




March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Landfill 10am—5pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Landfill 10am—5pm
12 Daylight Saving Time Starts 	13 Council Meeting 6:30pm	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Landfill 10am—5pm
19	20 First Day of Spring 	21	22	23	24	25 Landfill 10am—5pm
26	27 Council Meeting 6:30pm	28	29	30	31	



Gillies News

March 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

Chief Building Official

gilliescbo@tbaytel.net

Emergency Numbers

Non-Emergency OPP

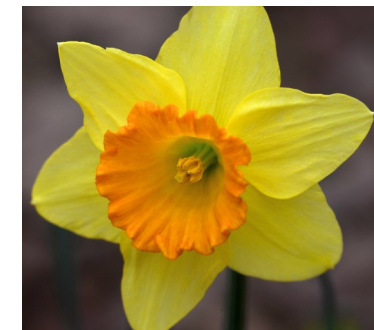
1-888-310-1122

Emergency (fire, medical, OPP)

911

Hydro Outages

1-800-434-1235



March Birth Flower
Daffodil

FROM THE DESK OF THE REEVE

Happy Spring!

This month brings the Vernal Equinox on March 20 which marks the first day of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere. This is great timing for most seed starting projects and the Seed Swap is back in person at the Gillies Community Centre on March 4th to help get you going. It's a perfect time to get together with other like-minded individuals and talk gardening! While you're planning and dreaming of the season ahead, share and learn with your neighbours and friends. Things will be green again soon!

With Spring comes Spring Cleaning time of course. Let's all try to be a little greener as we go about these chores. We all try our best however we can all add something to our green list on a regular basis. Maybe it's trying a different cleaning product, reducing our consumption of plastics or upcycling an item that may otherwise be thrown into the landfill. Search online for new ideas and next month the newsletter will feature an article to help all of us along with green living. If you have any ideas you would like to share please submit them to the office to be included in the newsletter!

Have a great month everyone!

Take Care of You and Yours

Reeve Wendy Wright

Please note that Township staff and Council emails have been updated

Please update your contact lists. New emails can be found on the front page, Council News page, and Fire Department page.

Landfill Hours

Sat: 10am to 5pm

Regular Council Meeting Dates:

March 13th & 27th

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

- Regular Council meetings were held February 13 and 27 at the Municipal Office. Council and staff are back in the person for meetings and online options are available for the public to attend meetings.
- Council has updated the Municipal Abuse Policy for all Council, Staff, Volunteers and Contractors.
- Interim tax bills went out in February. Please contact the office if you have not received yours yet.
- Budget planning continues.
- The 2023 agreement is in place for Gillies residents to use the Oliver Paipoonge library. Check out these great locations and participate in their programming which is available for everyone.
- Lynda Lex is now the Treasurer/Deputy Clerk and Laura Bruni is now the Clerk/Deputy Treasurer. Services at the office remain the same.



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

March 13 & 27
April 11 & 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.

For information about provincial highways such as road condition and visibility check out 511on.ca

For any concerns regarding provincial highways 588, 595 or 608 contact Emcon Services at 1-888-636-8704.



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

The History of St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. He was credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. As Irish people immigrated to new places, new traditions began to celebrate St. Patrick's Day such as parades, wearing green, eating Irish soda bread, corned beef and cabbage and dyeing things green. In Chicago, the Chicago River is died green every St. Patrick's day. This started in 1962, when city pollution-control workers used dyes to trace illegal sewage discharges. It was realized this could be a unique way to celebrate the holiday. Each year 100 pounds of green vegetable dye would be released into the river to keep it green for a week. Only 40 pounds are used now, to reduce environmental damage, dyeing the river for several hours.



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



NEW ONTARIO SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION INC. PRESENTS

2023 SPRING GUN SHOW

Saturday, March 11th • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, March, 12th • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SLOVAK LEGION

801 Atlantic Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario

\$5 Admission

Children 12 & under FREE with paid adult admission

DOOR PRIZES

BUY • SELL • TRADE • DISPLAY

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

This show is a fundraiser for the Junior Shooters Program

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

For more information call Samantha 807-626-4003

	Slow Cooker Beef Stew	
	Ingredients:	
	- 2 tbsp olive oil	- 3 cups beef broth
	- 2lbs stew beef cubes	- 2 tbsp tomato paste
	- 1lb baby red potatoes, quartered	- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
	- 4 carrots , 1/2 inch slices	- 1 teaspoon thyme, rosemary, paprika
	- 1 onion, diced	- 2 bay leaves
	- 3 cloves garlic, minced	- 1/4 cup flour
	Directions:	
	- Heat olive oil in skillet. Season beef with salt and pepper and brown in the skillet	
	- Mix all ingredients except flour in a slow cooker	
	- Cover and cook on low for 7-8 hours or high for 3-4 hours	
	- Whisk together flour and 1/2 cup stew broth. Mix into slow cooker and cook 30 mins	
	- Season to taste and serve with fresh buttered bread	

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!

Earth Hour—March 25

The Earth Hour movement is organized by the World Wildlife Fund and was started in 2007 in Sydney, Australia as a lights out event. Since then Earth Hour has evolved to be so much more!

On March 25 from 8:30pm to 9:30pm give an hour for Earth by spending 60 minutes doing something positive for our planet! Whether it's by turning off lights, picking up trash at a park, cooking dinner with sustainable ingredients, planting a tree, or getting your friends together for an Earth Hour event, anyone, anywhere can join the:

#BiggestHourForEarth.



Tree Services Include:

* Tree Removal * Tree Pruning * Fruit Tree Pruning *
Hydro Line Clearing (Private Lines) *Storm Cleanup

*Experienced, Professional and Insured Services

For a free estimate please call, text or email:

Grant Miller (807)-630-5359
woodsmillertree@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook @ WOODS MILLER TREE WORKS

News from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority—Mar. 2023 Edition

Since December 1974, LRCA staff have conducted snow surveys in the following three locations: McVicar Creek (Blanchard Street), Pennock Creek (Vibert Road), and Current River (Hazelwood Lake). Snow depth and equivalent water content were near/slightly above average compared to the historical averages for February 15th. Average snow depth was 4% above average (between 40 to 57 centimetres), and average equivalent water content was 24% above average (between 104 to 137 millimetres). Lake Superior's beginning of February level was 19 centimetres above its period-of-record (1918-2021) average, and 31 centimetres above the February 2022 level.

Please note that the 2023 Tree Seedling Program has been cancelled. The LRCA and Hill's Greenhouses look forward to returning in 2024.

Believe it or not, but spring is fast approaching, which means that ice conditions will start becoming more unstable. This is a reminder to exercise caution around waterways. The LRCA does not monitor ice conditions in our Conservation Areas; if you plan to go out on the ice, proceed with caution and at your own risk.

Also, be sure to wear appropriate footwear while visiting Conservation Areas. The LRCA does not maintain trails during the winter, so conditions may range from deep snow to ice-covered to muddy and wet. With nicer weather on the horizon, visitation to Conservation Areas is going to increase, so we would like to remind visitors to use caution, as natural trails may be uneven and slippery. It's always a good idea to prepare for how the weather may affect your visit. Be sure to advise others of how long you expect to be in the area, and you should be aware of possible encounters with wildlife. Conservation Areas operate from dawn until dusk. Pets must be on-leash at all times. Alcohol is prohibited in Conservation Areas. Campfires and overnight camping is also prohibited. Trails are for recreational use only; no bicycles, motorized vehicles, etc. Harvesting of any kind is prohibited. Visitors must adhere to all Conservation Area Rules & Regulations. These regulations are in place to ensure that all visitors to Conservation Areas can enjoy them in a safe, sustainable manner. Thank you for your cooperation, and have fun exploring!


Be sure to Follow, Like and Share the LRCA on social media. Our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages endeavor to effectively communicate with residents of the Lakehead Watershed. We share flood messages, up-to-date events information, interesting facts and gorgeous photography with our followers, and we would love it if you would join in on the conversation. We will also be posting information regarding upcoming workshops and events.

The 2023 Explore Card Parking Pass is available now for \$40.00 +HST. Forgo the \$5.00 per vehicle parking fee/day use fee with an Explore Card. They are valid for one calendar year at all seasonal and year-round Conservation Areas! Visit us at 130 Conservation Road or order online at www.store.lakeheadca.com.

Get out and Explore!



LAKEHEAD REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



The Rural Cupboard Food Bank would like to send a very special THANK YOU to CHARLENE REED as she requested those attending her 80th birthday bring something for the Rural Cupboard Food Bank - those donations fills 4 shelves with groceries!

We also thank the Second Cup at the EVERGREEN PHARMACY for their coffee sales donations.

march events

MAR 4 Seedy Saturday

12:00pm - 3:00pm
\$2 entry fee (cash only!)
Bring your seeds to swap or check out
what the local seed producers have for sale!

MAR 10 Waldorf Play Group

10:00am-12:00pm
Donations encouraged for materials
For more info, email Melanie
melkaltenhach@gmail.com

MAR 18 & 19 Book Swap

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

MAR 26 Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

Starts at 5pm - competitors arrive early
MAX 10 entries so register early
\$10 entry fee (children 6 & under FREE)
Prizes to be won!!

APR 2 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!

**The Gillies Community Centre is
available to rent for your next event!**

**Email or message us on Facebook for
rental or any other inquiries.**

**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
March 6, 13, 20, 27
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Suitable for beginners
\$44/person
Register at
krista.bannan@gmail.com

TUESDAY MORNINGS PLAY GROUP

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

KNITTING & CROCHET CLASSES

Join Paulette for knitting &
crocheting classes
For dates & times, visit our
Facebook Page
Proceeds from these events will
go directly to the Gillies
Community Centre

Upcoming Kakabeka Legion Events

Mar 3 Dance with Quest 7-10pm

Mar 11 Exec/Gen Mtg 2:30/3pm

Mar 12 Breakfast 8:30am-noon

Mar 17 Rural 60 Lunch noon-1pm

Mar 18 Dance with Quest 7-10pm

Mar 19 Music 2-4pm

Mar 19 Jam Session 6:30-9:30pm

Mar 25 Dance with Quest 7-10pm

Mar 24-26 Food Group

Mar 28-30 Farm Conference

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 P0T1W0
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, March 15th, 2023

Registration 9 am to 11 am

Drive-Thru Pick-up

Full Worm Moon

March's full Moon is named the Worm Moon and will appear on Monday March 6 and Tuesday March 7 (reaching peak illumination on Tuesday morning). The name was originally thought to refer to earthworms that began to appear as the soil warmed inviting robins to feed. However, 'worm' actually refers to beetle larvae which begin to emerge from the thawing bark of trees and other winter hideouts at this time. Other names include Sugar Moon (Ojibwe) to mark the time of year when sugar maple sap begins to flow or Sore Eyes Moon (Dakota) for the blinding rays of sunlight that reflect off the melting snow in late winter.

Barb's Sewing

Replace jean buttons, snaps and zippers
Hem stretch pants, jeans, dress pants

Email: bbbarbbelanger@hotmail.ca

Phone: 475-9687



Daylight Saving Time
Starts Sunday March
12th

Remember to set your
clocks forward 1 hour

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

Fire Chief: Scott Hole | Email: fire@gilliestownship.com

Ice Safety *Taken from the Canadian Red Cross*

Many factors affect ice thickness including type of water, location, the time of year and other environmental factors such as:

- Water depth and size of body of water.
- Currents, tides and other moving water.
- Chemicals including salt.
- Fluctuations in water levels.
- Logs, rocks and docks absorbing heat from the sun.
- Changing air temperature.
- Shock waves from vehicles traveling on the ice.

Minimum ice thickness should be:

- 15 cm for walking or skating alone
- 20 cm for skating parties or games
- 25 cm for snowmobiles.

When You Are Alone On Ice

If you get into trouble on ice and you're by yourself:

- Call for help.
- Resist the immediate urge to climb back out where you fell in. The ice is weak in this area.
- Try to relax and catch your breath. Turn yourself toward shore so you are looking at where you entered onto the ice. The ice is more stable close to shore.
- Reach forward onto the broken ice without pushing down. Kick your legs to try to get your body into a horizontal position.

- Continue kicking your legs, and crawl onto the ice.
- When you are back on the ice, crawl on your stomach or roll away from the open area with your arms and legs spread out as far as possible to evenly distribute your body weight. Do not stand up! Look for shore and make sure you are crawling in the right direction.

When You Are With Others On Ice

- Rescuing another person from ice can be dangerous. The safest way to perform a rescue is from shore.
- Call for help. Consider whether you can quickly get help from trained professionals (police, fire fighters or ambulance) or bystanders.
- Check if you can reach the person using a long pole or branch from shore – if so, lie down and extend the pole to the person.
- If you go onto ice, wear a PFD and carry a long pole or branch to test the ice in front of you. Bring something to reach or throw to the person (e.g. pole, weighted rope, line or tree branch).
- When near the break, lie down to distribute your weight and slowly crawl toward the hole.
- Remaining low, extend or throw your emergency rescue device (pole, rope, line or branch) to the person.
- Have the person kick while you pull them out.
- Move the person to a safe position on shore or where you are sure the ice is thick. Signal for help.

Landfill

289 Neva Road

Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

Do you have empty prescription bottles?

We are collecting these at the landfill site and the Municipal Office on behalf of MEMO (Medical Equipment Modernization Opportunity) which is a local, charitable endeavour that donates used medical equipment to countries in need amongst other things. For more information on the organization visit the website: memoministry.org.

Please remove all labels and thoroughly clean bottles before bringing them in. Thank you.



The **O'Connor Community Club** is holding a Mom's Pantry Fundraiser. Mom's Pantry Products are a Canadian fundraising company that is 100% family owned and operated with over 40 years of experience in the fundraising industry. They believe only in offering the best products with high quality ingredients and nutrients for that homemade goodness. They have over 200 products to choose from and also provide nut free and gluten free products. **Orders can be placed on-line at www.momspantry.ca and must be submitted by Friday, March 10th. The order number is 366353 and the passcode is 22726.** If you are unable to order online, please call Linda or Lorna at the O'Connor Township office at 476-1451. If you are unable to order online or if you would like a paper copy of the order form, please contact Lorna at 475-3537 in the evenings or at the Township office at 476-1451.

Save time, Online ordering easier than ever! Orders must be in by March 10th!

NO ACCOUNT IS REQUIRED AND SIGNING IN IS NOT NECESSARY.

1. Simply navigate to momspantry.ca
2. Click on «Shop Now» and start adding products to your cart.
3. When you're done adding items, click «Check Out» and enter the Order Number **366353** and Group Passcode **22726**. The Group Name is O'Connor Community Club. If you order online, DO NOT submit a paper order form.
4. Once you finish the checkout process, complete your payment to finalize your order. No further action is required.

Radon detectors available to borrow at Oliver Paipoonge Library!

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

For more information about Radon visit Eco Superior: www.ecosuperior.org/homeenergy



Ontario Park Pass lending continues in 2023!

Use your library card to borrow a week-long day use park pass this year. Oliver Paipoonge Public Library has 6 passes available, use this opportunity to enjoy the health benefits of being outdoors and experience the beautiful nature that our parks have to offer. Contact the Murillo or Rosslyn Library 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



Let’s Go on a Nature Walk...

Featuring the Snowshoe Hare:

- Snowshoe Hares are named for their large hind feet which allow them to stand on top of the snow , much like snowshoes
- Fur colour varies depending on the season. During winter they have a white coat and in other seasons have a brown coat to blend into surroundings
- Diet mostly consists of plants like twigs, buds, evergreen needles and bark. Occasionally they will consume small mammals like voles or mice
- They exist in almost every part of Canada except the Arctic, Vancouver Island and parts of the prairies and southern Ontario that have low forest cover
- Unlike rabbit babies, which are born without fur and blind, Snowshoe Hare babies are born with their eyes open and fully furred
- **Fun Fact!** The phrase “Mad as a March Hare” comes from the fact that their courtship begins in March and hares act “mad” as they chase and box with each other to win over female hares



Murillo Library

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

Email:

oplibrary@tbaytel.net

Website:

<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



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

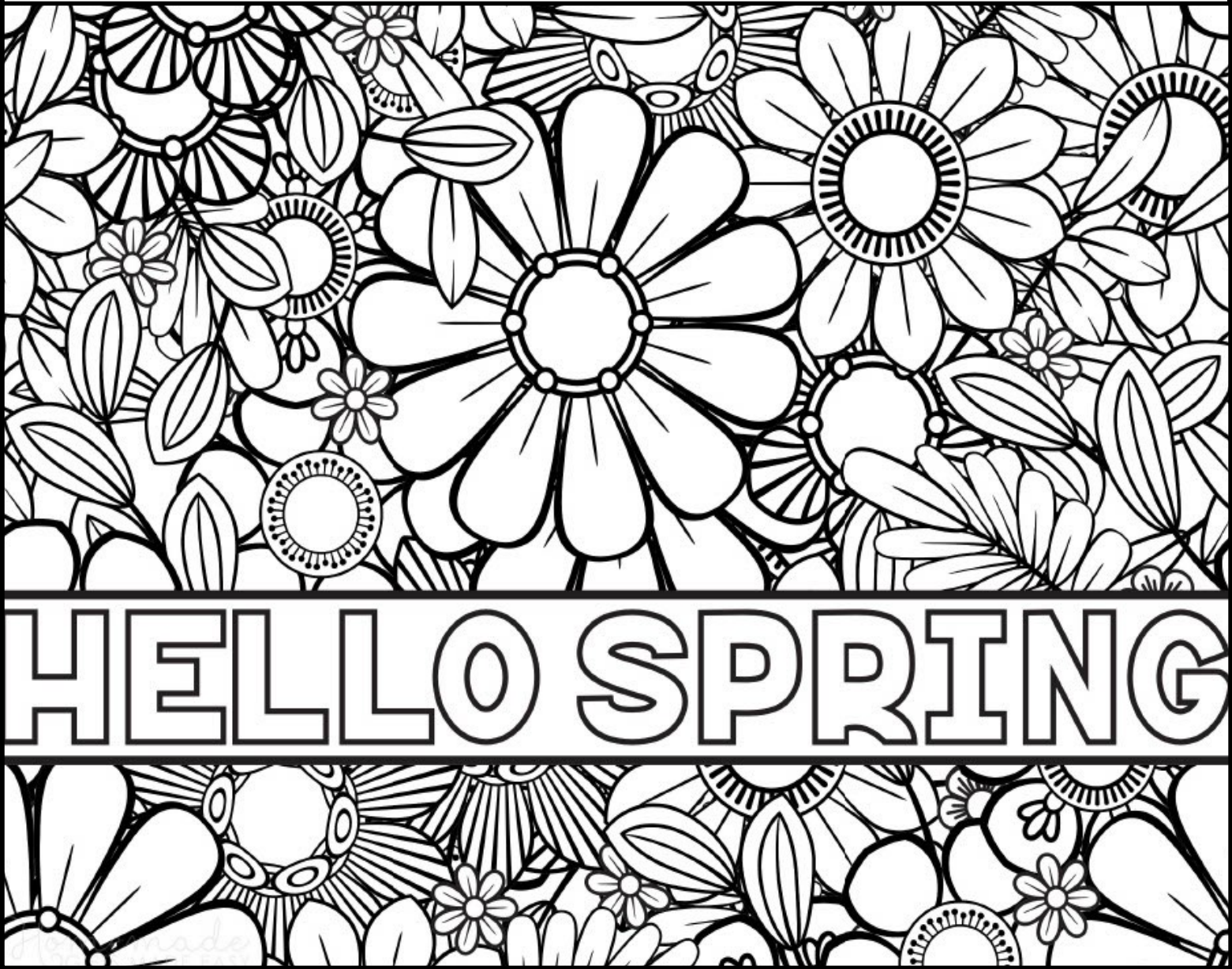
Participate in the 2023 CBC Canada Reads Program by reading each of this year’s 5 contenders. These books are available to borrow at the library.



Special ‘Thanks’ to Carole Klapprat for sponsoring the purchase of these titles. Debates will begin on CBC TV and CBC Radio March 27th to 30th.



Drop in to the Library during March Break Week and make a Diamond Dotz Pokemon or animal sticker!



Hello to all our Mile Hill Melodrama friends!

It’s been a while. We survived through the uncertainty of lockdowns and isolation emerging to get back to the business of theatre - **30 years of theatre**. It’s hard to remember our first time on stage. The shock and awe we felt at your response to our awkward and clumsy effort. Then the realization that we could share our love of laughter and good times with a growing group of friends all dressed up in some well picked plays and perfectly placed performances. What a delightful recipe put together in the ideal environment, our home, The Gillies Community Center. Remembering these years of laughter and tears, the friendships made and kept, the lives shared and lost we consider ourselves so fortunate to have been on this journey and to share it with you. And so, with great respect to our active members busy lives, and to make room for the next generation of thespians, *Mile Hill Melodrama* is retiring. It worked so well for so long but like the end of a great play the curtain must fall.

To you our friends, old and new, we say adieu. The lights are up, we take our bows, a round of applause, greetings below the stage stairs, a cup or two of wine, lots of laughs and home we all go thinking of the next stage.

Thank you all and goodnight!

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tracy Gardner | Sharon Randle | Jeff Berglund |
| Glenn and Sandy Graham | Barb Krasemann | Shannon Dodd-Smith |
| Thelma and Kevin Molkoski | Jacqueline Boileau + Jim Boyd | Dianna Bockus |
| Sylvia Smith | Michelle Davidson + Shane Warwick | Gertrud Boeckermann |
| Sharon Wasilewski | Markus, Deb, and Eric Hofmann | Joanne Deans |
| Nigel and Margaret Jackson | Sherri Halverson | Lorrie Dykstra |
| Jack Wall | Ava and Rebecca Crawford Bell | MJ Graves |
| Jenny and Rob Groenheide | Meghan Hagberg + Dustin Piche | Sharon Melville |
| Wanda and Randy Edwards | Tonya Muchano | Nancy Mitchell |
| Heather Conrad | Vivian Siciliano | Krista and Ashley Silvaggio |
| Shelley and Rachel Isleifson | Jessica Durand | Renata Thiboutot |
| Roly and Kelley Piche | Rose O’Connell | Teri Treftlin |
| Karen Wylie | Ronda Martin + Jim Vezina | Linda Vellinga |
| Cindy Lankinen | Pat and Cindy Poulin | Angela Woodhouse-Wild |
| Rosalyn and Dave Dowhos | Gaetan Ayotte | |

Always remembered...Wendy Dolan ~ Bjorn Isleifson ~ Karen Maki

The Best One Yet!

Did you know...?

- The Township of Gillies is a part of the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
- AMO works to make municipal governments stronger and more effective. Through AMO, Ontario’s 444 municipalities work together to achieve shared goals and meet common challenges.
- Through policy development, cost-saving programs, conferences and training opportunities, AMO provides municipal officials with tools to succeed, and programs to help maximize taxpayer dollars.
- **AMO’s Vision Statement:** In Ontario’s municipalities, people and families can live, thrive and prosper in the communities they call home, and children will have the choice and opportunity to live and work in the communities where they were raised.
- **AMO’s Mandate:** The mandate of the organization is to support and enhance strong and effective municipal government in Ontario. It promotes the value of the municipal level of government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada's political system.



March Calendar

From the Farmers’ Almanac

March (or Martius in the Roman calendar) is named after the Roman god of war, Mars. This was the time of year to resume military campaigns that had been interrupted by winter.

March 8 is International Women’s Day. A day to celebrate achievements of women and the progress towards women’s rights as well as bring attention to ongoing struggles for equality around the world.

March 12 is the start of Daylight Saving Time. Don’t forget to “spring forward” and set clocks ahead.

March 15 is the Ides of March. Ides of March refer to March 15 in ancient Rome; the day Julius Caesar was assassinated. The phrase “Beware the Ides of March” came from Shakespeare's’ Julius Caesar.

March 17 is St. Patrick’s Day. A day of revelry and a celebration of all things Irish.

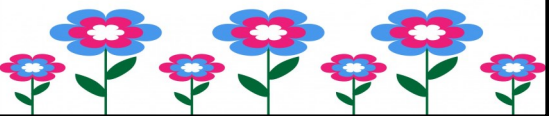
March 20 is the Spring Equinox. Happy First Day of Spring!

Match 25 features Earth Hour from 8:30pm-9:30pm. Spend 1 hour doing something positive for Earth.

March 29-31 are the Borrowing Days. The last 3 days of March have a reputation for being stormy.

Fun Days in March

- March 1—Peanut Butter Lovers’ Day
- March 6—National Oreo Cookie Day
 - March 11—Fanny Pack Day
 - March 14—National Pi Day
- March 16—National Panda Day
- March 18—National Quilting Day
- March 21—World Agriculture Day
- March 22—Young as You Feel Day
- March 24—National Cheesecake Day
- March 25—International Waffle Day



What would you like to see in the Gillies newsletter?

Send us your thoughts and ideas to admin@gilliestownship.com or call 475-3185.

“If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb” doesn't just refer to weather! The constellation Leo (the lion) rises in the east at the beginning of March and Aries (the ram) sets in the west at the end of the month.



Leo



Aries



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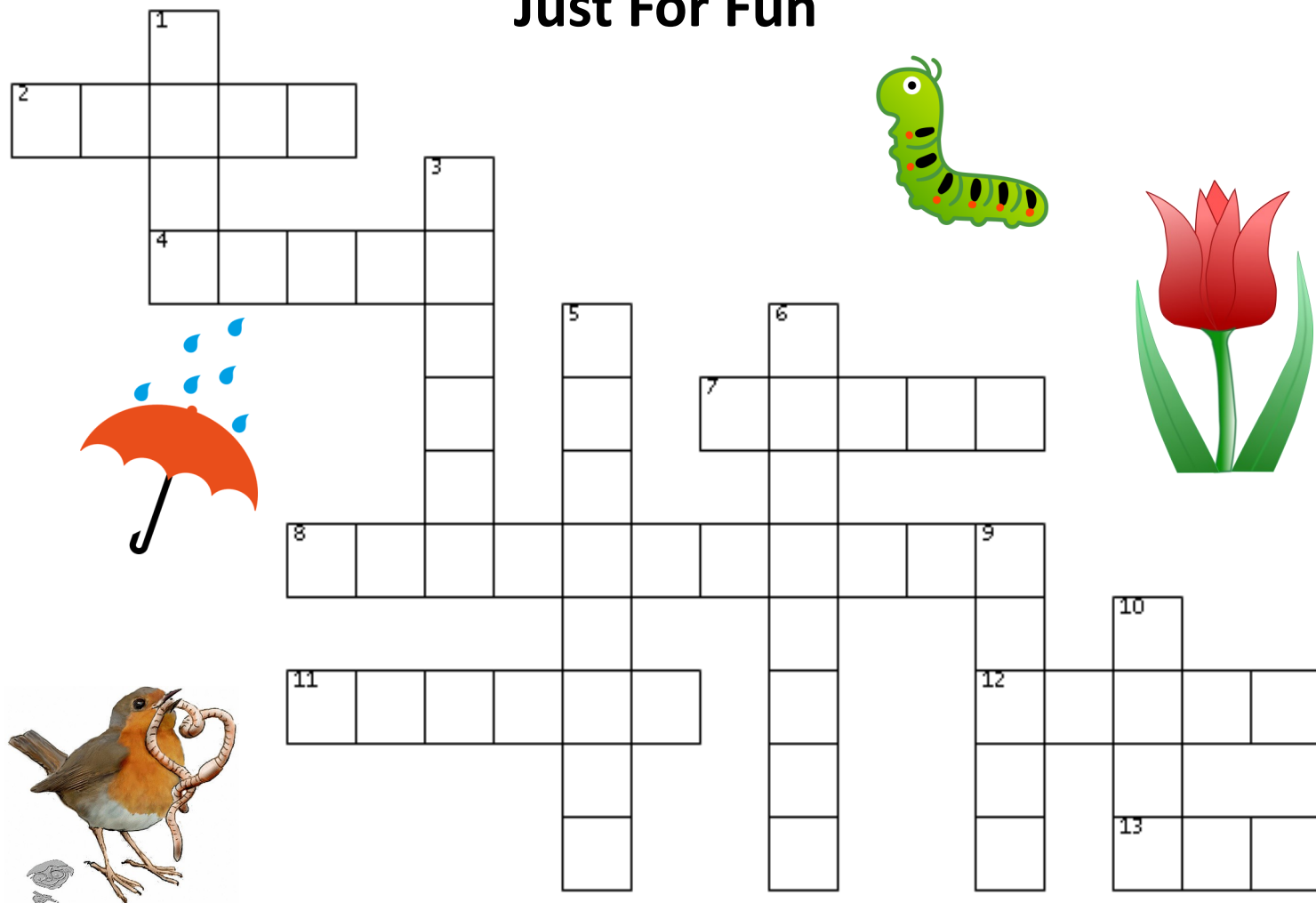
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Just For Fun



ACROSS

2. Sow these in the spring
4. Spring flower, famous in Holland
7. The month when spring starts
8. Larval form of a butterfly
11. Something kids love to splash in
12. Hares begin to lose their winter coat and turn this colour
13. Rain mixed with dirt. Don't track it in the house!

DOWN

1. Ice and snow begin to do this in spring
3. To begin to grow and give off shoots or buds
5. Use this to keep dry in a storm
6. This saving time starts; move your clocks 1 hour ahead
9. One of the earliest birds to appear
10. The early bird gets this

Q: Why can't you iron a 4 leaf clover?

A: You shouldn't press your luck!

Q: Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

A: Real rocks are too heavy



Seed Starting Plan



INSTRUCTIONS

by Gayla Trail

1. Write the "Date of Last Frost" for your region in the space provided. [See www.almanac.com]
2. Using a calendar, calculate the "Planting Date" by adding or subtracting the number of weeks listed from the "Date of Last Frost."
3. Calculate the "Sow Date" by subtracting the "Growth Period" from the "Planting Date."

Date of Last Frost _____

SEED/PLANT	SOW DATE [IN WEEKS]	GROWTH PERIOD [# OF WEEKS]	SAFE SET OUT [RELATIVE TO LAST FROST]	PLANTING DATE	NOTES
Veggies					
* Beans♦			2 weeks after		
* Beets♦			2-3 weeks before		
* Broccoli		6	2 weeks before		
* Brussel Sprouts		6	3 weeks before		
* Cabbage		6	3 weeks before		
* Carrots♦			1-2 weeks before		
* Cauliflower		4-6	2 weeks before		
* Collards		4-6	4 weeks before		
* Corn (sweet)		2-4	2 weeks after		
* Cucumber		2-4	1-2 weeks after		
* Eggplant		6-9	3 weeks after		
* Greens♦			Soon as soil can be worked		
* Okra		4-6	2-4 weeks after		
* Onion♦			2-3 weeks before		
* Peas♦			4-6 weeks before		
* Peppers		8-10	2 weeks after		
* Pumpkin		3-4	2-3 weeks after		
* Radish♦			3-4 weeks before		
* Spinach♦			3-6 weeks before		
* Squash		2-4	2 weeks after		
* Tomato		6-8	1 week after		
* Tomatillo		6-8	1 week after		
Herbs					
* Basil		5-7	2 weeks after		
* Chamomile		3-4	0-1 week after		
* Parsley		8-10	2 weeks before		

♦ Seeds are direct sown outdoors.

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