

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Landfill 10am—5pm
2	3	4	5	6	7 Good Friday	8 Landfill 10am—5pm
9 Easter Sunday 	10 Easter Monday Office Closed	11 Office Closed	12 Council Meeting 6:30pm	13	14	15 Landfill 10am—5pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Landfill 10am—5pm  Earth Day
23	24 Council Meeting 6:30pm	25	26	27	28	29 Landfill 10am—5pm
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Gillies News

April 2023

Municipal Office

1092 Highway 595
Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0

Phone: (807) 475-3185

Fax: (807) 473 0767

Clerk/Deputy Treasurer:
gillies@gilliestownship.com

Treasurer/Deputy Clerk:
admin@gilliestownship.com

Hours:

Monday to Thursday:
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
(closed 12pm-12:30pm)
Friday: Closed

Roads Department

roads@gilliestownship.com
(807) 475-3165

Fire Department

fire@gilliestownship.com

Chief Building Official

gilliesco@tbaytel.net

Emergency Numbers

Non-Emergency OPP

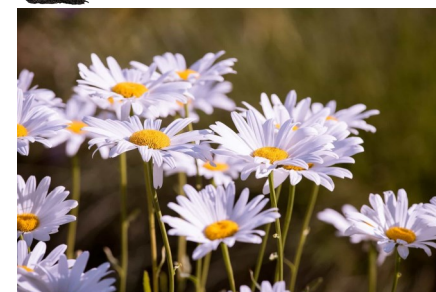
1-888-310-1122

Emergency (fire, medical, OPP)

911

Hydro Outages

1-800-434-1235



April Birth Flower
Daisy

FROM THE DESK OF THE REEVE

Greetings Gillies Residents!

Some very exciting news came to the Township in March...Broadband throughout the Municipality is on the way! Due to a funding agreement between the Federal and Provincial governments and working with TbayTel most households within our borders will have reliable internet service. The Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition with the help of The Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre has been working behind the scenes for years on this project and it has come to fruition. Work will be starting this year with a tentative completion date of 2025 if all goes according to plan.

This will also benefit our surrounding rural municipalities as they will be receiving the same benefits. Please go to the website to find more information regarding the plans and timing. Thank you to all for their hard work on this portfolio!

www.tbaytel.net/Brand/Media-Centre/Newsroom/lakehead-regional-municipal-coalition-fibre-project

Happy Spring!

Take Care of You and Yours!

Reeve Wendy Wright



Landfill Hours

Sat: 10am to 5pm

Regular Council Meeting Dates:

April 12th & 24th

Meetings start at 6:30 pm (unless noted) and are open virtually to the public. Please see the Council News page for information on how to attend. Copies of the agenda are available on the website www.gilliestownship.com



Council News

- Council is happy to be part of the Broadband Funding announcement (see front page).
- The Reeve, Clerk and new Councillor Dan Vanlenthe attended the Thunder Bay District Municipal League Conference.
- The Township financial audit is underway with budgeting to follow.
- Council and Staff are undertaking a pay equity overhaul as directed by the Provincial government.
- Public meetings will be scheduled soon for some Municipal matters: check the newsletter and website for more information as it becomes available.
- The Official Plan work will be starting in April with a visit to Council from Fotenn, the company that will be working with the Township to complete this vital work.

Council Members	Email
Reeve Wendy Wright	w.wright@gilliestownship.com
Councillor Rudy Buitenhuis	r.buitenhuis@gilliestownship.com
Councillor Bill Groenheide	b.groenheide@gilliestownship.com
Councillor Elizabeth Jones	e.jones@gilliestownship.com
Councillor Daniel Vanlenthe	d.vanlenthe@gilliestownship.com

2023 Council Meetings
April 12 & 24
May 8 & 23
June 12 & 26
July 10
August 14
September 11 & 25
October 10 & 23
November 14 & 27
December 11

*Council dates may change throughout the year, please visit the website for accuracy

Council Meetings	Emergency Council Meetings	Public Meetings
Join from your computer or tablet: meet.goto.com/410052917	Join from your computer or tablet: meet.goto.com/670111493	Join from your computer or tablet: meet.goto.com/956692509
Call in (toll free): 1 (888) 299-1889	Call in (toll free): 1 (888) 455-1389	Call in (toll free): 1 (888) 299-1889
Access Code: 410-052-917	Access Code: 670-111-493	Access Code: 956-692-509

The Township of Gillies respectfully acknowledges that the lands on which we live and work are the traditional lands of the Anishinabek Nation and the traditional territory of Fort William First Nation, signatory to the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850. As partners with First Nations communities, the Métis Nation of Ontario, and Inuit people, the Municipality is committed to the common vision of a healthy, safe and sustainable community.

Growing sweet potatoes from slips By Kathy McGowan

Now that spring has officially arrived, I’m planning the gardens, working on a new seed sowing schedule and planting sweet potato (Ipomoea batatas) tuberous roots indoors that will eventually grow sweet potato slips for one of the outdoor garden beds. Packed with vitamins A , C, and B6, potassium and fiber, sweet potatoes are one of our family’s favourite root vegetables. Although there’s still snow on the ground, it’s time to get some sweet potatoes planted indoors to grow slips.

In deep containers, I add roughly 8 cm of moist high-quality organic potting mix and firmly press each tuberous root lengthwise into the soil, leaving half of the root above the soil. To retain moisture and add humidity, I place a plastic bag (with a few small air holes cut in the top)or a clear dome loosely on top of the containers. The containers are then placed in a warm area of the house near a window where they will bask in direct sunlight for up to six hours daily. If all goes well, then slips will begin to emerge in a few weeks. If they don’t, then I just wait longer. I start the soil growing method in early March.



Once the slips establish roots, I carefully cut them from the sweet potato root along with a ½ cm piece of the potato itself and then plant each slip in a deep 1-gallon pot with a mixture of compost, sand and potting soil. They will grow in these pots until the outside air and soil temperatures are favourable. In late May, I take the potted plants outside each day to acclimate them (harden off) in the shade and gradually put them in the sun for a few hours daily to reduce transplant shock and leaf burn (sun scorch).

Because the slips can’t tolerate cold temperatures, I plant them outdoors once the soil has warmed to roughly 18°C and nighttime temperatures are consistently above 10°C. In my area, that’s normally mid-June after the full moon (Strawberry Moon). I bury half of each slip (no more than two leaves above ground) in fertile and loose soil amended with compost to encourage healthy root growth. Ensuring that there are 3-5 leaf nodes underground gives the plants a chance to survive if frost occurs. Each slip is planted 20 cm (8”) to 25 cm (10”) apart since I have a limited amount of space in the garden. After a few weeks, I apply my homemade worm casting tea and repeat a few weeks later. Because sweet potato varieties can take 90 to 150 days to reach harvest, I place a low polytunnel over the growing plants and secure a frost blanket over the tunnel if temperatures dip below 10°C in September and October.

As the slips grow into sprawling vines, I harvest some leaves and steam them as I do with spinach, or add raw to smoothies and salads. The leaves are rich in vitamins A, B and C, Thiamine, Niacin, Zinc, Folic Acid, Calcium, Riboflavin, Iron, Vitamin K, B-Carotene, B6 and protein.

By mid-October, plants will turn yellow at the ends of the vines, a sign that they are ready for harvest. In recent years thanks to warm autumns I harvested sweet potatoes just before Halloween.

Here are some common varieties for our short growing season:



Variety	Days to Maturity
‘Covington’	90-100
‘Beauregard’	100-110
‘Centennial’	90
‘Georgia Jet’	90



Hang in there, folks, summer is on its way.

Kathy McGowan owns and manages Misty Meadows Permaculture Farm in the Township of Gillies in Robinson-Superior Treaty (1850) territory, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg.



Peanut Butter & Candy Egg Blondies	
Ingredients:	
- 1 1/4 C flour	- 1 C peanut butter
- 1 1/4 C honey roasted peanuts	- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp baking powder	- 2 eggs
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt	- 1 (12 ounce) bag chocolate candy eggs
- 1 1/2 C light brown sugar	- 3/4 C semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 C unsalted butter	
Directions:	
- Set oven to 350F. Line a 9x13 baking pan with parchment paper. Lightly grease paper	
- In a food processor blend flour and peanuts. Blend in baking powder and salt	
- Beat sugar with butter until fluffy. Beat in peanut butter, vanilla and eggs.	
- Add flour until combined. Set aside 3/4 C candy eggs. Add chips and rest of candy eggs	
- Transfer to pan. Place reserved eggs on top. Bake for 25-30 mins until browned. Cool	

Have a well-loved recipe that you'd like to share? Send your recipe to admin@gilliestownship.com for a chance to have your recipe featured in the newsletter!

Potluck lunch and film screening



The Seeds of
Vandana Shiva
"When you control seed
you control life on Earth."

Saturday, May 13, 2023
Gillies Community Centre
1895 HWY 595 (South Gillies)
12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Limited seating

Admission: A snack to share with the group and a non-perishable food item or cash donation.
Proceeds to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank.

To register contact:
Kathy McGowan
Misty Meadows Permaculture Farm
807-629-0343
countrylivingrocks@hotmail.com



Tree Services Include:
*Tree Pruning * Tree Removal * Hydro Line Pruning & Clearing (Private Lines) * Hazardous Limbs/Trees * Storm Cleanup * Tree Support Systems * Tree Planting & Transplanting * Rough Cut Lumber – Mobile Sawmill
Experienced & Insured Services
For a free estimate please call, text or email:

Grant: (807)-630-5359
Email: woodsmillertree@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook @ WOODS MILLER TREE WORKS
Website: woodsmillertreeworks.ca
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News from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority—Apr. 2023 Edition

Warmer weather means more people will be out visiting our Conservation Areas and exploring nature. Please be mindful of trail conditions and the weather. Trails may be slippery due to wet, muddy, icy, and snowy conditions, so be prepared for your visit and wear appropriate footwear. Additionally, LRCA staff do not monitor ice conditions, so proceed with caution and at your own risk.

The LRCA is glad to be hosting several public events during 2023. There is still space available at some of our Watershed Explorer programs, but they are filling up fast! Tickets for our Wine Tasting & Dinner at Whitewater fundraiser are on sale now. The LRCA will also be hosting Hazelwood Lake Family Fun Day on Sunday, July 23, and Silver Harbour Day on Saturday, August 26 (in partnership with the Municipality of Shuniah and Shuniah Emergency Services, who are celebrating their 150th and 50th anniversaries, respectively). Keep an eye on our website for more details closer to the event days.

If you visit our Conservation Areas frequently, consider purchasing an Explore Card Parking Pass. For \$40.00 +HST, this pass will allow you to forgo the \$5.00 per vehicle day use parking fee at all 10 Conservation Areas in the Lakehead Region for one calendar year. If you visit more than eight times, the pass pays for itself! Passes are available for purchase at www.lakeheadca.com or by calling (807) 344-5857.

The spring of 2023 is beginning with above average snow levels and water content when compared to typical averages at this time of year. Typical snow depths for March 15 range from 35 to 54 centimetres, where the actual depth measured on March 15, 2023 ranged from 43 to 59 centimetres. Staff will continue to monitor spring conditions and issue Flood Messaging and Low Water Condition statements when warranted.

Get out and Explore!



LAKEHEAD REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Let's Go on a Nature Walk...

Featuring the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird:

- Their wings beat about 55 to 75 times per second
- They measure between 7.5cm to 9cm from bill to tail
- Only the males have the signature ruby red throat
- This bird makes annual migration flights south which includes crossing the 800 km expanse of the Gulf of Mexico
- Of the 5 species that live in Canada, the Ruby-Throated is the only one that lives in Eastern Canada
- Hummingbirds lay 2 white eggs, the size of large peas, which hatch after about 2 weeks
- They consume small insects and nectar. They may also drink from feeders containing 1 part sugar and 4 parts water. Make sure to boil the mixture to prevent fermentation and change out and clean the feeder at least once per week to prevent mold. Also hang the feeder away from windows as they may mistake their reflection for an intruding bird and attack it; injuring themselves.
- **Fun Fact!** People did not believe this tiny bird could fly thousands of kilometers to its wintering grounds. This gave rise to legends that they travelled as passengers on larger migratory birds, like Canada Geese





The Corporation of the Township of Gillies currently has one vacant position for a

Weed Inspector
Volunteer, Casual

Recruiting immediately and posted until vacancy if filled.

The Township of Gillies is accepting applications for one (1) volunteer Weed Inspector. This position is under the direction of the Clerk/Deputy Treasurer. The Weed Inspector will be responsible for investigating inquiries, identifying areas of weed infestation, enforcement of weed notices and assisting in other duties as required.

The successful candidate will have the following:

- Class G drivers license along with a reliable vehicle and clean driver's abstract
- Good reasoning skills
- Ability to learn and understand relevant legislation
- Good communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to investigate and provide written follow up reports to the Clerk within legislated timelines
- Ability to produce computer-based reports, and email, as required
- Ability to follow all Health and Safety laws as well as Council Policies
- Training will be provided

The Volunteer position will be conditional on a clear Criminal Records background check.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a letter of interest and resume to:

1092 Highway 595
Kakabeka Falls, ON
POT 1W0
Phone: (807) 475-3185
Email: gillies@gilliestownship.com

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies thanks all applicants for their interest, but only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Accessibility accommodations are available for all parts of the recruitment process.

All applications and enquiries will be treated in strict confidence. The personal information collected will be used solely for candidate selection in accordance with the Municipal Freedom and Protection of Privacy Act.

Upcoming Kakabeka Legion Events

Apr 1 Dance with Quest 7-10pm

Apr 8 Exec/Gen Mtg 2:30/3pm

Apr 9 Breakfast 8:30am-noon

Apr 14 Rural 60 Lunch noon-1pm

Apr 15 Dance with Quest 7-10pm

Apr 16 Jam Session 6:30-9:30pm

Apr 29 Dance with Quest 7-10pm

Apr 30 Music 2-4pm

Call the Legion hotline to confirm bookings:

807-473-9122



Kakabeka Falls
and
Rural District
Branch 225

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Neighbours Helping Neighbours

Conmee Municipal Complex
19 Holland Rd, Kakabeka Falls POT1W0
807-285-0836

We sincerely thank all those that continue
to support us during COVID-19.

Your donations enable the food bank
to remain open

Next Food Bank
Wednesday, APRIL 19th, 2023

Registration 9 am to 11 am
Drive-Thru Pick-up



Full Pink Moon

April's full Moon is named the Pink Moon and appears on Wednesday April 5. This Moon is the first full Moon of the spring season also making it the Paschal Full Moon. The Paschal Moon determines the date of Easter as Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon. The Pink Moon's name comes from the early springtime bloom of the wildflower Phlox subulate which went by the name moss pink. Other names for this Moon include references to spring such as the Breaking Ice Moon (Algonquin) and Budding Moon of Plants and Shrubs (Tlingit) and references to animals such as Frog Moon (Cree) and Sucker Moon (Anishinaabe).



MATT AIKEN

OWNER
MASTER ELECTRICIAN

807 631 1304

AIKENELECTRIC@OUTLOOK.COM



**Please note the
Township Office will be
closed on Monday April
10th**

Business Directory

Aiken Electric
Electrical Services/Electrician
Phone: (807) 631-1304
Email: aikenelectric@outlook.ca

Barb's Sewing
Professional Seamstress
Zippers, hems and repairs
Phone: (807) 475-9687
Email: bbbarbbelanger@hotmail.ca

Daniel Vanlenthe Mechanical
Electrical water heater installation & repair
Oil and wood energy home installations and inspections
Phone: (807) 939-1013

Duotherapy
Registered Massage Therapists
Couples & solo massage, direct billing, online booking
1620 Hwy 588
Website: www.duotherapy.com

Graph-X by Deb Printing Design Promotions
Phone: (807) 935-2685
Email: graphxbydeb@gmail.com
Website: www.graphxbydeb.com

Green Acre Variety Store
Groceries, gas/diesel, propane, post office
1226 Hwy 595, Gillies, ON
Phone: (807) 475-5631

J's Funny Farm
Piglets, Barbecue pigs, pork
Phone: (807) 630-4428 or (807) 577-7193

Mitchell's Autobody
Phone: (807) 473-3573

Rebecca's Water Service
Self serve water fill up in trucks or 5 gallon jugs
Phone: (807) 628-6583 (text or call)

Rose Valley Lodge & Restaurant
5-course meals, log cabin rentals
56 Rose Valley Road, South Gillies, ON
Website: www.rosevalleylodge.com

Laila's Custom Sewing
Alterations & repairs on all clothing (incl. formal & semi-formal). Zippers, hems, and other tasks.
Phone: (807) 475-8884
Email: lkrievin@gmail.com

Wildflower Arts
Quilt Shop & Longarm Quilting
1899 Hwy 608 South Gillies
Hours: Tues, Thurs, Fri 10-5 or by appointment
Phone: (807) 626-3691


Tarrymore Farms
Local beef and eggs
Phone: (807) 620-6488 or (807) 620-6489

Walkabout Farms
Website: www.walkaboutfarm.ca

Disclaimer: Business Directory is only for businesses located in OR NEAR the Township of Gillies. Businesses located further outside the Township are welcome to advertise in the newsletter. To be added to the business directory, please email the Township office at admin@gilliestownship.com



Fire Department




Just a reminder that burning permits are required for all open air burning all year long and expire on December 31st. You can get a burning permit online at gillies.burnpermits.com/ or at the municipal office.

When burning, please remember:

- Between April 1st and October 31st you must burn in the evenings: one hour before sunset to one hour after sunrise.
- Your burn pile must not be bigger than 1.8m x 1.8 m x 1.8m (6 ft x 6ft x 6ft).
- You can only burn one pile at a time.
- Burn piles must be well away from buildings or the bush line.
- All fires must be supervised and you must have suitable suppression equipment present.
- Burn barrels need a permit also and must be inspected annually.

Details regarding how and when to burn can be found in the Open Air Burning Bylaw available on the Township's website or by visiting the municipal office.



Landfill

289 Neva Road | Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

The Good Neighbour Shack is for resident use only and is located at the landfill site. It is a small building where residents can donate gently used household items for others in the community. Please remember that the items donated must be in useable condition and any broken electronics should be placed in the electronics recycling bin.

Until further notice: the Good Neighbour Shack is only accepting items that can fit inside the shack. Please do not leave items outside the shack.



Did you know...?

- The Township of Gillies is a part of the Lakehead Rural Planning Board (LRPB)
- The Lakehead Rural Planning Board provides planning services for the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge, the Municipality of Neebing, Conmee Township, O'Connor Township, the Township of Gillies and the unincorporated Townships of Gorham, Ware and Dawson Road Lots 1-20.
- The Lakehead Rural Planning Board was established in 1984 under Ministerial Order by then Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Claude F. Bennett, in accordance with what was then Subsection 72(4) of the Planning Act, 1983, and is now Section 9 of the Act.
- The Board is made up of seven persons. One person is appointed by the Council of each Municipality served by the Board. Two people are appointed by the Ministry on behalf of the Territories Without Municipal Organization (TWOMOs) served by the Board.

O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CLOTHING GIVEAWAY!

in honour of

EARTH DAY 2023

and in support of

THE RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

to be held

Sunday, April 23rd

1:00 - 4:00 pm

O'Connor Community Centre

330 Highway 595

Please bring your own bags.

DONATIONS OF FOOD OR MONEY FOR THE RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR.

 REUSE  REPURPOSE  RECYCLE 

TO DONATE ITEMS FOR THE GIVEAWAY, PLEASE DROP OFF GENTLY USED ITEMS BETWEEN

APRIL 1st - 21st

at the

O'CONNOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE

330 Highway 595

during regular business hours

(Please no under garments of any kind)

For questions, please call Erin at 476-1451.

Community supporting community!! Everyone welcome!!

Ways to Celebrate Earth Day

- Clean up garbage along roadsides
- Plant some wildflowers or native plants (or get some seeds to do this once the snow is gone!)
- Stop using pesticides and chemicals
- Conserve water by harvesting rainwater for your garden
- Learn about what items can be recycled
- Go for a nature walk
- Visit a farmer's market
- Use reusable bags or bins for grocery shopping
- Switch to paperless billing where you can
- Use reusable water bottles and travel mugs
- Make the swap to non-toxic cleaning products
- Donate gently used items instead of throwing items away
- Start a compost bin
- Fix leaky faucets



RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 12th - 6 pm

Followed by General Meeting Conmee Council Chambers In Person or Virtual

If you wish to attend virtually please email this address ruralcupboardfoodbank@gmail.com to get the "zoom" link

Murillo Library

Join Ashley from the Rural Family Centre on ...



An EarlyON Storytime Adventure
Monday, April 17th
1:00pm-2:00pm

We're taking storytime on the road to the Murillo Library!
We will meet at the library to enjoy some engaging tales,
free play and crafts.



All ages welcome, no pre-registration necessary.

Call the Murillo Library at 935-2729 or the
Rural Family Centre at 935-3009 for more information

Activities at the Rosslyn Community Centre

- **Cribbage:** Tuesdays 1pm
- **'Get Creative' Craft Gathering:** Thursdays 1pm-4pm. Bring your current craft project to work and socialize with other 'crafty-minded' people
- **Seniors Carpet Bowling:** Fridays 10am-noon & 1pm-3pm. To pre-book call the number below. Please bring indoor shoes!
- **Exercise Class:** Tuesdays (bands & balls) and Thursdays (weights) 11:30am-noon. Bring indoor shoes and weights.

For more information call 939-2312



Murillo Library

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



Looking for donations of:
-shopping bags, plastic or fabric
-children's puzzles

If you would like our monthly
emailed directly to you, please send
us an email and we will add you to
our list:
oliverpaipoongelibrary@gmail.com

Email:

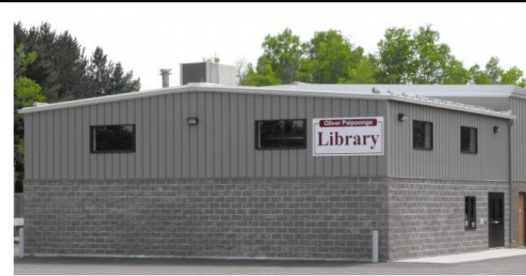
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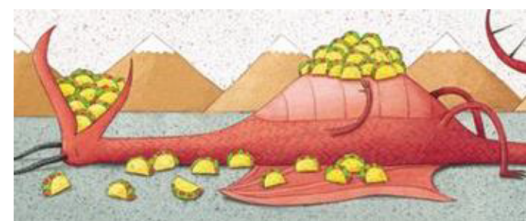
<http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca>

Rosslyn Library

Tuesday 10 – 8:00 pm
Thursday 10 to 8:00 pm
Friday 10 – 3:00
Saturday 1 – 4 pm



Join us as we thank Rosslyn Women's
Institute for donating proceeds from the
Valentine's Tea to the library.
New childrens' books will soon be on
the shelf as a result of their generosity!



The library will be closed on
Good Friday April 7th and
Easter Monday April 10th

Mark your calendars!
Science North is
coming back for an
Imagineering Science
Show on July 13th at
Rosslyn Hall.

This event has been
sponsored by Sandy
Vibert in memory of
Gary Vibert.



The Corporation of the Township of Gillies currently has one vacant position for a

Lead Hand/Equipment Operator

Full time, Permanent

40 hours per week

Salary Range: \$60,000.00 - \$64,000.00

Hiring immediately and posted until vacancy if filled.

The Township is seeking an experienced Lead Hand/Equipment Operator to fill a vacancy. The successful candidate will have a grade 12 secondary school diploma, have 3 to 5 years experience in a supervisory role, have 3 to 5 years experience that includes operating a grader/snow plow/backhoe/loader, maintain a "DZ" license with clean drivers abstract, and available to work some weekends/nights based on weather and emergencies.

Applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Office and have the ability to learn new software as required.

Employment will be conditional on a clear Criminal Records background check.

A full job description (under review) is available at the Municipal Office or online at www.gilliestownship.com.
The Township of Gillies is an OMERS employer and will provide a comprehensive benefits package.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a **cover letter** and **resume** to:

1092 Highway 595

Kakabeka Falls, ON

POT 1W0

Phone: (807) 475-3185

Email: gillies@gilliestownship.com

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april events

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Easter Celebrations

Crafts, Easter egg hunt & the Easter bunny
1:00pm - 4:00pm
\$5 per child *bring your own basket*
Cash only - bake sale - all are welcome!

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Party with Pat & Friends

Classic Rock Favourites & Live Band
8:00pm - 12:00am
\$10 at the door
Cash bar

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Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

5:00pm - 7:00pm
Sit down or Take away available
Adults \$15 & Children under 10 \$10
More info on our Facebook Page!

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Book Swap

11:00am - 5:00pm daily
1000's of books!!
Donations encouraged for this FREE event!
All proceeds directly support the GCC

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Swap 'N' Sale

11:00am - 3:00pm
Trade or sell childrens clothing, toys & bikes
\$15 vendor table, swap is FREE
More details to come

The GCC would like to recognize Beth Stewart (past treasurer) and Jessica Durand (past secretary) for their hard work and dedication to the GCC.
Thank you, Beth and Jess!!

gilliescommunitycentre@gmail.com
#1835 HWY 595 South Gillies

The Gillies Community Centre is donation based & volunteer run
Thank you to all of the volunteers and those who donate - we are incredibly grateful!!

MONDAY EVENINGS GENTLE FLOW YOGA

Join Krista for a 4 week gentle
flow yoga series
April 3, 10, 17, 24
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Suitable for beginners
\$44/person *drop-ins welcome*
Register at
krista.bannan@gmail.com

TUESDAY MORNINGS PLAYGROUP

Join us for FREE playgroup
9:30am-12:00pm
Ages 0-4 accompanied by a
parent
Follow the Facebook Group for
updates!

KNITTING & CROCHETING CLASSES

Join Paulette for knitting &
crocheting classes through April
Knitting
April 1st 10:00am - 12:00pm
April 15th 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Crocheting
April 1st 1:00pm - 3:00pm
April 15th 10:00am - 12:00pm

April Calendar

From the Farmers' Almanac



April is named from the Latin word *aperio* meaning "to open or bud" as this is the time of year when plants begin to grow.

April 1 is April Fools' Day. This likely began in 1582 when France switched from the Julian calendar (new year began around April 1) to the Gregorian Calendar (new year began January 1). Those who forgot and celebrated the new year April first became the butt of jokes and were called 'April Fools'

April 7 is Good Friday. Fried fish and chips is a popular food on Good Friday.

April 9 15 is Easter Sunday. Did you know that Easter has a connection to the full Moon?

April 22 is Earth Day. Take this day to do something positive for the Earth such as picking up a new 'green' habit.

April 28 is Arbour Day. Starting in 1872, this days purpose is to encourage people to plant trees. A popular tradition is to plant a tree in honour of a loved one.

Rural 60 Plus Activities

Monday Carving – 10am to 3pm

Monday Disking – 1pm to 3 pm

Tuesday Weaving – 10am to 3pm

Tuesday Knitting – 10am to 3pm

Wednesday Cribbage – 1pm to 3pm

Wednesday Quilting – 10am to 3pm

Wednesday Beginners Carving 10am to 3pm

Thursday Weaving – 10am to 3pm

Thursday Knitting – 10am to 3pm

Thursday Yoga – 10am to 11am

Craft Room is open **Monday to Friday** –
10am to 3pm



HYMERS FAIR NEWS

Spring has arrived and it's time to start planting your veggie and flower seeds that you plan on entering this year at the Hymers Fall Fair.

Many of the categories are old favourites enjoyed by all each season, a few new ones sprinkled in and new flower arranging categories.

Do you have the best, the biggest, or the brightest of all the vegetables in the area? Are your flowers alive with the prettiest petals, the most sumptuous scent and colours that never fade?

These may just be your categories! Check the website soon for a full listing of the 2023 Hymers Fall Fair growing sections and all the information you need to produce great entries. Have some fun, try something new and explore the new design categories.

HYMERS FAIR MOTHERS'S DAY MARKET

APRIL 29 & 30

10-4

C.L.E. HERITAGE BUILDING



Fun Days in April

- April 1—Peanut Butter & Jelly Day
- April 5—National Walking Day
- April 10—National Farm Animals Day
- April 11—National Pet Day
- April 11—Library Workers Day
- April 12—Grilled Cheese Day
- April 13—Plant Appreciation Day
- April 19—Garlic Day
- April 20—National High Five Day
- April 22—National Jelly Bean Day
- April 23—Take a Chance Day
- April 26—National Pretzel Day
- April 29—International Dance Day



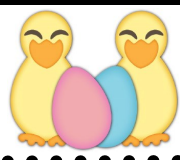
Just For Fun

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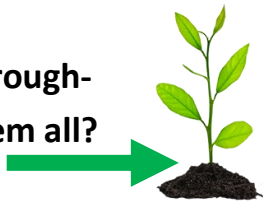
- Lilies
- Bunny
- Happy Easter
- Egg Hunt
- Duckling
- Chick
- Spring
- Chocolate
- Jelly Beans
- Basket
- Sunday
- Cottontail
- Peeps
- Dyed
- Treats
- Daffodil
- April
- Carrots
- Good Friday
- Holiday

Why couldn't the duck work for the Easter bunny?

To find out, complete the word search then fill in the squares with unused letters starting in the top-left corner.



There are 15 more saplings 'planted' throughout this newsletter. Can you find them all?



Where do saplings go to learn?
Elementary school

GREEN ACRE VARIETY
HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY – FRIDAY 7am – 9pm
WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS 9AM-9PM

GREEN ACRE VARIETY
KITCHEN HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY – SUNDAY 11AM – 7PM
Breakfast, lunch & supper in the warmer daily



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From our Kitchen to yours, with love
Pizza, Panzerotti's, Nacho's, Quesadilla's, Sub Sandwiches, Salads, Salad dressings, Soups, Lasagna, Shepherd's Pie, Chili, Pasta Sauce & Meat Balls, Coney, Breakfast Sandwiches, Homemade Baking, No bake Cheesecakes, Coffee, Cappuccino, Hot chocolate

Live Bait & Tackle
Minnows, sucker minnows, worms, Leeches (leeches available in spring, summer and fall)
Homemade spinners & spoons, little joes, jig heads etc...

Bottle Depot
bring your LCBO and beer store empties back to us and get cash!
Please separate bottles and cans!
Beer bottles – sort by colour, for eg: brown with brown, clear with clear, green with green
Cans – bring in clear bags (not in original beer box) and mark how many are in the bag.
Leave empties on the floor of the garage
Thank you for your consideration.

Lickety Splitz & Snack Shack
We are hiring, mature individuals who love customer service, fast food meal prep and service, can work in a fast pace environment, works well with others, has the ability to critically think, responsible with handling money and transactions, preferable 18 and older. Please send your resume to green.acre@live.com
We are hoping to have the ice cream truck and burger shop open for May Long Weekend, stay tuned for more information to come!

Beer, Wine, Coolers & Spirits
We have a wide variety of beer, wine, coolers & spirits available! If you have a favourite and you do not see it on our shelves, please let us know and we can do our best to bring it in! Stay tuned for fun summer drinks!

Propane Exchange 20lb & 30lb; Coloured Fuel, Diesel and Gasoline available as well!

We would love to see you, clip this coupon and pop in!
FREE COFFEE COUPON
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