



The Cornerstone

Township Of O'Connor

OFFICE CLOSED

The O'Connor Municipal Office will be closed at noon on Friday, December 23 through to Monday, January 2, 2017. The office will resume regular hours on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

PLOW TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED

The Township is currently seeking plow truck driver that can be called in occasionally to help with plowing of our roadways during snow storms. Drivers must have a valid DZ license and provide a Driver's Abstract if hired. Please contact Kelly Johnson for more information at 476-1453 or contact the O'Connor Municipal Office at 476-1451.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Skating Rink

Winter is almost here and we are looking for volunteers to help our volunteer firefighters get the municipal rink ready for flooding and to help keep the surface clear of snow. Those interested in operating the Township's snow blower are asked to contact Kelly Johnson at the O'Connor Municipal garage at 476-1453 or the Municipal office at 476-1451. The outdoor rink provides everyone, young and old, with the perfect opportunity to get out and enjoy the winter season and spend time with family and friends, however, in order for this to happen we need volunteers to help maintain the rink. Please consider volunteering your time and helping out whenever possible. Thank you.

Disposal Site News

It has come to our attention that waste generated from home renovations by contractors working outside the Township maybe being disposed of at the Township's Disposal Site. **PLEASE NOTE** that no waste generated from outside of the Township is permitted to be disposed of at this Site. In order to deter anyone from continuing this practice Council may have to consider implementing tipping fees for tilt trailers in the new year.



A kindly reminder that in the case of gift wrap, it's better to reuse, or not use at all. A common mistake many people make around he holidays is loading their recycling bins with wrapping paper, tissue, ribbons and more. Unfortunately, the shiny, laminated paper is actually not recyclable. Including it in the bin with other paper products can make an entire load unrecyclable.

Before you purchase that expensive gift wrap, please consider trying something different such as old newspapers, reusable giftbags, making your own fabric gift bags or have the kids color recyclable paper. Fabric gift bags make beautiful, personal and unique gift wraps for all gift-giving occasions. Even better, they're re-usable and made of recycled materials.



O'Connor Community Club

We have a full house! The Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner on Saturday, December 10, 2016 is at full capacity. Please contact the Municipal Office at 476-1451 or Linda at 577-2215 if you would like to be placed on the cancellation list.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
from the members of the O'Connor Community Club



Council and Staff would like to wish the Residents of O'Connor and their families a Merry and Safe Holiday Season.



DECEMBER 2016



Emergency Contacts:

Medical Emergencies: 911
Fire: 911
Police: 911

Municipal Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & 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
E-mail: twpoconn@tbaytel.net

Disposal Site Hours:

Winter Hours (Sept 1 - Mar 31)
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

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 must 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.

Oliver Paipoonge Library Hours:

**Use of both branches is free for
O'Connor Residents**

Murillo Branch (935-2729)

Monday - 10 - 5 pm
Tuesday 6 - 8 pm
Wednesday 10 - 5 pm , 6 - 8 pm
Thursday 6 - 8 pm
Saturday 1 - 5 pm

Rosslyn Branch (939-2312)

Tuesday 10 - 5 pm, 6 - 8 pm
Wednesday - 6 - 8 pm
Thursday 10 - 5 pm, 6 - 8 pm
Saturday 1 - 5 pm

Email: oplibrary@tbaytel.net
www.olsn.ca/oplibrary

The Murillo & Rosslyn Library will close for Christmas on Friday, December 23rd and reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Council Meetings

The regular meetings for Council will be held on Monday, December 5th and Monday, December 19th. Both 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

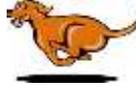
Councillors:

Chantal Alkins - 577-8038 Jerry Loan - 768-0947

Kevin Foekens - 577-1698 Bishop Racicot - 577-2215

Dogs Running at Large

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.



Farm or Business Property Assessment Notice from MPAC?

Residential notices were mailed to property owners earlier this year and notices for Farm and Business properties were mailed out between October 11th to November 28th.

Once property owners receive their notices, they can log on to www.aboutmyproperty.ca to learn more about how MPAC assessed their property, access enhanced property profile reports for their property and similar properties, and check out Market Trends for residential, farm, commercial, industrial and multi-residential properties.

Please note that the deadline for Request for Reconsiderations (RfR) for residential properties was August 31, 2016, however RfR for farm property is February 5, 2017 and for business properties it is February 15, 2017. Please visit mpac.ca or aboutmyproperty.ca for more information.

Fire Department News

Since the last newsletter the O'Connor First Response Team has responded to zero (0) medical related calls and zero (0) motor vehicle collision.

This year the Auxiliary has chosen not to hold our Annual Christmas Hamper draw, however, anyone wishing to make a donation to the department are more than welcome to do so. Our Fire Department Auxiliary is a **Registered Charity** and will supply income Tax Receipts for any donation of \$20.00 or more.

The Fire Department has Smoke detectors for purchase for \$10.00, 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.

On behalf of the O'Connor Fire Department and First Response Team, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!



SMOKE ALARMS: The Perfect Gift	Smoke alarms don't last forever. They need to be replaced every 10 years.
	This holiday season, give a gift to save a life.



Fire Safety Tips for the Holidays

Water fresh trees daily

It's time to trim that Christmas tree, and if you're using a real tree, buy a fresh tree and keep the base of the trunk in water at all times. Keep your tree away from any ignition source such as the fireplace, heaters or candles.

Check all sets of lights before decorating

Before you put those lights on the tree or around the front window check the cords closely. Discard any sets that are frayed or damaged.

Make sure you have working smoke alarms

With family and friends spending extra time at your home over the holidays, it's a great time to check your smoke alarms. Test your alarms to make sure they will alert you and your family if a fire occurs, giving you the precious seconds you need to safely escape.

Make sure you have working carbon monoxide alarms

Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odourless gas that can quickly kill you. Replace any carbon monoxide alarms over seven years old.

Make sure everyone knows how to get out safely if a fire occurs

Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with all members of the household. Once outside, stay outside and call 911 from a cell phone or neighbours house.

Use extension cords wisely

People often use extension cords for that extra set of lights or the dancing Santa in the corner. Extension cords should be used only as a temporary connection. Make sure cords never go under rugs as this can cause damage to the cord and cause a fire.

Give space heaters space

If you are using space heaters to help take the chill off, remember to keep them at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn such as curtains, upholstery, or holiday decorations.

When you go out, blow out!

Candles can set the perfect mood for a holiday celebration, but remember to always blow out candles before leaving the room or going to bed. Keep lit candles safely away from children and pets and anything that can burn, such as curtains, upholstery, or holiday decorations. Be candle safe!

Keep matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children

People often keep matches and lighters handy to light holiday candles. But matches and lighters can be deadly in the hands of children. Keep them safe and out of reach!

Watch what you heat!

The holiday season is one of the busiest times of the year, which means it's easy to get distracted from what we are doing. Always stay in the kitchen when cooking; especially if using oil or high temperatures. If a pot catches fire, carefully slide a tight-fitting lid over the pot to smother the flames and then turn off the heat.

Encourage smokers to smoke outside

Careless smoking is the leading cause of fatal fires. If you do allow smoking indoors use large, deep ashtrays that can't be knocked over and make sure cigarette butts are properly extinguished.

There's more to responsible drinking than taking a cab home

With all the festive cheer this time of year, keep a close eye on anyone attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol. Alcohol is all too often a common factor in many fatal fires.



Excerpt from the OPP Monthly Newsletter

OPP AND POLICE PARTNERS LAUNCH FESTIVE RIDE CAMPAIGN IN NORTH WEST REGION

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Festive RIDE campaign is set to run from November 21, 2016 to January 7, 2017. OPP officers and our police partners will work around the clock during the campaign, conducting RIDE check stops across North West Region. These enforcement efforts, combined with the help of all citizens to intervene when they suspect that someone is driving or about to drive after consuming alcohol or drugs, will prevent innocent lives being lost this holiday season.

The OPP asks everyone to do their part to make this holiday season a joyous one.

THUNDER BAY OPP 5th ANNUAL STUFF A CRUISER

On Saturday, December 10, 2016, the Thunder Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police together with our policing partners, Thunder Bay Police Service, Anishinabek Police Service, Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Police Services will participate in the 5th Annual Stuff a Cruiser event.

Officers will be located outside the Real Canadian Superstore, Walmart on Memorial Avenue, Metro on Arthur Street and Safeway on Arthur Street.

Officers will collect food items in support of the Regional Food Distribution Association (RFDA) to assist with the goal that everyone in our communities has food on their table over the festive season.

All of the Police Services would like to thank Real Canadian Superstore, Walmart, Metro and Safeway stores for their support, as well, all of the volunteers and community members for helping make this event happen.

The Stuff a Cruiser event will take place on Saturday, December 10, 2016 between 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

OPP REMIND MOTORISTS TO DRIVE WITH CAUTION DRIVING IN WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reminding motorists to drive with extra care and caution in winter weather 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.

OPP encourage all motorists to ensure their vehicles are fully prepared to meet the challenges winter driving brings. Motorists are advised of the following safety tips to help everyone arrive at their destination safely.

- Drivers must slow down – Speed too fast for conditions is the main causal factor of winter collisions
- Drive according to current road and weather conditions.
- Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. Remember, longer stopping distances may be required.
- Clean frost and snow off all windows, mirrors, and lights.

- Consider installing four winter tires on your vehicle, install good wiper blades and keep an ample supply of windshield washer fluid in your vehicle
- Give yourself extra time to reach your destination.
- Monitor road and weather conditions – Plan your trip and check local weather conditions before heading out. Consider postponing or cancelling your trip if the weather does not improve.

The following is a list of some recommended items to carry in your vehicle:

- A charged cell phone in case of an emergency
- An ice scraper, snow brush, a small shovel, sand, salt or other traction aid
- Booster cables, road flares, fuel line anti-freeze, and tow rope
- Extra clothing and footwear, a blanket, high energy non-perishable food, matches and a candle
- Flashlight, small tool kit, first aid kit

Please do not call 911 or the OPP Provincial Communication Centre for road information.

The Ministry of Transportation's Traveler Information Services provides road information for provincial highways in Ontario by telephone, call 5-1-1 or online with accessible information on the MTO Ontario 511 website at www.ontario.ca/511

Be prepared for winter driving, stay safe!

SAFETY TIPS WHILE SHOPPING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

With the holiday season quickly approaching, stores and parking lots will have an increase flow of shoppers on a mission. Unfortunately this can also provide a very prosperous opportunity for thieves.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) reminds you to keep these safety tips in mind while shopping in downtown stores, shopping malls and parking lots.

- Carry a minimum amount of cash.
- Park in an area that is well illuminated.
- When using your convenience card, do not expose your PIN number.
- Do not put your purse or wallet in a shopping cart. Keep your purse close to your body and zipped closed at all times. Never leave your purse unattended.
- Do not leave purchased items unattended.
- Try not to overload yourself with parcels, so that it is difficult to walk or to carry them.
- When returning to your parked vehicle, be sure to walk directly to your vehicle with keys in hand, so that you are able to unlock your vehicle quickly. Be aware of your surroundings and other people in the area of your vehicle.
- When at your vehicle do not leave your purse on the seat of your car or in the cart while you load groceries or parcels.
- Be sure to place parcels in the trunk of your car or out of sight.
- Once inside, lock your vehicle's doors.

Crime Prevention...It's everyone's business.

**RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK
CONMEE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS
P. O. Box 327. Kakabeka Falls, ON POT 1WO
By Gladys Grant PR**

The grand opening of the new food bank building was a huge success. We are now into our 2nd month of operation at the new facility on Holland Road at the Conmee Complex. We would not be so successful in serving our clients if it were not for the many **Food Bank Volunteers** who help out in so many different ways. Also, the Board Members who volunteer their time, and the general public who donate money and groceries to aid our cause. **A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL.**

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON is fast approaching and the Rural Food bank will be open on the 2nd Wednesday, December 14th for distribution of hampers to our clients from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to accommodate for our clients so they can receive Christmas Cheer hampers in the City of Thunder Bay. Items can be brought to the food bank on Monday nights now before food bank day from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. as that is when volunteers are there preparing for food bank day. This month it is Monday, December 12th. Also on Tuesday afternoon December 13th, volunteers will be there working from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Plastic and reusable bags are always welcome. Food and bags can also be dropped off at the Rappoport Credit Union In Kakabeka Falls, both the Murillo Oliver Paipoonge Library, as well as, the Rosslyn Library, Odena Foods and the Neebing Municipal Office during business hours.

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 per month of the school year for \$50.00. Any donation towards this program is gratefully appreciated. Please mark your cheque or if cash given mark it for this program. Another great way is to make this one of your Christmas donations. A gift that keeps giving all year long and helps a less fortunate child.

A BIG THANK YOU to Lorna Kreig and volunteers for the donation to the building fund from the very successful Halloween dance at the O'Connor Hall. A great time was had by all in attendance. Job well done!

A BIG THANK YOU to Linda Turner who presented a donation of \$300.00 from the Telephone Pioneers of America to the Building Fund at our last meeting in November.

A BIG THANK YOU to Florence Chow and Kelli Plichta on behalf of OPSEU Region #7 area council for knitting about 300 hats for the clients of our food bank. These hats were well received by our clients last month.

ATTENTION SENIORS AND SINGLES: In order to receive a Christmas Hamper from RFDA the Regional Food Distribution Association **you must register** after November 28th by calling 211 and they can be picked up at the Rural Cupboard Food Bank on our December 14th Food bank day! Thank you for the great response to people interested in volunteering with the Food Bank. Volunteers certainly help keep the food bank running efficiently.

A BIG THANK YOU to Mary and Bill Majbroda of the Kakabeka Legion for an afternoon of music at the Legion by Kings Highway and the River Runners with a donation of over \$200.00 donated to the food bank from the free will offering at the door. A great time of music, fun and fellowship.

The food bank number is 285-0836 if you have any questions or concerns. Calls are received from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Please leave a message and someone will

get back to you as soon as possible. Donations are gratefully accepted towards the new building. Please check out our web site raisethefoodbank.com. **CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!**

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be on Sunday, November 27th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in support of the Rural Cupboard Food Bank, with Emmanuel Country Gospel and special guests JUST 4 U. Santa will make a visit. Free will offering at the door. Please come out for an afternoon of great music, fun and fellowship and support a great cause!

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 7th at 6:30 P.M. at the Conmee Municipal Complex.

1ST ANNUAL PASTA SWAP November 14th - December 2nd at the Pasta Shop 117 S. May St. Thunder Bay, ON. Ph.286-6335. Bring in a donation of Packaged Pasta and they will give you 150 G of Fresh Pasta to cook at home or a coupon to use at another time in support of The Rural Cupboard Food Bank. What a great way to support the Food Bank!



**Kakabeka Falls
LEGION & 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**

**Wednesdays - BINGO - LAST BINGO of the year to take
place December 14th Licence M728855**

December 7th & 14th - Bingo takes place every
Wednesday. Maximum Payout of \$1,360. Doors open at
5 p.m. Early birds begin at 6:45 p.m. For more information
call Gary at 473-9631.

**Fri. December 2nd - DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF QUEST
8-11 p.m.** Admission is \$7 per person includes
sandwiches, desserts and coffee and tea. For more
information call Gary at 473-9631.

**Sun. December 13th - BREAKFAST 8:30 - 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" omelete.
Adults \$12, Seniors \$11 and children's pricing as well.
Join the breakfast club and after 10 paid breakfasts you
get a free breakfast.**

**Sat. December 10th - GENERAL MEETING AND
ELECTION at 3:00 p.m.** with Pot Luck supper to follow.

**Sat. December 17th - DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF QUEST
Supper at 6:30 p.m.** Admission \$25. **Dance only at
8:00-11:00 p.m.** \$7 per person. Includes sandwiches,
desserts and coffee and tea. For more information call
Gary at 473-9631.

**Sun. December 18th - COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS
SUPPER** Come enjoy a beautiful Christmas dinner with
turkey and all the trimmings. 4:00-6:00 p.m. \$15/person.

Saturdays - CRIB every Saturday from 1 - 4 p.m. For more
info call Tim at 983-2998.

The Kakabeka Legion thanks everyone for their support this
year and wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday
season.

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

Café del SOUL

Make new friends!
 Enjoy a lunch!
 Child friendly!

A new place for community!

Senior? Young parent? Single person?
 Feel shut out? Want in? ALL are welcome!

FREE LUNCHTIME GATHERING

Make new friends, enjoy a yummy lunch & have fun!

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month
11 am - 1 pm

December 1 & December 15!

AT: Pinegrove United Church, 100 Hwy 130 in Rosslyn
 "beside the Tbaytel tower"

Enjoy Local Music and Art

See local nature photography by **Heather Peden**

For info, or **if you need a ride** (Rosslyn & area):
 phone 939-1364 or email CafeDelSoul@tbaytel.net.



Tbaytel Mobility Service

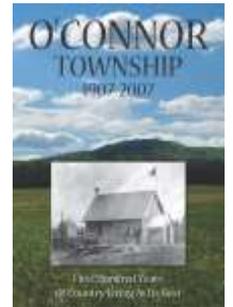
In the September issue of the Cornerstone we recommended to our residents who are not happy with their mobility service to contact Tbaytel and make them aware of their issues. Council, to address the Townships concerns with regard to mobility service, directed the Clerk-Treasurer to write to Tbaytel and let these concerns be known. The conversation is ongoing, however, we would again like to encourage anyone who has noticed a reduction in service to please contact Tbaytel and make them aware of your situation. The more complaints that Tbaytel receives, the better chance that the issue will be addressed.

Service quality will not improve if they are unaware that there is an issue!

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. **It's never too early to start your Christmas shopping!**



Telling Our Stories

A series of workshops were held in November in a joint project between Kakabeka Falls School's Grade 7/8 class with Mrs. Martins, Community Arts Heritage Education Project and Oliver Paipoonge Public Library.

Over the course of 4 sessions, students engaged with Seniors by interviewing and gathering local history and lore at the Kakabeka Seniors Tech Centre. Moving back to the classroom, the students applied visual art techniques to bring these stories to life by creating sets, backdrops and animation which were used to film stop-motion video footage. Each team of students added elements of personal family history to illustrate the diverse cultural backstory of our rural area.



FUNDRAISING EVENT... JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!



**Support Oliver Paipoonge Library
 by purchasing a
 Lake Superior Plate.**

These gorgeous items have been created by Sparks 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 until Christmas!

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 6:30-8:30 with your indoor shoes.

For more information call: Rosslyn Library 939-2312
Email: oplibrary@tbaytel.net

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.
Please bring indoor shoes

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING



Our PLUGGED IN WORLD

relies on an ever-growing and constantly changing supply of electronic products. With newer, more hi-tech electronics continuously becoming available to fit our lifestyles, we are replacing older models at rapid rates with no signs of slowing down. As a result, electronics are becoming one of the fastest growing portions of Canada's trash.



WHAT CAN BE eCYCLED

- Hard Drives • Monitors • Keyboards • Printers • Cordless Tools • DVD Players
- VCR's • Software • Cell Phones • Pagers • Digital Equipment • Scanners • and Much More



ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS MAY CONTAIN HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

Electronic equipment may contain lead, mercury, cadmium, and brominated flame retardants. If disposed improperly, these toxic materials may be released into the environment, posing a health hazard.



For more information please contact your local municipality

Space provided through a partnership between industry and Ontario municipalities to support waste diversion programs



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Rosslyn Branch 939-2312

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**We are looking for a volunteer...
To lead our chair exercise class in January
and February. If you are interested please
call Maxine at 935-2729 or 939-2312 for
details. Training will be provided.**



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Dec. 23 and reopen on
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*The Staff and Board
wish you and your
family a safe and
happy holiday!*

Teddies for Tragedies



WANTED:

- Volunteers & Knitters!
- Scrap yarn!
- Fibre Fill!
- Empty pill bottles!
- Milk bags
- Small to medium size
stuffies in good condition!

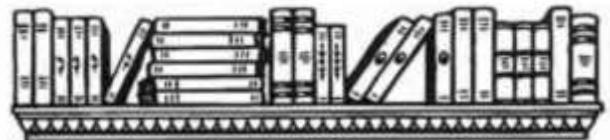
For children of third-world countries, visiting a doctor or dentist can be a traumatic experience. A teddy bear help can ease the stress and encourage them to get the treatment they need.

'Teddies For Tragedies' is a volunteer group who use leftover wool and fibrefill to knit bears and dolls. They also weave sleeping mats out of milk bags and collect empty pill bottles for reuse at health clinics. They are now looking for donations of small to medium size stuffies in good condition to try to meet the demand.

If you would like to participate in this inspiring venture, volunteers are needed for knitting, cutting bags and weaving the sleeping mats. This group meets every second Tuesday morning from 9:30 – 12:00 at First Christian Reformed Church. (behind the OPP station on Arthur St.).

*Patterns are available if you wish to knit at home
and donate a finished bear.

For more information call Hendrika Tempelman at 767-2307 or
Aria Buitenhuis at 475-3588 or drop off your donations at
the Murillo or Rosslyn Library.



Friends of the Library

By Laura Quinte

Many thanks to the Oliver Paipooonge library staff for their continued hard work providing us with the usual library expectations as well as all the programs and workshops offered free to our residents. We have exceptional opportunities that other libraries don't have. If you are not a member (also free), you do not know what you are missing. On top of that, both library sites - Murillo and Rosslyn - offer a quiet and peaceful place to choose a good book or a movie, or even to spend personal time on a computer. Again, many thanks to all the staff and volunteers for their tireless devotion to the best rural library ever!

HAM AND GREEN BEAN BAKE Easy and Tasty

8 to 10 oz of frozen, thawed, green beans (cut or Frenched....I prefer Frenched)

- 1 cup cut-up cooked ham
- 1 cup cheese (Swiss, cheddar, or mixture of both)
- ½ cup chopped red peppers
- 1 cup chopped mushrooms
- ¼ cup chopped onions

- ½ cup Bisquick baking mix
- 1 cup milk
- 2 beaten eggs
- ¼ tsp dry mustard (optional)
- Pepper to taste.

HOMEMADE BISQUICK MIX

- 1 ½ cups flour
- ¼ Tbsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ cup lard or butter

Mix lard or butter into dry mix until it looks like cornmeal. Use as directed in recipes.

Will store in fridge for 3 months.

Heat oven to 350 F.

1. Rinse beans under running water to separate and drain. Spread in lightly sprayed 8 x 8 baking dish.
2. Saute peppers, mushrooms and onions a bit, and add to dish.
3. Layer with ham and ¾ of the cheese.
4. Beat remaining ingredients with whisk until smooth; pour over cheese.
5. Sprinkle rest of cheese on top.
6. Bake approximately 55 minutes....until top looks puffy and lightly browned.

Submitted by Gayle Poohachoff

Hymer's Agricultural Society

Hymer's Agricultural Society is seeking a Treasurer. This part-time position (10 hours per month maximum not including Fair Weekend) on the Executive team of our Board of Directors is a rewarding position where you will meet new people while participating in the operations of one of the last true Agricultural Fairs in our region. The qualified candidate will possess a working knowledge of Sage 50/Simply Accounting and Microsoft Office. Duties include but are not limited to:

- Attendance of monthly Board meetings to present the Treasurer's report
- Preparation of all monthly bookkeeping (writing/printing of cheques, preparation of deposits, bank reconciliations, etc.)
- Preparation of annual grant application
- Preparation of annual lottery licenses for Fair and reporting to AGCO after the Fair
- Sit as chair of budget committee
- Handle all financial operations of Hymer's Fall Fair

An annual honorarium up to \$2,300.00 is offered to the qualified candidate. Training from prior Treasurer will be provided.

Please apply by: Fax at 1-807-346-8480
Email at info@hymersfair.com
Mail: Hymer's Agricultural Society,
PO Box 196,
Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0

HOLIDAY SEASON

CANDY CANE, CHESTNUTS, CHRISTMAS TREE, DECEMBER, FAMILY, GINGERBREAD MAN, HOT CHOCOLATE, JACK FROST, MISTLETOE, NATIVITY, REINDEER, SANTA CLAUS, SHOVEL, SKATING, SNOWBALL, SNOWFLAKE, SNOWMAN, SUGAR PLUMS, TOBOGGANING, WINTER

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GOOD COMPANY SINGERS

(The woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best. Thoreau)

Come join the Good Company Choir for a fun evening of caroling through Kakabeka Village! Dress warm, wear something red, bring a Santa hat if you have one!

Location: Commencing at Kakabeka Hotel
Date: Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m.
For further information call Etta at 475-5279

Come out, meet new people and have some fun.



Hymers Fair Past & Future

By Shannon Dodd-Smith

Winter is here; and it seems funny to be thinking about the Hymers Fair, but I am!

As 2016 winds down, I am reflecting on what a smash the Fair was: the record meals served with matching efficiency and maximum taste; the fabulous new water bottle refill booth; the brilliant children's area improvements. I'm reflecting on the record entries in areas like the small animals and horse shows – all of it bringing so much delight and shared knowledge about country life and where our food comes from.

Kudos to all!

Looking ahead, January 25th at 1:00 p.m. brings the Hymers Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting and lots of *planning!* My favourite!

Everyone is welcome. Lots of lovely snacks and camaraderie to be had...but more importantly, shared thinking around ***how to keep our cherished and deeply-rooted Fair going.***

If you have any ideas about how to strengthen the Fair, please let us know via info@hymersfair.com. Don't be shy to say what you want kept or changed.

More importantly, if you have time for one meeting a month (plus time at the Fair grounds in the summer), please consider joining The HAS Board of Directors to build career and community. Candidates can apply to info@hymersfair.com or call 475-3412.

Finally, the HAS is **hiring!** We are looking for a **Treasurer** who would, among other things, also be the Director lead of the Finance Committee. Full job description available at info@hymersfair.com or call 475-3412.

Now grab a hot cocoa and curl up by the roaring fire to enjoy winter...if only in your wildest imagination!

Celebrating 50 Years

Saturday, December 10, 2016 9 - 11am
Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur St W.
Enjoy a Full Breakfast Brunch.

Men and Women are cordially invited to attend.
Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Please purchase by
December 2nd.

Call Rose 807 767 8461 or Connie 807 628 848
(or any executive member)

Inspirational Speaker: Les Wing
Sing with Don and Marilyn Shaver

Please invite your friends and family members
to join us in this celebratory event.

We look forward to getting tickets to you once
we have heard from you.

Rose McGratten 767 8461

RURAL FAMILY 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.

GET MOVING AND GET HEALTHY!



**EASY TO FOLLOW LOW IMPACT AEROBICS
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Exercise with a variety Leslie Sansone DVD's
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Have fun while getting healthy!

Time:

Monday thru Thursday: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
If interested call Karin Nelson at 475-9213
Free of charge

Place:

The O'Connor Free Methodist Church
Basement gym
293 Sitch Road
(Near the corner of Sitch and Earl Roads)
O'Connor Township.

Cornerstone Advertising

The fee structure for advertising in the Cornerstone has been set by Council.

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

Individual mailing to non-ratepayers Annual Fee: \$25

Deadline for ad submission is the 25th of the Month.

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.



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'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 - Oct 31st),
- \$50 (Nov 1st to Apr 30th)

\$50.00 damage deposit may be required.



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 \$32.00 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
Donna at 475-4771



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Thunder Bay District
CRIME STOPPERS
1-800-222-TIPS



Crime Stoppers look forward to continuing to work with the community on Crime Prevention initiatives. Keep in mind that if you have any information about any crime, we ask that you contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222- TIPS or 623-TIPS or submit a web tip at www.tipsubmit.com. Remember your identity will remain anonymous and you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.00 and you will never have to testify in court.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT POP CAN BINS



The O'Connor Fire Department Auxiliary has set up Pop Can bins at the Disposal Site, the Fire Hall and in the village of Kakabeka Falls. Please consider dropping off your pop cans and/or beer cans at any of these bins instead of throwing them in the recycling bin at the Disposal Site. 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.

Providing Quality Rural Land Development Services



Kim Kydd

Cell: 807-621-4860
Office: 807-473-9100
Fax: 807-473-4460

“We’re the Guys”

Shawn Kydd

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- ✓ *Skid Steer & attachments*
- ✓ *Firewood*
- ✓ *Grapple/Feller Buncher*
- ✓ *Heavy Duty Mechanical Repairs*
- ✓ *Brush Cutting (heavy & light equipment)*
- ✓ *Site Preparation + New house excavation*
- ✓ *Ditching & Drainage*
- ✓ *Driveway Repairs & Grading*
- ✓ *Fence & Gate Installation*
- ✓ *Blueskin/Weeping Tile*
- ✓ *Welding & Fabricating*

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The 2017 Explore Card Parking Pass makes a great stocking stuffer! Forgo the \$2.00 per vehicle parking fee with an Explore Card. They are valid for one full year at all seasonal and year-round Conservation Areas and publicly-accessible Forest Management Properties! Explore Cards also make a great stocking stuffer! Visit us at 130 Conservation Road or order online at www.lakeheadca.com/conservation/explore-card/

We would love to hear from you! The LRCA is collecting data regarding the usage of our Conservation Areas. Please visit <http://www.lakeheadca.com/forms/conservation-areas-visitor-survey> to take the survey for your chance to win an LRCA Prize Pack valued at over \$50.00! It shouldn't take more than 5 – 10 minutes, and we would greatly appreciate your feedback!

The LRCA is going social! In early 2017, the LRCA will be rolling out our long-in-the-works social media presence! Be sure to look for us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram in the New Year!

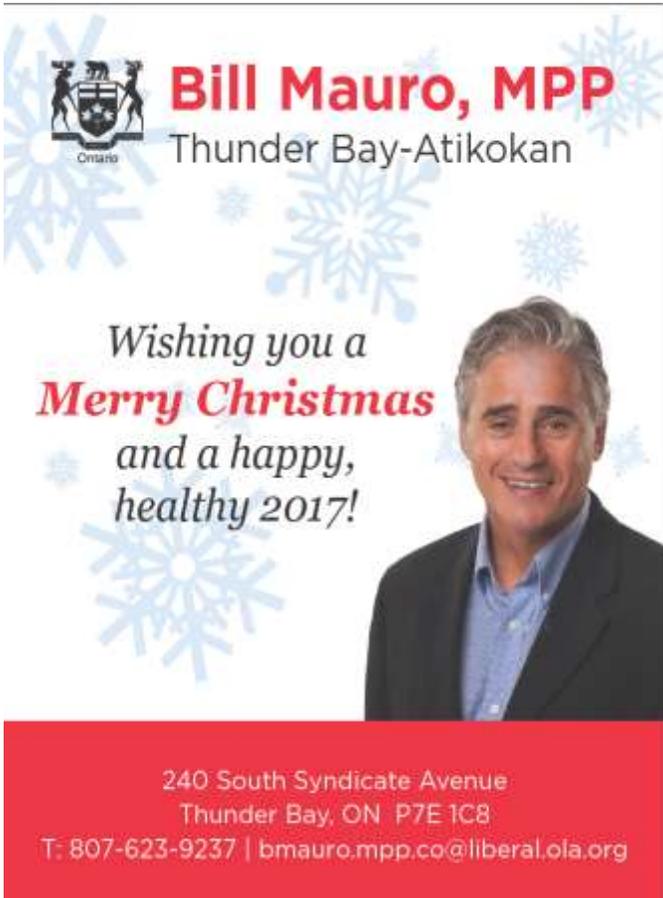
While the weather has been quite lovely recently, cooler temperatures are on the way! This doesn't mean you have to stop exploring, though! Visit a Conservation Area during the winter months and see the Areas in a whole new way! Interested in birding? Birding in the winter is a great way to learn as there are fewer species around, and the lack of leaves makes birds easier to spot! Snowshoeing and ice fishing are also popular winter activities! Remember, the LRCA also rents out snowshoes!

For your information (and convenience!) the LRCA now accepts Visa, MasterCard and Debit at our office! We also now accept PayPal online for items such as Explore Card Parking Passes, parking fees and donations.

The LRCA administers Ontario Regulation 180/06: Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses under the *Conservation Authorities Act* within its Area of Jurisdiction. Development within the Approximated Regulated Area may require a Permit from the LRCA. Development that commences prior to receiving a Permit is subject to double the fee. Permit applications are available at the LRCA Administrative Office at 130 Conservation Road or can be downloaded from the LRCA website (www.lakeheadca.com).

A number of publications and fact sheets related to this topic are available at the LRCA Administrative Office and on our website. As of June 1st, 2016, the Fee Schedule has been updated. Please refer to our website or call us at (807) 344-5857 for details.

Get out and Explore!



 **Bill Mauro, MPP**
Thunder Bay-Atikokan

Wishing you a
Merry Christmas
and a happy,
healthy 2017!

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Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1C8
T: 807-623-9237 | bmauro.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org




Career Fairs 2016/17
Career Exploration ~ Professional Networking ~ Job Opportunities



- Fall Career Fair**
October 4, 2016
- Engineering Career Fair**
November 3, 2016
- Education Career Fair**
January 18, 2017
- Spring Career Fair**
February 9, 2017

All Events: 10:00am - 3:00pm in the Agora

For more information, contact the Student Success Centre
ssc@lakeheadu.ca 807-343-8018

View participating employers at: www.lakeheadu.ca/career-events

NORWEST COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES – MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES

December 2016



NorWest Community Health Centres
Centres de santé communautaire NorWest

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>Nurse Practitioner: We accept walk-in's based on availability of appointments. Foot Care Nurse: By referral and appointment only. For more information or to book an appointment, please contact the Mobile Health Services Coordinator at 807.626.8474</p>			<p>1 NOLALU 9.30am-4pm Community Centre</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>5 KAMINISTQUIA 9am-3:30pm Community Centre ARMSTRONG 1-7pm NorWest CHC Clinic</p> 	<p>6 ARMSTRONG 8:30am-12:30pm NorWest CHC Clinic</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 UPSALA 10am-3:30pm Community Centre O'CONNOR 12-6pm Community Centre</p> 	<p>9</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 NEEBING 1-7pm Municipal Office</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15 NOLALU 9.30am-4pm Community Centre DORION 9:30am-3:30pm Municipal Office (footcare only)</p> 	<p>16</p>
<p>19 KAMINISTQUIA 9am-3:30pm Community Centre</p>	<p>20 MURILLO 9.30am-4pm Community Centre (foot care and CHW only)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 O'CONNOR 12-6pm Community Centre UPSALA 10am-3:30pm Community Centre</p> 	<p>23</p>
<p>26 BOXING DAY</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

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www.norwestchc.org

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Lakehead Choral Group
Presents
Spirit of Christmas Concert

Director: Susan Korstanje
Accompanist: Sean Kim

Wednesday December 7, 2016
7:30 p.m.
St. Agnes Church
(Corner Brown & Mary Streets)

Tickets available: For the comfort of all please attend fragrance free

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Corner Bay & Algoma Sts.
Music World Academy Ltd. 433 Simpson St.
All members or call 577-1224

Advance Tickets \$15.00
At the door \$18.00

St. Ignatius High School
Senior Drama Class presents
The Jingle Bell Mystery
by Dan Belanger

Tues. Dec. 20 & Wed. Dec. 21
St. Ignatius H.S. Auditorium
7:00pm Tickets \$8

INCOME DONATIONS NEEDED - General goods will be collected at the door in support of the theater class

SMALLER BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Admission available at the St. Ignatius High School Auditorium, 1000 St. Ignace St. (corner of the intersection of St. Ignace and St. Joseph Sts.)
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O'Connor Free Methodist Church

293 Sitch Road

Near the corner of Sitch and Earl Roads in
O'Connor Township

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 September to June

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

Children & Youth

Nursery ~ every Sunday morning

Sunday School ~ 10:45 am Sundays September to June

Junior Youth (ages 10 to 12) ~ Every 2nd Thursday 7-8:30 pm

Contact Anna Lebel at 577-9047 for more info

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

Contact Suzanne Fiorito at 626-6083 for more info

Adults

Men's Coffee ~ Earl Hall every Thursday 10:00 a.m. Contact

Gary at 623-6331 for more info

Music Jam ~ Music & fun ~ 3rd Sunday of the month contact Paul
at 475-8973 for more info

Bible Study ~ Every Thursday Night 7:00pm 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

St. James' Anglican Church

Country Warmth in Christ

John St. Road at Calvert, Murillo

Sunday Service & Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.
Interim Rector and Canon: Paul Carr (939-1103)

St. Mark's Anglican Church

Country Warmth in Christ

St. Marks St., Rosslyn Village

Sunday Service & Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Thursday Eucharist: 10:00 a.m.
Interim Rector and Canon: Paul Carr (939-1103)

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Joseph Arockiam
935-2898 (Rectory)



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O'Connor Free Methodist Church

293 Sitch Road

Christmas Calendar of Events

Morning Worship & Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18th, 2016 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.

Country Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24, 2016 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.

Christmas Morning Worship Service

Sunday, December 25th, 2016 at 10:45 a.m.

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 at oconnorfreemethodist.org