



# The Cornerstone

## Township Of O'Connor

DECEMBER 2017



Please note that the Township Office will be closed Dec. 22nd at noon until Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

**The Disposal Site will be Closed on Boxing Day, December 26th.**

### Employment Opportunity - Disposal Site

The Township of O'Connor is currently looking to hire an individual as an occasional employee for the Disposal Site. The individual would be required to fill-in for the Disposal Site Caretaker when required. For more information please contact the municipal office at 476-1451. Applications to be handed into the Municipal office, 330 Hwy. 595, on or before Monday, December 18th, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. Please indicate on the front of the envelope that you are applying for the position of Casual Disposal Site Caretaker. Council will review submitted resumes and will select the successful applicants at their meeting to be held that evening.

### O'Connor Community Club

The next meeting of the club will be held Saturday, December 2nd at 10:30 a.m. in the O'Connor Community Centre - 330 Hwy 595. Following this month's meeting, at 11:00 a.m., the Club members will be decorating the hall for its upcoming Christmas Potluck. Help is always appreciated and all are welcome to come help set up for this year's festivities. **The Christmas Potluck is sold out this year.** It will be held Saturday, December 9th at the O'Connor Community Centre with symposium starting at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Start the new year with a new venture and join the O'Connor Community Club! We are always looking for new volunteers to become members. If you are interested in playing a bigger part in in the betterment of our community and want to help out, please call Lorna Buob or Linda Racicot at the O'Connor Municipal Office at 476-1451 for more information.

*Merry Christmas from the O'Connor Community Club!*



### RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR SINGLES AND SENIORS

As the Christmas Cheer Committee will not be providing Christmas hampers to single persons or seniors, and the Regional Food Distribution Association finds that they can no longer accommodate this program, the Rural Cupboard Food Bank will be issuing Christmas hampers this year to these rural residents within the Food Bank's catchment area.

If you are a single person or a senior within our area and wish to receive a Christmas hamper, please call the Rural Cupboard Food Bank at (807) 285-0836 and leave your name, address and phone number where you can be reached. Calls must be received by December 6th in order to participate.

Any business, organizations, churches, or persons who would like to help us provide these hampers can call Kimm at 251-2622 or any Rural Cupboard Food Bank Board Member.

### Thunder Bay OPP 6th Annual Staff a Cruiser

On Saturday, December 9, 2017, between 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., the Thunder Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police will participate in the 6th Annual Staff a Cruiser event. Officers will be located outside Odena in Kakabeka Falls. Officers will collect food items in support of the Rural Cupboard Food Bank to assist with the goal that everyone in our communities has food on their table over the festive season.

### Emergency Contacts:

Medical Emergencies: 911  
Fire: 911 Police: 911

### Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Thursday:  
9:00 am to Noon & 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Fridays: 9:00 am to Noon

Office Phone: 476-1451

Fax: 473-0891

Garage: 476-1453

Community Centre: 476-1452

Website: [www.oconnortownship.ca](http://www.oconnortownship.ca)

E-mail: [twpoconn@tbaytel.net](mailto:twpoconn@tbaytel.net)

### Disposal Site Hours:

Winter Hours (Sept 1 - Mar 31) *\*Closed on Boxing Day*  
Tuesdays 3:00pm to 6:00 pm  
Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Summer Hours (Apr 1 to Aug 31)

Tuesdays 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

### Dog Control Officer:

David Frowen 707-3148

### Building Permits:

By-law Number 2016-12, passed June 27, 2016, 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 states that building permits will be required for the construction, erection, alteration, repair, removal, relocation and change of use of all buildings or structures within the Township of O'Connor. If you are building anything larger than 108 square feet or a building with heating, you are required to apply for a building permit. For more information please call the Township Office or the Township's Chief Building Official, Gordon Cuthbertson, at 708-7548. Applications available on the Township website or at the office.

**Please note: New Building Code changes effective January 1, 2017. If you are building a new home, please ensure you are aware.**

### Oliver Paipoonge Library Hours:

Use of both branches is free for O'Connor Residents

#### Murillo Branch (935-2729)

Monday - 10 - 8 pm  
Wednesday 10 - 8 pm  
Saturdays 10 - 2 pm

#### Rosslyn Branch (939-2312)

Tuesday 10 - 8 pm  
Thursday 10 - 8 pm  
Saturdays 1 - 5 pm

Email: [oplibrary@tbaytel.net](mailto:oplibrary@tbaytel.net)  
[www.olsn.ca/oplibrary](http://www.olsn.ca/oplibrary)

**Closed Dec 26, 27 & Jan 1st.**



The Township was successful in their application to renovate the O'Connor Community Centre through the Ontario 150 Community Capital Program grant, which was administered through the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The Township approved for a grant to upgrade the heating system to a more energy efficient system and converting from furnace oil to propane. The new installation also included air conditioning. Other upgrades to the Community Centre included renovating the downstairs storage room and installing new washroom partitions in both the downstairs washrooms.

We would like to thank the Ontario 150 Community Capital Program and the Ontario Trillium Foundation for providing this awesome opportunity to continue to provide the residents of O'Connor and surrounding area with a public space that is welcoming and promotes the Township's Motto

**"Country Living at its Best"**

## Fire Department News

Since the last newsletter the O'Connor Fire Department and First Response Team have responded to one fire call and one medical call.

### Christmas Tree Safety Tips

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.
- When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green; needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.
- When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of foot traffic and do not block doorways.
- Tree disposal after the holidays: When you're ready to get rid of your tree, please do not burn it in the fireplace or wood stove. The rapid burning and excessive heat can damage the firebox and chimney creating a serious fire hazard.



## Smoke and CO Detectors Save Lives

The Fire Department has Smoke detectors for purchase for \$25.00, CO detectors for \$25.00 and combination Smoke/CO detectors for \$35.00 each. These units can be picked up at the O'Connor Municipal Office during regular office hours.



## Disposal Site



This Christmas we encourage everyone to rethink how they wrap their Christmas Presents. Traditional Christmas wrapping has extremely high ink content and is not suitable for recycling as it contains low fibre content and added plastic and glitter that cannot be recycled.

Here are some great ideas for gift wrapping this Christmas:

- Use baskets, glass jars, cookie tins, or gift bags that can be used over and over again.
- Decorate an old box.
- Make the wrapping part of the gift by personalizing it.
- Reuse wrapping paper, tissue paper, gift bags, etc. from last year.
- Wrap gifts in colorful squares of old fabric.

**How much WASTE does your holiday create?**



In Canada 545,000 tonnes of gift wrap and shopping bags are discarded every year. Glittery, coloured and metallic store-bought wrapping paper, as well as plastic bows and ribbons are not recyclable and end up in our landfill.

## Council Meetings

The regular meeting for Council will be held on Monday, December 4th and Monday, December 18th. The meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in the Municipal Office located at 330 Hwy 595.

Council welcome your involvement and interest in Council meetings and municipal issues.

Mayor Jim Vezina—577-6735

Councillors:

Chantal Alkins - 577-8038 Jerry Loan - 768-0947  
Kevin Foekens - 577-1698 Bishop Racicot - 577-2215

## FOR SALE



The Township of O'Connor has surplus equipment available for purchase. Items can be viewed during regular business hours at the O'Connor Municipal Office located at 330 Hwy 595.

### Oil Furnaces

2004 LENNOX ELITE SERIES 130,000 BTUH. Asking \$400 OBO.  
1997 LENNOX ELITE SERIES 130,000 BTUH. Asking \$150 OBO.

### Photocopier

Energy efficient RICOH AFICIO (approximately 17 years old) equipped with 4 paper trays accommodating letter (8 1/2 x 11), legal (8 1/2 x 14) and ledger (11 x 17) paper. Features sorting and stapling functions.

For more information, please call the Township office at 476-1451.

(Council reserves the right to refuse any or all offers)

## Dogs Running at Large

A friendly reminder to please keep your dogs under your control and in your own yard. If you use a dog shock collar please check the batteries. If you are having trouble with dogs running at large, please contact David Frowen, the Township of O'Connor's Dog Control Officer, at 707-3148.



## Kakabeka Falls

& Rural District RCL Branch #225

All events take place at the Kakabeka Legion on Hwy 11-17 in Kakabeka Falls

Call the events line for info. 473-9122 or check out our web page at [www.kakabekalegion.ca](http://www.kakabekalegion.ca)

### **BINGO** Licence #M728890

**December 6th and 13th** - Bingo. Maximum Payout of \$1,555.00 Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Early birds begin at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call Gary at 473-9631.

**Fri. December 1st - DANCE with OLD BONES & ROAD WORN CHAPS 7:00 - 10:00 pm** Admission is \$5 and includes Beef on a Bun. These groups entertain seniors at retirement facilities.

**Sat. December 2nd - DANCE WITH QUEST 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.** Admission is \$8 per person which includes sandwiches, desserts, coffee and tea.

**Sat. December 9th - General Meeting - 3:00 p.m.**

**Sun. December 10th - BREAKFAST BUFFET 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon** 'All you can eat' Canadian and Finn pancakes, bacon, sausages, scrambled eggs, hash browns, coffee, tea, juice, toast and jam or try our "Made just for you" omelette. Adults \$12, Seniors \$11 and children's pricing as well. Join the breakfast club and after 10 paid breakfasts you get a free breakfast.

**Sun. December 10th - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Silver Collection.** All proceeds to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank and Kakabeka Legion will match the donations.

**Sat. December 16th - CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** \$25 each. Call Gary at 473-9631 for tickets by Wednesday, December 13th. Just want to dance \$8 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Sun. December 17th - 17th ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** \$15 adults, \$6 children (under 8) Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, December 13th.

**Saturdays - CRIB every Saturday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** For more information, call Tim at 983-2998.  
**Last day for Crib for the month of December will be on Saturday, December 16th.**

For bookings at the Kakabeka Legion please leave a message on the Legion line at 473-9122 or call Gary MacDonald at 473-9631.



## Excerpt from the OPP Monthly Newsletter

### **OPP REPORT 239 PREVENTABLE ROAD DEATHS AHEAD OF OPERATION IMPACT**

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has reported that **182** fatalities on OPP-patrolled roads so far this year including 63 deaths from inattentive driving, 56 deaths due to speeding, 32 deaths due to driver impairment, 31 deaths due to lack of restraint/seat belt use.

#### **QUOTE**

"No family or other road user traveling should have to worry about dying or being injured because of the careless actions of another driver. The single greatest influence on reducing this senseless loss of life is safe, defensive drivers who observe traffic laws at all times. The OPP remains committed to doing its part, but we count on these drivers every day to help us save lives." - OPP Deputy Commissioner Brad Blair, Provincial Commander, Traffic Safety and Operational Support.

### **OPP REMIND MOTORISTS TO PREPARE FOR UPCOMING WINTER DRIVING CONDITIONS**

Along with colder temperatures, snow, and ice, winter also brings potentially dangerous driving conditions. Slippery roads and decreased visibility can make driving in Canadian winters a challenge. Get prepared by following a few simple tips, provided by Transport Canada.

Prevent problems before they occur:

- Get your vehicle ready for winter in the fall.
- Install four matching winter tires.
- Pack an emergency kit.
- Learn and practice winter driving techniques before you need them.
- Plan your trip, check road and weather conditions.
- Remove all snow from your vehicle before each trip.
- Give yourself extra travel time in bad weather.
- Avoid using cruise control on slippery roads.
- Travel with a fully charged cell phone.
- SLOW DOWN and WEAR your seatbelt.

**Avoid Collisions.** In bad weather, put more distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. The danger of skidding is greatest when you are taken by surprise. Since not all vehicles respond in the same way to icy, slippery roads, learn how to handle your vehicle in all types of weather. Read the owner's manual to learn about your vehicle's braking system and tire traction. You may also consider taking a winter driving course. In extreme weather avoid using cruise control. Having the latest safety features on new vehicles and/or knowing how to handle your vehicle are good ways to keep control.

**Safe Braking.** Proper braking is important to safe winter driving. Since it takes longer to stop on a slippery road, you should:

- Leave more distance than normal between and your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you.
- Pay close attention to the road - as far ahead as you can.

#### **Skidding**

A good way to avoid skidding is to drive appropriately for road and weather conditions: **SLOW DOWN**. Allow extra travel time and be very careful when you brake, change lanes, make turns and take curves.

Even careful and experienced drivers can skid, so be prepared. Skidding may be the result of panic braking when you are trying to avoid an obstacle on the road.

## RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS

CONMEE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
P. O. BOX 327 KAKABEKA FALLS, ON P0T 1W0

by: Gladys Grant, Public Relations

**MERRY CHRISTMAS** everyone! A very busy time of year for the food bank as a lot of fundraising with donations being given to the Food Bank to make sure no one goes hungry. The Board certainly appreciates all that everyone does all year long and especially during the holiday season!

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to the food bank in Memory of Ellen Bengtsson, who will be missed as a volunteer at the food bank. Greatly appreciated

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the Food Bank Raffle by buying tickets and the Big Winner was Wendy O'Connor for the trip for 2 anywhere West Jet Flies, Chitra Jacob a night for 2 at the Valhalla In Thunder Bay & Silvia Martin a night for 2 and breakfast at Grand Portage Lodge & Casino.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to the food bank in honor of Brian & Gladys Grant's 50th Wedding Anniversary celebrations. Over \$2,000.00 and a large amount of groceries was donated in lieu of gifts as requested by Brian and Gladys. Thank you to all who attended making their celebration special and helping with a great cause. So greatly appreciated.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the Kakabeka Legion for hosting the afternoon of music on Sunday, October 29th with JUST 4 U Band and The Brule Creek Band. Over \$500 was raised for the food bank. A great time of music, fun and fellowship. These afternoons of music are held the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. except in December, July & August!!

Come out and enjoy an afternoon of music when The Kakabeka Legion will be hosting the **Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** to support the Food Bank with Emmanuel Country Gospel & Erin Burke with her brother Niel Burke. Cash Donation at the door. Santa will be there!!

**SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM:** Support is always needed for this program for school age children registered with the food bank. Each child will receive enough supplies for one week of every month during the school year. It is given out monthly on food bank day. For a donation of \$50.00 one student can be provided with supplies for one school year. Any amount towards this program is greatly appreciated. Please mark your cheque or cash to the program you wish to donate to. Example: Building Fund or buying of groceries for our clients. For donations of \$10.00 or more, the donator will receive a tax receipt as we are a Registered Non Profit Organization.

**ATTENTION:** The Food Bank will be open on Wednesday, December 13th this month; one week earlier than usual for distribution of hampers with Intake of Clients (Registration) being done from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. On Monday, December 11th volunteers will be at the food bank preparing for food bank day from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. On Tuesday, December 12th volunteers will be there from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. also preparing for food bank day. You are welcome to bring donations at that time. Food can be dropped off at the Rapport Credit Union in Kakabeka Falls Village, both the Murillo and Rosslyn Oliver Paipoonge Libraries, Odena Foods, the O'Connor Municipal office and the Neebing Municipal office during business hours. Check us out on our **Facebook page and our web site**

**raisethefoodbank.com**. The Food Bank phone number is 285-0836. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible to address any questions or concerns. Next meeting is Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Conmee Complex.

## Donations Please!

The Rural Cupboard Food Bank is in much need of Youth size T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts in large and X-large. Also needed are new or gently used toy items to help give this years children a nice Christmas. Items can be brought to any of our drop-off sites during regular hours. See Rural Cupboard Food Bank article this page for more information.

The food bank appreciates any food or item donations. We thank you for your support.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT DISPOSAL SITE BINS POP CANS & BEER/LIQUOR BOTTLES

The O'Connor Fire Department Auxiliary has set up Pop Can, Beer and Liquor Bottle bins at the Disposal Site, the Fire Hall and in the village of Kakabeka Falls. Please consider dropping off your pop/beer cans and/or beer/liquor bottles at any of these bins instead of throwing them in the recycling bin at the Disposal Site. **PLEASE NOTE: These bins are not for water bottles and other recyclables.** The Township will save money by reducing the number of times the Recycling Bin needs to be emptied by Recool and the Fire Department raises funds by collecting cans and recycling them. Thank you to all who have donated to date.



**Bill Mauro, MPP**

Thunder Bay-Atikokan

Wishing  
everyone a  
**Merry  
Christmas  
and a  
Happy  
New Year!**



240 South Syndicate Avenue, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1C8  
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## LITTLE ACORNS DAYCARE

I am a mom of 2 wonderful children and a beautiful step daughter. I run Little Acorns Daycare and currently have 2 spaces open that could accommodate before and after school, part time spaces or full time spaces.

Located off 11/17 in Conmee Township ~ zoned for Kakabaka School, St Martin's and Holy Family.

I have been providing child care in my home for approximately 3 years now and am excited to continue to do so.

We live on a beautiful 20 acre property that we enjoy hiking on and walking with the children on. As well we have a small flock of chickens and A lovely bunny that the children enjoy spending time with. Our yard is a wonderful size to allow us some great outdoor play space and room to grow!

- ✓ We have references available
- Healthy Meals and Snacks ✓
- Lots of outdoor time
- Crafts, Baking
- Outings
- And much more!



## Pickleball anyone?

Pickleball is:

- the fastest growing sport in North America
- Easy and fun, great exercise!
- Played indoors
- a low impact sport similar to tennis, badminton & table tennis
- all equipment is supplied



If you are interested in learning to play this game with a non-competitive group of adults on a regular basis at Rosslyn Hall, come out on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 with your indoor shoes.

For more information call: Rosslyn Library 939-2312  
Email: [optlibrary@tbaytel.net](mailto:optlibrary@tbaytel.net)

## Guiding Stars Daycare

Guiding Stars Daycare has 1 before and after school part time space available. Located off Highway 595 in O'Connor Township ~ zoned for Whitefish Valley School.

I have chosen to be a stay at home mom and home daycare provider, but prior to that I was employed by St. Joseph's Care Group for 13 years as a Recreation Therapist. I have various training in Snoezelen therapy and Montessori education and have a home that is supportive and thoughtfully prepared for a fun learning environment.

We live on a small hobby farm and have pets that are part of our home and daycare space ( all of our animals are very safe with children of all ages and are truly enjoyed throughout our days ).

We have references available. For more information, please call Shelley at 629-2851.

- ✓ Healthy meals and snacks
- ✓ Lots of outdoor time
- ✓ Crafts



...and so much more!

## Plaques

The Township of O'Connor offers plaques to commemorate the special anniversary of 50 years or longer and birthday celebrations of 75 years or older for present and past residents of the Township. If you know of anyone who would be celebrating either of these special events in the upcoming year, please contact the Municipal office within a few weeks of the event and a plaque will be ordered at no charge.



**LAKEHEAD REGION**  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

The 2018 Explore Card Parking Pass is now on-sale! Proceeds from the sale of Explore Cards contributes directly to the upkeep of our Conservation Areas and education programs. Cards are \$30.00 +HST and can be purchased on our website or in person at our Administrative Office. They also make great stocking stuffers!

The LRCA has restocked its popular Sasquatch and Tree Ring t-shirts! They are available for sale at the LRCA Administrative Office for \$20.00 each, and are available in sizes small through 2XL (Tree Ring) and sizes medium through 2XL (Sasquatch). These shirts will make a great Christmas gift, but be sure to pick them up soon, as size availability won't last!

If you are interested in hosting an event at a Conservation Area, be sure to visit our website and complete the "Request to Use Property" form. Conservation Areas are great locations for family events like reunions, picnics or birthday parties. Businesses are also welcome to host company retreats and team-building activities as well. Picnic shelters/pavilions can also be reserved for a minimal fee.

Be sure to Follow, Like and Share the LRCA on social Media. We have officially launched Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages in an effort to more effectively communicate with residents of the Lakehead Watershed. We plan on sharing flood messages, up-to-date events information, interesting information and gorgeous photography with our followers, and we would love it if you would join in on the conversation.

Please be advised that the LRCA Administrative Office will be closed between December 23, 2017 and January 1, 2018.

Get out and Explore!

## Murillo Library

Monday 10:00 to 8:00  
Wednesday 10:00 – 8:00  
Saturday 10:00 – 2:00  
935-2729

Email:

[oplibrary@tbaytel.net](mailto:oplibrary@tbaytel.net)

Website:

[www.olsn.ca/oplibrary](http://www.olsn.ca/oplibrary)

## Rosslyn Library

Tuesday 10:00 – 8:00  
Thursday 10:00 – 8:00  
Saturday 1:00 – 5:00  
939-2312



We will be closed on  
December 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and  
Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Have a safe and happy  
holiday!



Game of  
Thrones Fans:  
Let's thank  
Janine Reynolds  
for generously  
sponsoring the  
purchase of  
Season 7!  
Coming Dec. 12!



On Tues. Nov. 7 the library was  
honoured by a visit from American  
author B.K. Parent. She was in the  
area to visit the Mun. of Neebing as  
some of the fantasy creatures in her  
books are called 'Neebings'. She  
generously donated her entire  
Sommerhiem Journeys children's  
series to our library.



Christmas Yoga  
With Kimberly Veneziaie  
Wednesday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
\$12 Drop In fee  
At Murillo Library  
1:45 to 2:45

## Alzheimer/Dementia Caregiver Coffee House



Join us at Rosslyn Library on Tues. Dec. 12 from  
2:00 to 3:00 for refreshments and discussion on  
the challenges of being a caregiver of a  
Alzheimer or Dementia patient. Our hostess will  
be Sonja Aldrich who has gone through the  
entire journey and would like to share her  
experiences with those who may need moral  
support or would like to share their stories.  
This event is free and no registration is required.

## FUNDRAISING EVENT... ONLY UNTIL CHRISTMAS!



Support Oliver Paipoonge Library  
by purchasing a  
Lake Superior Plate.

These gorgeous items have been  
created by POT's 2Go Pottery and are  
available for \$25.00 each.

\$10 from every purchase will be donated  
back to the library.

Plates are available at the Murillo and Rosslyn  
Libraries for a limited time only!



Join us to play the popular card game of  
Canasta! Learn the rules and strategies  
and enjoy this classic game with your  
family and friends.

Thursday December  
7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
Rosslyn Library  
1:00 to 2:30

## 500 Teddy Bears Needed for El Salvador!

The Willing Workers volunteer group is asking for your help to knit a bear for the Teddies for Tragedies Program or donate stuffies in good condition. These items will be given children when they attend medical or dental clinics.



You can help by:

- Knitting a bear
- Donating yarn and fibre fill
- Donating milk bags
- Donating stuffies in good condition
- Weave a mat

Bear patterns are available at Murillo and Rosslyn Library

(or email [oplibrary@tbaytel.net](mailto:oplibrary@tbaytel.net)).

Donations can also be dropped off at either library branch.

The Willing Workers group meet bi-weekly to gather, sort, knit and weave sleeping mats from used milk bags. If you would like to attend and lend a hand, join them on Tuesday Dec. 12 from 9:30 to 12:00 at First Christian Reformed Church (behind the OPP Station on Arthur St.). For more information call Hendrika Tempelman at 767-2307 or Aria Buitenhuis at 475-3588.

## No Excuses,

### Free Chair Exercise Class for Everyone



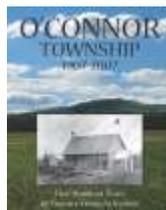
This safe low-impact routine works to lubricate joints and keep them flexible, strengthen and stabilize individual muscles and increase blood circulation resulting in a decreased number of falls and an increased ability to better accomplish day-to-day physical activities.

**Every Tuesday and Thursday  
from 12:00 – 12:30 at  
Rosslyn Library.**

**(Stretch bands on Tuesday, weights on Thursday)  
Please bring indoor shoes and weights**

### O'Connor's History Book

**"First Hundred Years Of Country  
Living At It Best"**



The Township of O'Connor published the O'Connor History Book to commemorate 100 years of "Country Living At Its Best". Copies of the book in hardcover are available for purchase and they can be picked up at the O'Connor Township Office. The cost of the book is \$40.00. **Start your Christmas gift giving with the gift of memories.**



## Hymers Fair News

By Shannon Dodd-Smith



As I prepare this December ad, my consciousness is painfully thrust from the month behind us headlong into the epic month of Christmas like some kind of sling-shot. Yikes! I don't know about you, but I am still raiding my kids' Halloween bags and now it's suddenly Advent Calendar time!

What are your Christmas/Holiday traditions? Do you make your own advent calendar? How about your own gifts? If not, there are plenty of good reasons to consider doing it this year. **Handmade gifts:**

- embody the loving and giving spirit of the season;
- are unique and personal;
- are fun to make while avoiding the usual obscene over-consumption (a hallmark of virtually every Canadian holiday, sadly); and my favourite,
- you can make an extra one and **enter it into the Hymers Fair!**

That's right, the array of categories in the Hymers Fair Prizebook for homecraft is dizzying; and seriously, who *wouldn't* want homemade jelly, a warm throw, a wood carving, wall hanging, etc., etc. If you have any suggestions of things you would like to see, or added to the prize book, email [info@hymersfair.com](mailto:info@hymersfair.com).

While it's true that the Fair has been put to bed for the winter, planning for next year's Fair has already started on many levels.

Case in point, the Hymers Agricultural Society's (HAS) **Annual General Meeting** takes place **1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the Rural 60 Plus**. The Board of Directors are a working board and active 12 months of the year; and your role can be as big or small as you need it to be.

**Make 2018 your year to get involved!** Give Deb a call for more info at 475-8586.

Whatever the Holidays mean to you, I hope they positively overflow with love and laughter!



## TOPS

### (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

...a friendly local weight-loss support group

TOPS is a non profit, non commercial weight loss support group. We offer outstanding support to take and keep off pounds sensibly.

The Nolalu chapter meets every Wednesday at the O'Connor Community Centre. Weigh in starts at 6:15 pm and the meeting at 7:00 pm. Membership is \$48.00 annually and \$1.00 a week for dues.

Bring a friend or family member and come see what we have to offer.

There are 16 TOPS chapters in the Thunder Bay and rural areas.

For more information, please call Rose Marie Shandruk at 577-5924 or Aria at 475-3588.

## Cornerstone Advertising

The fee structure for advertising in the Cornerstone has been set by Council. **Deadline for ad submission is the 19th of December for the January 2018 Issue.**

- Business Ad - 7.50, Full Page Ad - \$15.00
- Personal/Classified Ads - \$5.00 (ie. garage sale)
- Birthday, Anniversary, Baby Announcements - \$2.00



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**Saturday, Sunday & Holidays 9 A.M. - 9 P.M.**

**(Closed Christmas Day)**

## Good Company Choir



Love to sing in the shower?  
Well "Good Company Choir" is for  
you!

We meet biweekly on Tuesdays from 2 to 3 p.m.  
at the Kakabeka Rural 60 Plus Centre. No  
auditions necessary. Drop ins are welcome.

Next choir dates: Tuesday, December .

For further information, please feel free to contact  
Aury Murray at [aurymurray@hotmail.com](mailto:aurymurray@hotmail.com).

## Rural Family Resource Centre Best Start Fall Programs

Whitefish Valley School program runs weekly on  
Mondays from 10:00 to 12:00

Murillo Site program  
(4509 Oliver Road)

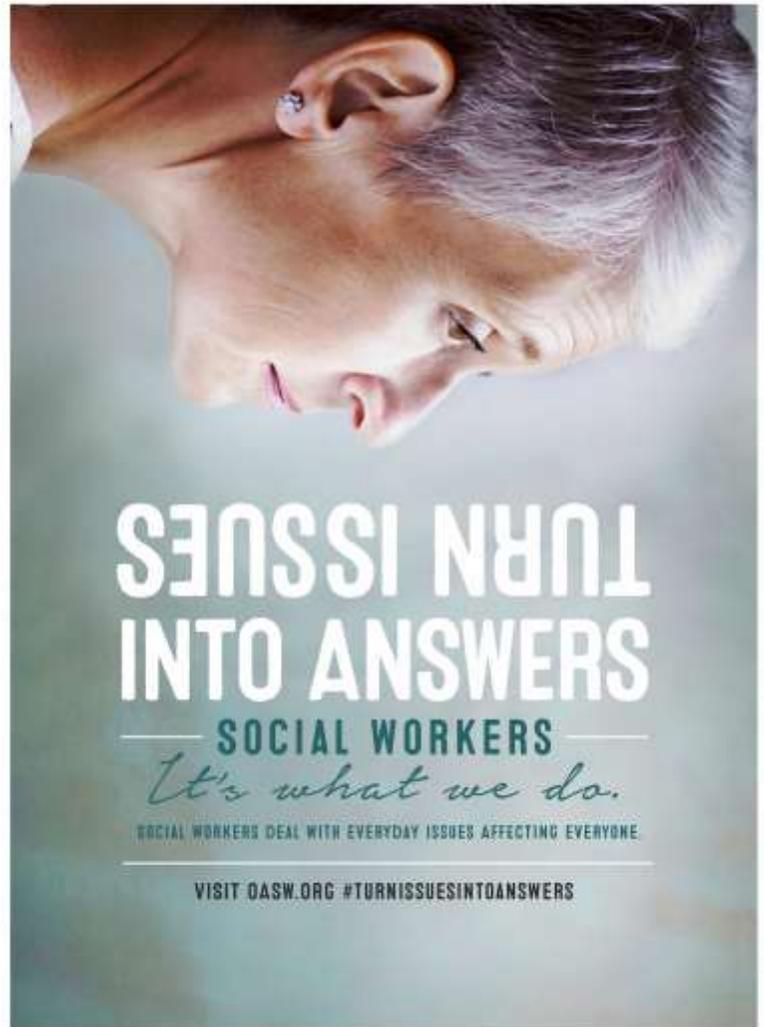
Morning sessions run from Monday to Friday  
9:30 - 12:00

Afternoon session is on Wednesday from  
1:30 - 4:00

*No pre-registration is necessary, however, we ask  
that you provide a nut-free snack for your child.*



*Call 935-3009 for further information.*



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## Share your Recipes

If you have a favorite recipe and would like to share it in  
the O'Connor Cornerstone, please send to the O'Connor  
Municipal Office by mail, e-mail or through the mail slot on  
the front door entrance.

Township of O'Connor  
R.R. #1,  
Kakabeka Falls, ON  
P0T 1W0  
(or)  
[twpoconn@tbaytel.net](mailto:twpoconn@tbaytel.net)



## The O'Connor Community Centre

When planning your next special occasion please keep in  
mind that the Community Centre is available for rental. **The  
Centre is now fully equipped with new furnaces and air  
conditioning.** The Centre's capacity is 132 people when a liquor  
license is required. Maximum capacity is 162 people. Please call  
the Municipal Office at 476-1451 for more information.

### O'Connor Hall Rental Fees:

- Social with Liquor - \$150.00
- All day rental no liquor - \$100.00
- 1/2 day or evening - \$50.00
- Use of Kitchen - \$25 (May 1st - October 31st)
- **\$50 (November 1st - April 30th)**

\$50.00 damage  
deposit may be  
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*We would like to wish the residents  
of the Township of O'Connor  
and surrounding areas a Merry Christmas  
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From Council and Staff*

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Email: [kandscontractinginc@gmail.com](mailto:kandscontractinginc@gmail.com)

Webpage: <http://kandscontracting.ca>

## Whitefish Valley Community Bazaar

Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2017

From 2:00pm-7:00pm

Whitefish Valley Gymnasium

### Everyone Welcome!



Please contact the office at 475-3181 if you are interested in setting up a table.

Cost of renting a table is \$20/ table

## RURAL 60 PLUS

5 Pineview Road

475-5779

Email - [rural60@tbaytel.net](mailto:rural60@tbaytel.net)

### EUCHRE

Do you want to learn to play Euchre?  
Call or email to register. Lessons  
scheduled to start in January 2018



### CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK DINNER



December 8th at 1 pm

Come and visit with friends and  
neighbours.

Remember to bring your own  
plate, cup and utensils.

We would love to see you there and  
enjoy your contribution to the pot-luck  
meal.

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

The following activities take place on a  
regular basis at the Rural 60 Plus.



- Monday:** Carving - 10 am  
Disking - 1:30 pm
- Tuesday:** Weaving - 10 am to 3 pm  
Good Company Choir
- Wednesday:** Beginner Carvers - 10 to 3  
Cribbage - 1 pm
- Thursday:** Weaving - 10 am to 3 pm  
Yoga - 10 am  
Water Colours - 1 - 3:30

If you are interested in any of these  
activities, please call or email the centre  
and leave your name & number - your  
call will be returned.

**MEMBERSHIPS** only \$10 per year and  
you qualify at the age of 55.



## December's Events at the Gillies Community Centre

**Christmas Tea- Sunday, December 3rd,  
1-4pm Admission 5\$**

**Penny Auction, Sandwiches & Dainties**

**Country Christmas, Neighbour to Neighbour**

**A reading of "A Christmas Carol"**

**Sunday, December 17th 7pm**

**Admission 2\$ + Non-parishable food donation for the rural foodbank**

**Board Meeting Monday, December 11 7pm**

**Season's Greetings!**

# How is 211 different from 911?



**211**

211 is the information and referral helpline to community, government, social and health services in Ontario.



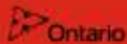
We refer people to over 60,000 community, social, government and health services in Ontario.

**911**

911 is emergency number to reach the police, paramedics or fire services in a life threatening situation or when a crime is in progress.



**MAKE THE CONNECTION CALL 2-1-1**



[www.211ontario.ca](http://www.211ontario.ca)  
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# When to call the 211 helpline



## Hungry?

Call 211 to find food banks, community meals, holiday meals, breakfast and after-school programs.

## Unemployed?

Call 211 to find employment centres, skills upgrading, literacy help, retraining programs and financial support.

## Caregiver?

Call 211 to find Alzheimers programs, respite support, home care, support groups, parenting help and health care services.

## Alone?

Call 211 to find youth programs, recreation centres, sports clubs, seniors centres and children's programs.

## Feel threatened?

Call 211 to find the non-emergency police number, bullying and elder abuse help, homeless shelters and counselling.

**MAKE THE CONNECTION  
CALL 2-1-1**



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NORWEST COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES – MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES

December 2017



NorWest Community Health Centres  
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= Diabetes Mobile

NorWest CHCs is located at 525 Simpson St Thunder Bay, ON P7C 3J6  
Tele: 807.622.8235  
TF: 1.866.357.5454  
www.norwestchc.org



**Note**

**December 12th**  
CHW, Dietitian and RN services available in **Neebing**

| Mon   | Tue  | Wed | Thu  | Fri |
|---|--|-----|--|-----|
| <p><b>Nurse Practitioner:</b> We accept walk-in's based on availability of appointments. For more information or to book an appointment, call <b>807-626-8474</b></p> |  |     |  | 1   |
| <p>4<br/><b>ARMSTRONG</b> 1-7pm<br/>NorWest CHC Clinic </p>   | <p>5<br/><b>ARMSTRONG</b> 8:30am-12:30pm<br/>NorWest CHC Clinic <br/><b>SHEBANDOWAN</b> 9:30am-4pm<br/>Community Centre </p> | 6   | <p>7<br/><b>NOLALU</b> 9:30am-4pm <br/>Community Centre</p>  | 8   |
| <p>11<br/><b>KAMINISTQUIA</b> 9am-3:30pm<br/>Community Centre </p>  | <p>12<br/><b>NEEBING</b> 1-7pm<br/>Municipal Office </p>   | 13  | <p>14<br/><b>UPSALA</b> 10am-3:30pm <br/>Community Centre<br/><b>O'CONNOR</b> 12-6pm<br/>Community Centre </p> | 15  |
| 18  | <p>19<br/><b>NEEBING</b> 1-7pm<br/>Municipal Office </p>   | 20  | <p>21<br/><b>NOLALU</b> 9:30am-4pm<br/>Community Centre </p>   | 22  |
| <p>25<br/><b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b></p>  | <p>26<br/><b>BOXING DAY</b></p>  | 27  | 28   | 29  |

Thunder Bay After 5 invites Men and Women to

*Christmas Celebration*

Monday, December 11, 2017 7-9 pm  
Georgian Room, St Joseph's Heritage  
63 Carrie Street, Thunder Bay  
Cost at Door - \$10.00

**FEATURE:** Sarah Riley – "Thirty-one Gifts"

**MUSIC:** Carol Sing with Talita Peters

**SPEAKER:** Caitlin Brundage

Call Rose 767-8461 or Connie 630-0774 to reserve by December 7

Cancellations Appreciated

Affiliated with [www.rsvpministries.com](http://www.rsvpministries.com)

Pinegrove United Church

100 Hwy 130, Rosslyn  
(next to the Tbaytel tower)

Sunday service: 10:30 a.m.



Minister: Pastor Hubert Den Draak  
Office: 939-1364

Email: [pinegrove@tbaytel.net](mailto:pinegrove@tbaytel.net)  
Website: [www.PinegroveUC.org](http://www.PinegroveUC.org)

## O'Connor Free Methodist Church

293 Sitch Road

Near the corner of Sitch and Earl Roads in

**O'Connor Township**

[www.oconnorfreemethodist.org](http://www.oconnorfreemethodist.org)

**Facebook: O'Connor Free Methodist Church**

### Sunday Worship Schedule:

Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship Celebration ~ 10:45 a.m.

**Children's Sunday School ~ 10:45 a.m. September to June**

**We're a friendly and vibrant church with something for everyone!**

### Children & Youth

Nursery ~ every Sunday morning

Sunday School ~ 10:45 a.m. Sundays September to June

Junior Youth (ages 10 to 12) ~ Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7-8:30 p.m.

Contact Anna Lebel at 577-9047 for more info

Senior Youth (ages 13 to 18) ~ 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each month

Contact Suzanne Fiorito at 626-6083 for more information.

### Adults

**Men's Coffee ~ Earl Hall every Thursday 10:00 a.m. Contact Gary**  
at 623-6331 for more information.

Music Jam ~ Music & fun ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Contact Paul  
at 475-8973 for more information.

Bible Study ~ Every Thursday Night 7:00 p.m. Contact Pastor  
Chris (624-6579) for time and location.

For more information on any of the activities at the OFMC,  
please feel free to contact  
Pastor Chris Fiorito,  
577-2363 ~ 933-4655 ~ cell 624-6579

## O'Connor-Conmee Fellowship Baptist Church

Sunday: 10:45 a.m.  
worship for all ages



Small Group Studies...  
please phone for  
information



Last Sunday of Every Month  
(except summer)... At 5:30 p.m., pot-luck supper, then at  
7:00 p.m., a time of music, or a film, or a fun-night.

Feel free to join us!!

O'Connor-Conmee  
Fellowship Baptist Church

3 Holomego Rd, corner of Hwy 595  
Pastor: Chris Frey, Phone: 475-7720, Cell: 627-1133

## Gospel Night

Saturday, December 16th, 2017 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Admission: Please bring an item for the food bank.  
MacGregor Community Centre  
800 Lakeshore Drive, Shuniah

**Local Musicians Featuring:  
Old Bones (Charlotte & Leo)  
Pat Hutton & Deb Everest  
Linda Block on the piano**

For further information contact Janet at 707-4101.  
A free will offering will be accepted in support of  
**TRANSPORT FOR CHRIST CHAPEL**  
at the Pass Lake Truck Stop.

### **St. James' Anglican Church**

Country Warmth in Christ

John St. Road at Calvert Road, Murillo

Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.

**(Please Note: No Sunday school at this time)**

Rector: Reverend Charlene Scriver  
807-939-1103 [parish.rector@tbaytel.net](mailto:parish.rector@tbaytel.net)

### **St. Mark's Anglican Church**

Country Warmth in Christ

St. Marks St., Rosslyn Village

Sunday Service & Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Rector: Reverend Charlene Scriver

807-939-1103

[parish.rector@tbaytel.net](mailto:parish.rector@tbaytel.net)

### **Redeemer Lutheran Church**

[www.redeemerlcc.ca](http://www.redeemerlcc.ca)

Hwy 11/17, Kakabeka Falls, ON

Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.

473-9164

### **St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church**

10 Porter St., Kakabeka Falls

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

[www.dotb.ca](http://www.dotb.ca)

Parish Priest: Fr. Randal Morrisseau  
935-2898 (Rectorry)



***O'Connor Free Methodist Church  
Christmas Calendar of Events***

293 Sitch Road

***Morning Worship & Christmas Program***

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:45 a.m.**

Join us at the "Little Country Church with a Big Heart" as we celebrate the true reason for the season. A great time to forget the hustle & bustle and join your friends and neighbours to celebrate this joyous season.

***Christmas Eve Morning Worship Service***

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:45 a.m.**

***Christmas Eve Service***

**Sunday, December 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

You are invited to join us for a meaningful time of worship & music as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A special offering will be taken in support of Childcare Ministries.

**Everyone Welcome, Come as You Are!**

For more information on these Christmas events or any other church activities, please call Pastor Chris Fiorito at 624-6579 or visit us on the Web [oconnorfreemethodist.org](http://oconnorfreemethodist.org)