



LAIRD RECREATION SECOND ANNUAL PUMPKIN FEST:



Thank you to all our volunteers!!!!

This year's **GRAND Champion** pumpkin weighing in at 187 pounds belonged to 9-year-old George McRae.

Second place was the King Family entry weighing in at 161 pounds.

Third place was 2022 champion Randy Booth's entry of 148 pounds.

New this year was the bouncy castles that proved to be a popular area for children. Also new this year was the **Great Pumpkin Round-Up** with 10-year-old Dean Boychuk claiming first place!

Hay wagon rides and lawnmower races both proved to be a huge hit again this year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank **ALL** the volunteers and attendees. Through everyone's generous donations toward the food bank we were able to make some less fortunate families lives a little brighter.

Laird Fairgrounds Committee First Annual SWAP MEET

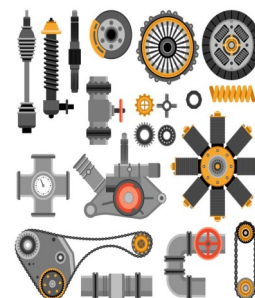
Laird Fairgrounds Committee hosted a fall motorsport swap meet at Laird Fairgrounds on October 7, 2023.

Entry was by a food donation to go towards the **Christmas Cheer campaign**, or a cash fee that would be put towards Laird Fairgrounds improvement.

Once again, the public came through raising over \$800 cash and large number of food items.

The Fairgrounds Committee is looking at using the funds raised toward a new LAIRD FAIRGROUNDS road sign.

And we know the food will brighten some needy families Christmas.



Council Meetings



Council Meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month, for the month of November the meeting will be on Thursday, November 23, 2023.

Agendas and changes in meeting times will be posted on the Township website lairdtownship.ca and in the Township office. Many other activities of council, including council minutes and by-laws, are shown on the website.

If you would like to be put on an agenda, please have your request in writing to the Township office no later than the Friday before the week of the meeting.

Township Office Closure



Lest we forget

The Laird Township Office will be closed on Monday, November 13, 2023, in recognition of Remembrance Day.

The office will re-open on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 9 a.m.



Speed Limits and Dogs Running at Large



The Township office has received complaints about people speeding and concerns for the public safety of pedestrians walking and/or riding bikes on municipal roads.

Adding to the dangers we have also received many complaints of dogs running at large in these same areas. It is against Municipal By-law 921-12 to allow Animals to run at large, and considerable fines could be assessed not to mention the danger to animals and humans alike.

Road safety is a priority, we all play a part in keeping our roads safe. Please abide by the speed limit, take caution when approaching pedestrians, and keep your pets safe by NOT allowing them to roam.

You can report speeders and safety concerns to **O.P.P. at 1-800-310-1122**
Report dogs at large to the **By-Law officer at (705) 992-6692** or
Call the Township office at (705) 248-2395.
Animal abuse concerns should be directed to
Animal Welfare 1-833-926-4625



Laird Recreation Committee is assisting the Echo Bay United Church Outreach Committee by collecting items for Christmas Cheer Baskets. Items can be dropped off at the **Laird Township office before December 11, 2023.**



Donations of food and toiletries as well as hats, mittens, and socks for all ages. Any new gifts for toddlers to teens are more than welcome.

Donations are greatly appreciated and sure to help spread some joy and Christmas spirit during this difficult year.

Donations can be made to:

- Echo Bay United Church Outreach, Box 447, Echo Bay ON P0S 1C0
- E-transfer echocaruc@gmail.com marked Outreach
- Credit card Echo Bay United Church [https://www.canadahelps.org/en/](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/marked)marked Outreach

If you could use an Outreach Christmas Cheer Basket and live in the P0S 1C0 catchment area, please call Vivian at (705) 248-1834 or Echo Bay United Church at (705) 248-2801 or Sheila at (705) 248-2891 and leave your phone number. **The closing date is December 1, 2023.**

Santa's Mailbox



Once again this year, Laird Recreation will be assisting Santa by placing a special "Letters To Santa" mailbox on the Township office front step. The mailbox will be available for Letters to Santa from November 14 to December 14. Get your letters in early so Santa will have time to respond before he starts loading his sleigh.

Drop Box



A drop box slot in the sidelight, to the left of the door at the Township Office, located at 3 Pumpkin Point Road West, provides more security for any mail or documents that residents would like to leave during hours when the office is closed.