



The Cornerstone

Township Of O'Connor

JUNE 2024



PLEASE NOTE that the Township Office will open at 9:30 am Thursday, June 13th. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. The Township Office will also be closed Monday, July 1st for the Canada Day holiday.

ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS IN O'CONNOR

As a resident in the Township of O'Connor, it is essential to have a thorough understanding of the Ontario Dog Owners Liability Act, the Township's Policy and By-law for Dog Control, and your responsibilities under the law. This act was put in place to protect the public from nuisance dogs and attacks, and to ensure that dog owners are held accountable for the actions of their pets. Council and Staff are strongly advising residents to familiarize yourselves with the legislation, Policy and By-law. It is important to note that the Dog Owners Liability Act applies to all dog owners. Regardless of the breed or size of dog or, the dog's demeanour, dog owners are still responsible for any damage or harm their dog may cause. This is why it is crucial to properly train, socialize, and control your dog to minimize the risks and ensure the well-being of both your pet and community. To fulfill your responsibilities under the Dog Owners Liability Act, it is imperative to take appropriate measures to prevent your dog from posing a risk or menace to others. This includes keeping your dog on a leash when not on your property, properly fencing your property or leashing your dog to prevent them from going off the property, and ensuring they are well-socialized and trained. Understanding the Dog Owners Liability Act of Ontario, the Township Policy and By-law, and your responsibilities as a dog owner is crucial for the well-being and safety of both your pet and the community. By giving yourself the knowledge and taking necessary precautions, you can prevent dog-related incidents and ensure a harmonious coexistence between residents and dogs in our Township. Please visit the Township's website to read the necessary information on being a dog owner. Doing so could prevent you from necessary fines later on. Go to www.oconnortownship.ca under the Municipal Office heading for Township Policies, Plans and By-laws. Thank you.

SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

****PLEASE SPECIFY WHICH JOB YOU ARE APPLYING FOR****

1 Position at the Township of O'Connor Roads Department
Job Title: General Labourer
Start Date: July 8, 2024
Duration: 35 Hours/Week for 8 Weeks

1 Position at the Township of O'Connor Office
Job Title: Administrative
Start Date: July 8, 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.

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 Greg 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:** **John Ostrowski** 807-476-1451
Email: twpoconn@tbaytel.net
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, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 11th at 7:00 p.m. - Budget Meeting

Monday, June 24th at 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting

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

WELCOME

The Township of O'Connor Council and Staff would like to extend a warm welcome to Greg Croft as O'Connor's new By-law Enforcement Officer. Congratulations and welcome aboard the team Greg!



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

- 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 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY (along with The O'Connor Community Club)

Invite you to attend their ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

to be held on
Friday, June 21st, 2024
7:00 - 9:00 pm
at the

O'Connor Community Centre
(330 Highway 595)

Ice Cream & Strawberries, Tea & Coffee, Penny Auction and Miscellaneous Draws. **The Fire Department Auxiliary is looking for donations for their Penny Auction table.** Please drop donations off at the Township Office at 330 Highway 595 during regular business hours, or call Cheri at 807-621-5768. See back page for more details.



Volunteer Fire Department News

Since our last newsletter, the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department received 4 Fire related calls, 1 Motor Vehicle Collision and 2 First Response calls.

SUMMER FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

- * DO NOT THROW CIGARETTE BUTTS OUT THE WINDOW OF YOUR VEHICLES
- * Practice safe grilling.
- * Burn safely. Know the risk level in your area.
- * Be aware of wildfires in the area.
- * Keep your fire number visible from the road.
- * Have your HVAC system maintained.
- * Closely supervise all fires and campfires.
- * Douse hot coals with plenty of water.
- * Let your lawnmower cool down before fueling up

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.



DONATE YOUR:

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

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

The O'Connor Volunteer 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 FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY ANNUAL BBQ STEAK DRAW

Licence #M855405

SOLD OUT!! Thank you to everyone that bought tickets.

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

Life Can Be Hard

Finding Help Can Be Easy



Health and Mental Health Services



Newcomer and Immigrant Services



Food Banks and Meal Programs



Housing, Shelters and Utility Help



Seniors' Services and Home Care



Government Programs and Services



Parenting and Family Programs



Disability Supports and More

Contact 211 day or night to find support for all of life's challenges



SUPPORTED BY:



TOLL-FREE: 1 (877) 330-3213 TTY: 1 (855) 405-7446

211 HELPLINE: FREE | CONFIDENTIAL | 24/7 | 150+ LANGUAGES



CALL OR TEXT
2-1-1



E-MAIL
gethelp@211ontario.ca



SEARCH OR CHAT
211Ontario.ca



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 Disposal Site closures, 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 email us at twpoconn@tbaytel.net. Please do not respond to the delivered text messages as these are not checked on a regular basis.



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! See the enclosed insert to fill out or find the Emergency Information Form on our website under "Emergency Services."

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

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 COMMUNITY CLUB

Come join the Community Club along with the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department for this year's **Strawberry Festival, to be held Friday, June 21st from 7 - 9 p.m.** See back page for details.

The next Community Club meeting will be Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at 330 Highway 595. 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.



DISPOSAL SITE

****Sign up for the Township of O'Connor's Text Messaging System to get Disposal Site notifications regarding closures due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances****

Why Recycle or Divert E-Waste From the Landfill?

Electronic waste does not belong in the landfill. Not only are these items valuable, but e-waste can also leach toxic substances such as lead, mercury, and cadmium into our water bodies and landmasses we need to survive. Used, broken, or unwanted electronic waste can be recycled at the O'Connor Disposal Site.

Items that can be recycled include:

Amplifiers	Fax machines	Speakers
Audio and video players	Monitors	Telephones
Cameras	Pagers and PDA's	Answering machines
Cell phones	Printers	Tuners
Computers and peripherals	Radios	Turntables
Copiers	Receivers	Televisions
Digital cameras	Scanners	Video projectors

Working E-Waste:

If your items are in working condition, please consider donating your items to local donation agencies.

Wipe your drives. Clear your SIM cards. Protect your privacy.

Before bringing electronic devices to our Disposal Site, here are some practical suggestions on electronic recycling:

1. Assess if the electronic device could be given away.
2. Ensure the account service for your device is deactivated, if applicable.
3. Clear your device of personal information, including removing the SIM card.

Protect your privacy

1. Clear all personal information from computers, cell phones and electronics, prior to drop off.
2. Ensure all memory storage areas have been cleared of private information.

Find out how:

1. Consult manufacturer's website or electronics owner's manual.
2. Download data erasure software or data shredding apps.
3. Ask an expert.



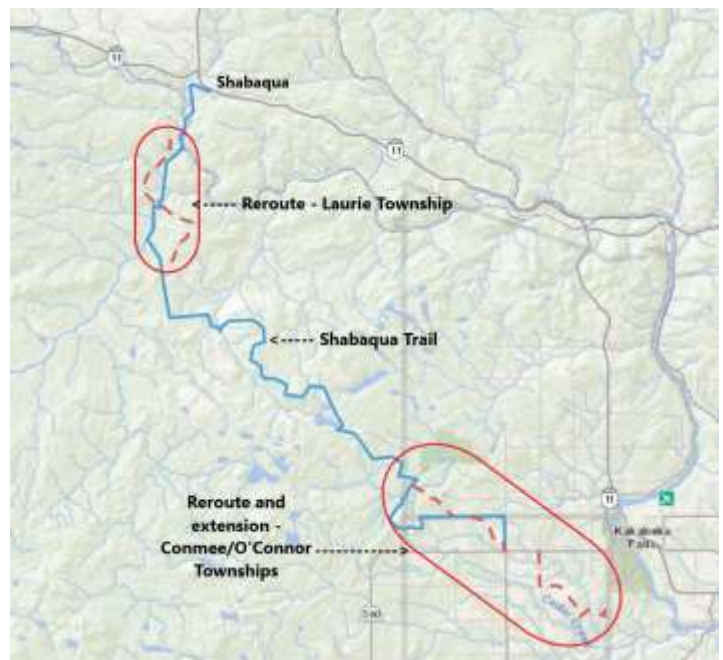
NWORTA
PHASE I SHABAQUA HIKING TRAIL
REROUTE AND EXTENSION PROPOSAL
OPEN HOUSE
PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

NorthWestern Ontario Recreational Trails Association (NWORTA) has applied to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to grant a Trail Work Permit to reroute and extend the Shabaqua Hiking Trail in Conmee and O'Connor Townships west of Kakabeka Falls, and unorganized Laurie Township south of Shabaqua. The purpose of this application is to apprise interested parties of our intent to construct new trails to mitigate shared use of public roads (Sovereign, Fleming, Shabaqua Roads) and local NWORTA snowmobile trails. It also includes extending the existing trail further east from Sovereign Road @ Highway 590 to Luckens Road (O'Connor Township).

LOCATION: O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE
 (330 Highway 595, Kakabeka Falls, ON)

DATE: TUESDAY JUNE 18/2024 7:30 - 9:30 PM

*Proposed Shabaqua Trail reroute and extension
 Conmee/O'Connor/Laurie Townships*



JUNE 2024



NorWest Community Health Centres
Centres de santé communautaire NorWest

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C @ 10:30 am	4 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	5	6 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs Mobile Clinic - Upsala 10am-3:30pm	7
10 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C at 10:30 am	11 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Diabetes Educator	12 Upsala Trivia Tea	13 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm	14
17 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C @ 10:30 am Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 1pm-6pm	18 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 8:30am-1:30pm	19	20 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	21
24 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C @ 10:30 am	25 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Diabetes Educator	26	27 LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm	28

Kakabeka Site

4785 ON-11 Unit B,
Kakabeka Falls,
ON POT 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 Mountain Portage Trail at KFalls Park @ 10:15 or a ride is provided at Evergreen Parking Lot at 10 am

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

Upsala Trivia Tea

Meet us at the Senior Luncheon at the Upsala Community Centre to talk Trivia



Follow us!

NorWest Community Health Centres - Kakabeka Falls Clinic

www.norwesthc.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



LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE
 245B BAY ST
 NEXT TO RENCOS FOODS ON COURT

May 24th, 2024
 10 am to 12pm

FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY!

Make some great finds!

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

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

Next Food Bank is
Wednesday, June 19, 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.



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, pepper,	Rice
Fruit roll ups	garlic powder,	Cereal
Dried fruit	sage, poultry	Oatmeal
White sugar	seasoning, lemon	Bread
Brown sugar	pepper, basil, etc.)	Bagels
Flour	Pancake mix	English muffins

Toiletries are also a great donation, items such as:

Deodorant	Feminine products
Tooth brushes	Diapers
Toothpaste	Bar soap

First Day of
 Summer is
 Thursday, June
 20th.

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

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

NORTHWEST INTERNATIONAL AG EXPO


REGISTER NOW

JULY
 25 26 27
2024

PURITY SEEDS
EMO
ONTARIO
CANADA

LIVESTOCK & CROP SPEAKERS
 LIVE, INTERACTIVE SOIL
 COMPACTION DEMONSTRATION
 EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE
 EQUIPMENT DISPLAYS
 NETWORKING & MEALS

www.membership.ontariosoilcrop.org/events/northwest-international-ag-expo **\$75**



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.

Report a bear problem
 For emergency encounters, call 911 or local police if a bear poses an immediate threat to personal safety:


- enters or tries to enter a residence
- kills livestock/pets and lingers at the site
- stalks people and lingers at the site

For Non-emergency encounters, please call the Bear Wise reporting line: 1-866-514-2327 (Apr. 1 - Nov. 30).

Memorial Service
 for
Gordon Peel


Saturday, June 8, 2024
 1:00 - 3:00 pm

O'Connor Community Centre
 330 Highway 595



Happy 85th birthday
 to
Tony Fiorito!!
 June 17th.
 Love your family.

Happy birthday
 to
Pat Fiorito!!
 June 5th .
 Love your family.

Happy Birthday
 to two special ladies,
Leanne Coderre & Terri Macsemchuk!!
 June 16th.
 Love Cheri.

HOPPERS VARIETY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- LICENCED MECHANIC**
 - Must be a skilled mechanic responsible for diagnosing, troubleshooting, repairs and maintenance, performing vehicle inspections and able to work independently.
- EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**
 - Knowledge of and ability to operate a variety of pieces of heavy equipment in a safe manner. Knowledge of road construction and maintenance techniques.
- AZ OR DZ LICENCED TRUCK DRIVER**
 - Must have an AZ or DZ licence with a clean abstract, perform pre-trip inspections and maintenance as required, adapt to unforeseen circumstances such as weather or traffic.

EXPERIENCE IS A DEFINITE MUST

For more information or to submit resume, please email Pauline at hoppers@tbaytel.net or drop off in person at

Hoppers Variety
 2160 Highway 588
 In Nolalu.

THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR COUNCIL &
 Staff would like to wish all fathers a
WONDERFUL DAY THIS FATHER'S DAY,
 Sunday, June 16th.



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



**THE
HYMERS FALL FAIR
IS IN NEED
OF
CATTLE SHOW
SPONSORS.
PLEASE CONTACT DEB
AT
INFO@HYMERSFAIR.COM**

PIC•COLLAGE



OAAS CERTIFIED JUDGING SCHOOL

Want to become an OAAS Certified Exhibits Judge or already an OAAS 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.

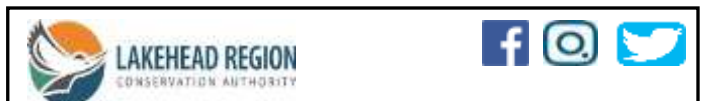
Judging Categories covered:

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



The 2023 Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Annual Report is now available on our website (www.lakeheadca.com/about/annual-reports). Physical copies are being distributed via the Chronicle Journal and are also available at our Administrative Office upon publication. We are proud of the work completed during 2023 and look forward to continuing our mission to lead the conservation and protection of the Lakehead Watershed in service of our vision of a healthy, safe and sustainable Lakehead Watershed for future generations. The LRCA is celebrating its 70th Anniversary this year, and to help celebrate we will be hosting a Family Fun Day here at our Administrative Office in Thunder Bay! The event will take place on Thursday, July 18th from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and will feature some fantastic family fun, including Science North science shows, a falconry demo from Thunderbird Wildlife Rescue, displays and activities from many of our community partners and so much more! Keep an eye on our website and socials for more information closer to the event. Please keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more upcoming summer events information!

If you plan on visiting us at a Conservation Area this summer, consider purchasing an Explore Card Parking Pass! If you visit frequently, an Explore Card Parking Pass for \$40.00 +HST permits 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.



MAKE IT MOVE

BUCKLE UP YOUR SEAT BELT!

JOIN SCIENCE NORTH AS WE EXPLORE ALL THINGS THAT MOVE WITH HANDS-ON TABLES FILLED WITH INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES.

Murillo Hall Free drop-in event for children and their caregivers.	Wednesday July 10th 1:00 - 4:00 Science Show at 2:00
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Hosted by Oliver Palpoonge Library - Generously sponsored by Sue and Jake deBoer

Murillo Library

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



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

Email:

oplibrary@tbaytel.net

Website:

<http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca>

Rosslyn Library

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



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

*Spring cleaning?
The library
accepts donations
of used books
and DVD's in
good condition.*

Our indoor bowling
program is now on hiatus
until September. Exercise
class and cribbage will
continue all summer!

Free exercise class for all ages and abilities.



Every Tuesday: Bands and Balls } At Rosslyn 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 Rosslyn Library for more information 807-939-2312

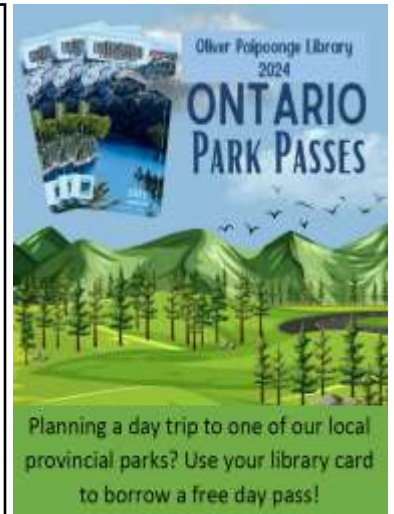
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BEGINNERS WELCOME!

EVERY TUESDAY 1 P.M.
ROSSLYN COMMUNITY CENTER
3405 ROSSLYN ROAD



Come and join the fun and friendship!



Oliver Paipoonge Library
2024
**ONTARIO
PARK PASSES**

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



FREE BEGINNER GUITAR LESSONS!



Tuesdays 630 - 7:30

O'Connor Free Methodist Church Hall, 293 Sitch Rd.

No experience needed. Bring your own guitar or there are some
available for use. For more info contact Eddy: 807-630-9914



STAINED GLASS CLASS

Kakabeka Falls

\$45.00

Learn to copper foil glass, flux, solder, and make an abstract of your creation.

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Saturday, June 1st

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

Saturday, June 8th

- Executive and General Meeting - 2:30/3:00 pm

Sunday, June 9th

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

Friday, June 14th

- Rural 60 Plus lunch - 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Saturday, June 15th

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

Sunday, June 16th

- Jam Session - 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Friday, June 21st

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

Saturday, June 22nd

- Ceili - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Sunday, June 23rd

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

Saturday, June 29th

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

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

Call Diane for reservations at 807-577-6549.

Please drop in and say good-bye to

GARY MacDONALD

June 8th 4-6 pm

KAKABEKA FALLS LEGION

He is leaving us for a warmer country, new experiences and friendships.

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Cake and refreshments will be served.



AURORA
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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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**DAD IS...
WORD SCRAMBLER**

(answers on page 12)

1. VABER _ _ _ _ _
2. ERLCEV _ _ _ _ _
3. ENDINCOFT _ _ _ _ _
4. ALEEDBENDP _ _ _ _ _
5. NANTGNIERIET _ _ _ _ _
6. NUNYF _ _ _ _ _
7. KRANHWIODGR _ _ _ _ _
8. PULEHFL _ _ _ _ _
9. TGNENILTIEL _ _ _ _ _
10. OPDUR _ _ _ _ _
11. TEREOTPIVC _ _ _ _ _
12. LISYL _ _ _ _ _
13. LSUOUECERFR _ _ _ _ _
14. RETNS _ _ _ _ _
15. ROSGTN _ _ _ _ _
16. ERNEUOGS _ _ _ _ _

Taco-Stuffed Pepper Cups

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/taco-stuffed-pepper-cups>

Ingredients

- 2 medium green peppers
- 1/2 pound ground beef or lean ground turkey
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1 can (16 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 3 tablespoons taco seasoning
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped tomato

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. Cut peppers in half lengthwise and remove seeds. In a large kettle, cook peppers in boiling water until crisp-tender, 3-5 minutes. Drain and rinse in cold water; set aside. In a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in the beans, tomato sauce and taco seasoning; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, until heated through, 5-6 minutes. Spoon into peppers. Arrange pepper halves in an ungreased 8-in. square baking dish. Bake, uncovered, until peppers are tender, 10-12 minutes. Top with sour cream, cheese and tomatoes.



SUMMER TIME

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- BEACH
- SUNGLASSES
- RAINBOW
- SWIMMING
- FLIP FLOPS
- GARDENS
- PLAYGROUND
- VACATION
- SUNBLOCK
- DANDELIONS
- HIKING
- BOATING
- BIKING
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Answers to Word Scramble:

1. BRAVE 2. CLEVER
3. CONFIDENT 4. DEPENDABLE
5. ENTERTAINING 6. FUNNY
7. HARDWORKING 8. HELPFUL
9. INTELLIGENT 10. PROUD
11. PROTECTIVE 12. SILLY
13. RESOURCEFUL 14. STERN
15. STRONG 16. GENEROUS



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- **Half Page Ad** - \$ 30.00
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