

Onaping Falls News

February 2024

It's Carnival time!!!

by Dolly Gordon

Our first Miss Onaping was Breda Byrne back in 1964. That began 60 years of fun and Winter celebrations throughout our communities. Over the years it grew to be 2 very big events with the Levack-Onaping Winter Carnival and the Dowling Winter Carnival. It has changed names a few times but it is now the 'Onaping Falls Winter Carnival'.

It was always something to look forward to as we made our way through some pretty long, cold winters.



Log sawing, water boiling, skidoo races, snowshoe races, 2x4 races, pig roasts, barrel jumping, Ookpik, The Dowling Dollies, Whiskerino contest, Bonhomme, bed races, jam pail curling, Mother and Son Hockey, pancake breakfast, parades, Figure skating shows, Broomball......oh the list just goes on!

It takes a village to make this all happen. Endless hours spent by committed volunteers so that our families could have this funtastic weekend.

There were some years in these last 60 that Carnival just didn't happen.
The task was too much to take on. Strikes happened. Life happened!
But it is back this February 2.3 and 4 with so many fun things
to do for the whole family.

Join the Onaping Falls Winter Carnival Committee for their Opening ceremonies Friday, February 2nd at the Dowling Leisure Centre. Following the Ceremonies they will host their 1st Annual Miss Snowflake Pageant.

Saturday is a full day of fun at the Leisure Centre in Dowling and Sunday there will be a pancake breakfast, kids curling lessons and a Euchre Tournament at the Onaping Curling Club.

The Onaping Falls Nordics Ski Club is offering free skiing and snowshoeing and the 3rd Annual Cardboard Box Derby begins at 11am!

The full schedule is on the back pages of the February Onaping Falls News!



Dorys Jelen and Gwen Thom sporting their Roadrunner and Wiley Coyote costumes for the parade.



Oopik always spent time on the Ice playing hock or skating with the Dowling Skating Club.



Pat Gougeon and Connie Watkinson having a few laughs with little Denise Bouchard looking on!



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Happy New Year Nickel Belt!
Wishing everyone a wonderful time at the 60 th annual Onaping Falls
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who've worked so hard to make it a success!

Bonne année Nickel Belt! Souhaitant à tous un merveilleux moment à la 58e édition annuelle du carnaval d'hiver d'Onaping Falls! Merci à tous les bénévoles, individus et partenaires qui ont travaillé si fort pour en faire un succès!



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Artist of the Month Janice Farrow

Current President of OFAC
Honing her skills in graphite,
coloured pencil, pastel, acrylic, oil
and water colours
Lives in Onaping
For the whole month of February
at the Levack Onaping Library

Inspiration Café Artist's Talk

February 22 5:30 to 6:45 Levack Onaping Library

A visual artist and a musical artist will each give a talk on some aspect of their art, a piece of work, their artistic journey, their artistic inspiration, and other things that come to mind. There will be a question and answer session for each of the artists.

Come on out.

You never know what you might learn!

Winter Carpival Art

If you're reading this before the Onaping Falls Winter Carnival, come out and help us create a mural for the weekend. Add your artwork to the many scenes of the carnival venues. There will be coloured pencils, crayons and graphite pencils for you to work with to create illustrations of your favourite carnival attractions or memories.

If you're reading this after the Onaping Falls Winter Carnival weekend, we hope you enjoyed the weekend and joined us, adding your artwork to the mural to celebrate the wonders of our northern warmth.

Keep your heart open to the art around you. Keep yourself open to the possibilities of your own artistic creations. Keep your eyes open for your next opportunity to add your talents to another community mural.

WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

Brigitte Bere will be sharing her expertise with the club, and others, on many water colour techniques in the next few weeks (providing the weather cooperates!)

For more information on dates and times, watch the Onaping Falls Art Club facebook page, come out on a Monday or contact:

Janice Farrow 705-919-5971



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Onaping Falls Lions Club

27 Sturgeon Street, Dowling, Ontario

705-855-1765



The 2023-2024 Onaping Falls Lions Club Executive



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Suzette Paquet, Membership Chair - Leslie Delnin, Director

Jerome Lesny - Lions Club International Foundation, L.C.I.F. / Zone chair 47 North

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Front row l to r - Mike Paquet, 1st Vice - Brenda Lesny, President - Ray Picard, 2nd Vice Absent from photo - Immediate Past President, Annie Chartrand



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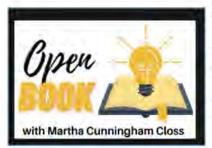
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It's February and it's a Leap Year! Time to get a "jump" on reading for your kids!

Visiting the library can encourage reading and exploration in children. Children can learn at every turn. Even being responsible for returning books on time can teach some basics of responsibility.

Studies have shown that students who visit the library tend to have better test scores than those who don't. Studies have

also shown that reading can aid in brain development in young children, so it is important to read to them and encourage them to read! Visiting the library from a very young age is a great place to start the love of learning!

Don't forget the library is FREE! You don't pay for ANYTHING!

- Free newspapers, magazines, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs,
- Free eBooks: Free Wi-Fi:
- Free computer and Internet access: You can research whatever you need and have access to a computer whenever you need it.

Are you longing for **quiet Personal Space**? Maybe you are busy parent or a stressed out student. We all need a bit of down time and the library can provide the quiet reprieve you need. It's a great place for reading, working, researching, or just relaxing. There are always comfy chairs and corners at the library where you can enjoy a great new book and expand your mind. Our Cozy Café is here for your hot bevies!

The library is brightly lit, so you won't have to squint your eyes to see the words on the page. Add to that the welcoming environment, quiet atmosphere, and endless rows of books and you have a very calming way to relieve stress and relax. Remember it's YOUR library!

Free Special events are also a part of the library experience!

This month we are pleased to present **Inspiration Café!** Join with Visual Artist Janice Farrow and musician Jordan Lalonde for a short talk about their art. You can enjoy some refreshments and ask questions of these artists. **Inspiration Café takes place on February 22nd from 5:30 to 6:45 pm.**

If you drop into the Levack Onaping library in early February, you can go on a Valentine hunt! If you find all the valentines, you win a sweet treat!

The Levack Onaping Library is open Mon 9-2 Tue 2-7 Wed 10-2 Thu 2-7 & Sat 10-2 (closed Saturdays in the summer)

See you soon!

You can find Martha at the Levack Onaping Library in the Onaping Community Centre wearing red and looking for bon bons!



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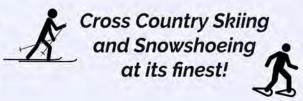
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> You can buy your day passes at the Windy Lake Restaurant



on the corner of Hwy. 144 and Old Cartier Road (Beside the Ski Club)



YES! We sell houses in the winter months. It's good to be on the market when everyone else is waiting for the Spring market. Less competition is good for sellers. There are a few things you can do to help your house look great during Winter months.

Make sure you clean the snow and make the driveway and paths to the house safe. Clean off all the decks so that people can see the outdoor space.

Put out some outdoor landscape lighting.

Keep the house toasty warm and put that fireplace on. Nothing like a cozy fireplace to warm the hearts of potential buyers. Put ALL the lights on. You want the house to be bright. Feel free to leave summer outside pictures on the table for viewing.

First step is to call a realtor and know your market! I am always here to help!

Let me introduce myself. I'm Dorothy Godin, Broker with RE/MAX Crown realty(1989) Inc. Brokerage. I I have been a full time real estate professional since 1995. I am hoping to provide insight into your market regularly. I am a strong believer in education. The more my clients know about the market and how it works, the better they will be prepared to buy or sell. Go to rankmyagent and see what my clients are saying about me!

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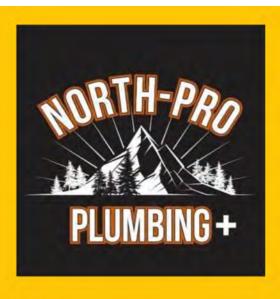
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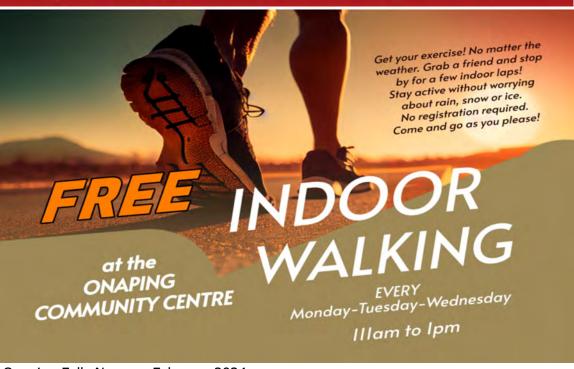
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We look forward to seeing you at the Onaping Falls Winter Carnival on Saturday, February 3rd at the Dowling Leisure Centre. We are a 'passport stop' Stop by and enter our raffle draw, meet Club Members,

pickup trails map and an OFHR gift!

Reminder

Ride The North Poker Run is Saturday, February 10th





Next General Member Meeting Wednesday, February 14th @ 7pm Windy Lake Restaurant

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Hello,

In Ontario, residents between the ages of 18 and 64 years must purchase a valid fishing license to fish in Ontario waters, except during the four fishing license-free periods throughout the year.

If you want to take advantage of the upcoming periods to fish or to introduce friends and family to fishing, the fishing license-free periods in 2024 are:

> Family Day Weekend – February 17 to 19 Mother's Day Weekend – May 11 & 12 Father's Day Weekend – June 15 & 16 Family Fishing Week – June 29 to July 7

If you do take advantage of this opportunity, government issued identification is required and anglers must follow catch and possession limits for Conservation Fishing Licences.

To learn more about the rules for fishing visit:

ontario.ca/document/ontario-fishing-regulationssummary

If you have any questions, call us at 1-877-280-9990 or 705-969-3621, we are always happy to help.

Until next month...

Bonjour,

Les personnes âgées de 18 à 64 ans doivent acheter un permis de pêche pour pêcher en Ontario, sauf pendant les quatre périodes sans permis de pêche tout au long de l'année.

Si vous voulez profiter de ces périodes pour aller pêcher avec vos amis.es ou votre famille, les quatre périodes sans permis de pêche en 2024 sont :

> La fête de la famille : 17 au 19 février La fête des Mères : 11 et 12 mai La fête des Pères : 15 et 16 juin La semaine de la pêche en famille : 29 juin au 7 juillet

Si vous décidez d'y participer, une pièce d'identité issue par le gouvernement est requise et vous devez respecter les limites de prises et de possession de la version écologique (conservation) du permis de pêche récréative.

Pour obtenir plus de renseignements au sujet des règlements de la pêche, visitez :

ontario.ca/fr/document/resume-des-reglementsde-la-peche-en-ontario

Si vous avez des questions, vous pouvez nous appeler et nous serons heureuses de vous aider 1-877-280-9990 ou au 705-969-3621.

Au mois prochain...

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Condolences to the family of Marion Dawson and Bill Shaver

Shout out to all the volunteers in our community. You's keep all 3 outdoor rinks open, you maintain the Dowling Leisure Centre and Onaping Community Centre and so much more. You know who you are and the world needs more of you. Time seems to be so precious now-a-days.

Thank you for giving yours!

I wanted to 'highfive' Eric Rivest and the staff at the Levack Arena for maintaing the buuilding and giving us great ice to skate on.

The talk around the water cooler these days is the high cost of everything.

And I mean 'everything', such as groceries, fuel, clothing, interest rates etc....and of course this puts a strain on the food banks as they have more customers in need. Please support our local Food Bank.

We made it through January and February is next! Lots happening in February.

We have the Carnival, The Curling Bonspiels, Spaghetti supper and of course,

Valentine's Day. My Joannes birthday was on Valentine's Day.

She will always be my sweetheart. Spread the love this Valentine's Day!



ELLIE BITS

Did everyone keep up with their New Years resolution?
I can't even remember what mine was. LOL
Is anyone trying 'Dry February'? No booze for a month for Cancer awareness.
Superbowl is February 11th for all you football fans.
Levacks pride was Jim Piaskoski of the Ottawa Roughriders.

Why didn't the skeleton send out Valentine's Day Cards??

His heart wasn't in it





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Registration starts at Noon SPEECHES BEGIN 1:00 pm Sharp!

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Grades 10 - 12 (5 - 7 minute speech)



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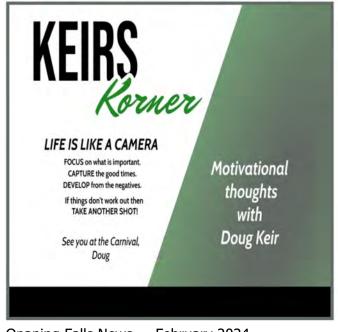


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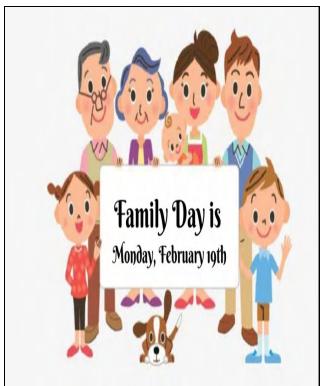
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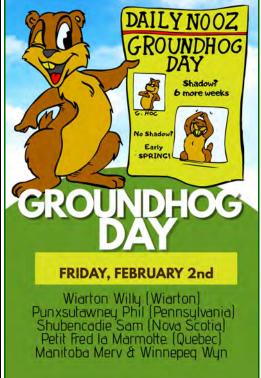
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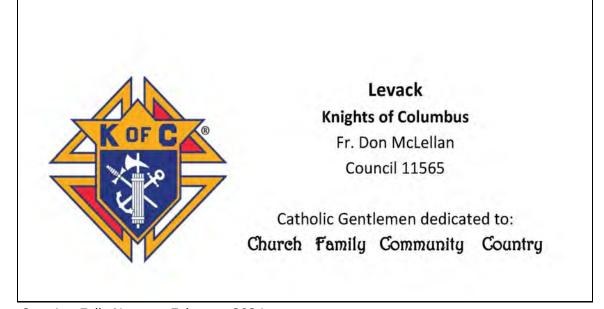








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Friday, February 2nd

Opening Ceremony – 6 pm Dowling Leisure Centre

Come and join our special guests for our Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting. Be sure to catch a glimpse of Ookpik and Bonhomme together!

Miss Snowflake Pageant - 6:30 pm



Saturday, February 3rd

7 am - 11 am Carnival Breakfast at Windy Lake Restaurant

Dowling Leisure Centre

11 am - 12 noon Quiet Hour

Welcoming all with special needs to come & enjoy our Carnival in a calm & quiet atmosphere. $12\ noon-4\ pm$

Carnival games, Competitions for kids & adults, Face Painting, Snowglobe, Cake Walk, Ookpik & Bonhomme Tattoos, Vintage Snowmachine Show & much more

CANTEEN by the Onaping Falls Lion's Club (not included in Carnival Button)

FREE Hot Chocolate, coffee or tea (provided by Onaping Falls Lion's Club)

6 pm - 8 pm Community Bonfire

Sunday, February 4th

Onaping Falls Curling Club

9 am - 11 am \$ 3 Pancake Breakfast

10 am - 12 noon Free Kid's Curling

12 noon - 4 pm 3rd Annual Carnival Euchre Tournament

11 am - 2 pm Onaping Falls Nordics Ski Club

FREE X-Country Ski and Snowshoeing

11 am 3rd Annual Ookpik Cardboard Toboggan Derby

Levack Ski/Sledding Hill Pre-registration required

Carnival Button Draw

5 pm Draw will take place at the Onaping Falls Legion, Branch 503



Scan the QR Code & connect to the Onaping Falls Winter Carnival website for all the details!



Buttons available at Levack Mini-Mart, Levack IDA Pharmacy, Onaping Kwik-way, Roger's Valumart, Windy Lake Restaurant or contact:

Carrie Morin 705-918-1978 Dolly Gordon 705-662-9095

Friday, February 2nd

Onaping Falls Winter Carnival Miss Snowflake Pageant - 6 pm - Dowling Leisure Centre

Saturday, February 3rd

Windy Lake Restaurant - 7 am to 11 am - Carnival Family Breakfast

Dowling Leisure Centre - 11 am to 4 pm

Quiet Hour (11 am to 12 noon) - Welcoming all with special needs to come & enjoy our Carnival in a calm & quiet atmosphere.

12 noon to 4 pm - Carnival games, Competitions for kids & adults, Face Painting, Free hot chocolate,
Vintage Snowmachine Show, Cake Walk & much more

Community Bonfire - 6 pm to 8 pm - Dowling Leisure Centre

Sunday, February 4th

Pancake Breakfast & Kids Curling - 9 am to 12 noon - Onaping Falls Curling Club
3rd Annual Ookpik Cardboard Box Derby - 11 am - Levack Ski/Sledding Hill
Onaping Falls Nordics Ski Club - 11 am to 2 pm Free X-Country Skiing & Snowshoeing
3rd Annual Carnival Euchre Tournament - 12 noon to 4 pm - Onaping Falls Curling Club
Carnival Close - 5 pm - Onaping Falls Legion - Carnival Button Draw & Live Entertainment



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