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 Municipal Office at 807-476-1451 for more information or to book your event.

O'Connor Hall Rental Fees:

⇒ Social with Liquor - \$200.00

⇒ Hall Rental No Liquor - \$75.00

⇒ Use of basement Kitchen - \$50.00

—Please note that a deposit may be required.—

Fundraiser for Fury & Force Cheerleaders

PANCAKES



With Santa



SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD

O'Connor Community Centre

330 Highway 595

10:00AM - 2:00PM



PHOTOS WITH SANTA AVAILABLE!

\$10 ENTRY AT THE DOOR

**PANCAKES, SAUSAGES, JUICE
AND HOT COCOA!**

BAKE TABLES. CRAFT TABLES. WINTER GREENERY

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THESE ATHLETES IN ATTENDING NATIONALS



IN MEMORY OF WAYNE BLAIKIE

Well most of you know that Dad, Wayne Blaikie, passed away this month. October 14th to be exact. Before his passing during the many hours we spent together in the hospital he made me promise that I'd do something for him once he was gone. This is the outcome of that promise.

Dad was in the hospital at the same time his house was listed for sale. He had a rather large house and he had a lot of "treasures" that needed to be dispersed. When my husband Lou wasn't up at the hospital with Dad he was cleaning out said "treasures". Lou would take before and after pictures of the work being done to show Dad and to keep Dad involved. Of course I'd go and see Dad and he'd tell me did you see the work Lou did today. Poor Lou, do you know how much work that is. That's a lot of work. Everyone should have a son-in-law like Lou.

Now this was an almost daily comment from Dad for weeks about poor Lou and how much work Lou was doing. One day Dad said to me, and this isn't an exact quote, but it's going to be pretty close. "I want you to take an ad out in the paper or get a full size page in the Cornerstone and tell everyone how much work Lou has done. I mean

it. He's done so much work, he's done a great job. Everyone should have a son-in-law like Lou. I mean it, I want to you to do it."

Well now here we are. Hon, maybe Dad couldn't always remember your birthday, but he loved you and appreciated you very, very much.

Lauren (Blaikie) Richard



60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GAYLE & JOE POOHACHOFF

November 16, 2023 we celebrate 60 years of marriage for our parents, Gayle and Joe Poohachoff. They wed on a snowy day in New Market, ON, and that day began an adventure. They travelled, they had their first child, and they built a house in Southern Ontario. They discovered O'Connor Township while visiting family, and they fell in love with this beautiful part of the country. They, and their best friends, Terry and Cathie Budd, all agreed they must buy land. They sold their house, bought a travel trailer and lived in it while they built their beautiful home next to the Pitch Creek. They had their second child in the midst of building. While settling into their new home, they made great friends, and truly became a part of the community with volunteer work and offering help to many neighbours. The amazingly beautiful property they owned made the perfect place to raise children. The forest to explore, the fields to run through, the creek to swim in and ice skate on, vegetable gardens to eat from, and plenty of hard labour to build amazing worth ethic and muscle :) Our folks have lived quite the life and we're so happy and proud. They love each other dearly, they are the best of friends, and truly inspiring. Their endless love, support, generosity, encouragement and care they show their family is

wonderful. They have created quite the family...children, grandchildren and a great grandchild...and we are all so grateful. Happy 60th!! We love you!



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.

EMERGENCY KIT WORD SCRAMBLER

(answers on page 15)

1. THILHLASFG _ _ _ _ _
2. SIERETBAT _ _ _ _ _
3. TEARW _ _ _ _ _
4. RTSIF DIA IKT _ _ _ _ _
5. TAXER EKSJ _ _ _ _ _
6. DOFO _ _ _ _ _
7. YERMCEEGN ALPN
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6. ANC ENPROE _ _ _ _ _
9. SACH _ _ _ _ _
10. TBEYTAR AIRDO
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11. ICOANEMDIT _ _ _ _ _
12. ETP OODF _ _ _ _ _

Are you ready?



CHERRY CHEESE CAKE

Submitted by First Response Coordinator Leanne Coderre

- 1 1/4 cups graham wafer crumbs
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 4 oz cream cheese
- 1/2 cup of white sugar
- One package of Dream Whip (2 cup size) (or use the pre-made Cool Whip)
- One can of cherry pie filling (or blueberry)

Mix graham wafer crumbs and melted butter together well and press into a 9" x 13" pan. Bake approximately for 15 minutes at 325F and cool (or chill).

Beat together cream cheese with sugar. In a separate bowl, make Dream Whip (2 cup size). Combine the Dream Whip and cream cheese mixtures together. Spread over the cooled crumbs. Spread one can of cherry pie filling on top. Sprinkle with wafer crumbs if desired. Chill and keep refrigerated.

CHOCOLATE CHIP SQUARES

Submitted by Deputy Fire Chief Greg Biloski

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 2/3 cup oil
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 1/2 cups flour

Directions:

Mix all ingredients together and bake in a greased 11" x 15" pan for 25 minutes at 300F.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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FOOD
POWER FAILURE
ACTION PLAN
WATER
ROAD CLOSURE
BATTERIES
DANGER
FIRST AID KIT
BE READY
WHISTLE
PRECAUTION
BACK UP HEAT
ICE STORM
MITIGATION
HELP
BLANKETS

WINTER STORM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

- Build an Emergency Kit
- Have a Plan
- Listen for Emergency Information and Alerts
- Stay Off the Roads
- Find Shelter
- Prepare for Power Outages
- Check on Neighbours
- Use Generators Outside Only
- Keep Pets Sheltered
- Dress in Several Layers
- Watch for Frostbite and Avoid Hypothermia
- Have Extra Water and Non-Perishable Food
- Have Extra Cash
- Keep Medication Stocked

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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LEGION

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Kakabeka Legion, 4556 Highway 11-17, Kakabeka Falls

Saturday, November 4th

- Membership Supper - 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Dance with Quest - 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Saturday, November 11th

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

Sunday, November 12th

- Buffet Breakfast 8:30 am - noon
- Remembrance Day Service - 11:00 am

Friday, November 17th

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

Saturday, November 18th

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


Sunday, November 19th

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

Sunday November 26th

- An Afternoon of Music - 2:00 - 4:00 pm

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


CORNERSTONE

Cornerstone Advertising

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

- **Business Ad** - \$ 10.00
- **Full Page Ad** - \$ 30.00
- **Personal/Classified Ads** (ie. Garage Sale, Parties, Funerals or Celebrations) - \$ 5.00
- **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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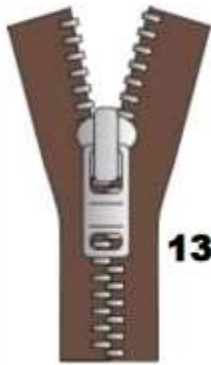
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Pastor Chris Fiorito

Cell 624-6579

Church 577-2363

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www.oconnorfreemethodist.org

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Answers to Word Scramble:

1. FLASHLIGHT 2. BATTERIES 3. WATER
4. FIRST AID KIT 5. EXTRA KEYS 6. FOOD
7. EMERGENCY PLAN 8. CAN OPENER 9. CASH
10. BATTERY RADIO 11. MEDICATION 12. PET FOOD

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

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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
(Rectory)

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY IS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER
11TH.**



TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR

4TH ANNUAL

DRIVE-THRU CHRISTMAS PARADE

Come join the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department & Auxiliary
for the
4th Annual Drive-Thru Christmas Parade!

Saturday, November 25th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm
at 330 Highway 595.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S PARADE??

DECORATE A PARADE FLOAT!!

To register a float, please call or text Erin at 807-629-8792 or email twpoconn@tbaytel.net Please register your float by Monday, November 10th.

SPONSOR THIS YEAR'S PARADE!!

To sponsor this year's parade, please pay cash or make cheques out to the
O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary
Donations can be dropped off at or mailed to the Township Office
at 330 Highway 595, Kakabeka Falls, ON., P0T1W0.
Tax receipts will be provided.

VOLUNTEER!!

Come participate in this year's parade as a volunteer! Hours for highschool students.
Call or text Erin at 807-629-8792 for more information.

REGISTRATION FOR KIDS 12 AND UNDER!!

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance. Registration is available for kids 12 and under to receive a gift from Santa. Please call or text Erin at 807-629-8792 or Cheri at 807-621-5768.

All kids must be registered by November 17th.

Visitors to the parade must remain in their vehicles at all times while viewing the floats.

We will be accepting donations at the parade to help support the Rural Cupboard Food Bank and the O'Connor Blessing Box. Please bring your choice of monetary donation or a non-perishable food item.

