



# The Cornerstone

## Township Of O'Connor

### OFFICE CLOSED

The O'Connor Municipal Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017.  
The office will resume regular hours on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED For the Skating Rink

 Thanks to Fire Chief Mattas and fire fighter Michael Carli for getting the rink ready in time for the holidays. We are still looking for volunteers 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. If the snow blower is unavailable, anyone is welcome to grab a shovel to help maintain the rink. Please consider volunteering your time and helping out whenever possible. Thank you.

### Disposal Site News

It has been brought to our attention that some residents have been letting their dogs run loose at the disposal site while dropping off their garbage. We need to ask everyone to please not let your dogs out of your vehicles at the disposal site as this can be a hazard and upsetting to other residents.



Please remember that wrapping paper, tissue, ribbons and more are not to be placed in the recycling bins. Unfortunately, the shiny, laminated paper is actually not recyclable. Including it in the bin with other paper products can make an entire load unrecyclable.

### Operation of Off-Road Vehicles on Township of O'Connor Roads

By-law Number 2016-14, being a by-law to permit and regulate the operation of Off-Road vehicles on Highways under the jurisdiction of the Township of O'Connor, was passed on December 5, 2016. The By-law states that the operation of Off-Road Vehicles with three or more wheels on any highway within the municipality is permitted.

In accordance with the Highway Traffic Act, an Off-Road vehicle shall not be driven on a Highway at a rate of speed greater than 20 km per hour on roads with a speed limit no greater than 50 km per hour, and 50 km per hour on roads with a speed greater than 50 km per hour.

Please note that as this by-law follows the Highway Traffic Act, any violations are guilty of an offence and are liable upon conviction under the Provincial Offences Act. Have fun and please drive responsibly.



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

### JANUARY 2017

#### 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](http://www.oconnortownship.ca)

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

#### 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: [opllibrary@tbaytel.net](mailto:opllibrary@tbaytel.net)  
[www.olsn.ca/plibrary](http://www.olsn.ca/plibrary)

The Murillo & Rosslyn Library will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.



## Council Meetings

The regular meetings for Council will be held on Monday, January 9th and Monday, January 23rd. 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](http://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](http://mpac.ca) or [aboutmyproperty.ca](http://aboutmyproperty.ca) for more information.

## Fire Department News

Since the last newsletter the O'Connor First Response Team has responded to 1 medical related call and 1 fire related call.

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 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!



## 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.

### 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](http://www.ontario.ca/511).

Be prepared for winter driving, stay safe!

### A FEW REMINDERS FOR THE NEW YEAR AND HOLIDAYS

#### Be Responsible.

- Choose a designated driver. Decide who's going to be doing the driving before you go out, and make sure that person doesn't drink any alcoholic beverages.
- Call a taxi. Sometimes even the designated driver slips. If nobody in your group is sober, take alternate transportation. Anything's better than getting in the car with a drunk driver.
- Hide keys. Don't be afraid to take someone's care keys. If the person gets angry, it's probably proof you're doing the right thing.

#### When Throwing a Party

- Offer non-alcoholic beverages. Water, juice, soda, pop-give your guests plenty of alternatives. And never pressure guests to drink alcohol.
- Serve plenty of food. A full stomach can slow the rate of alcohol absorption. Serve a great meal or have plenty of appetizers on hand.
- Stop serving alcohol well before the party ends. Give your guests an extra hour or two without alcohol before they head out the door.
- Arrange alternate transportation. Pay attention to your guests' alcohol intake and behaviour. If someone has had a lot to drink or seems even the slightest bit tipsy, call a cab or set up a ride with a sober driver.

#### Detecting Drunk Drivers

There are several signs associated with drunk driving:

- Making wide turns
- Weaving, swerving, drifting, or straddling the center line
- Almost striking an object or vehicle
- Driving on the wrong side of the road
- Driving at a very slow speed
- Stopping without cause
- Braking erratically
- Responding slowly to traffic signals
- Turning abruptly or illegally
- Driving after dark with the headlights off

Keeping these things in mind can help you avoid a dangerous situation. If you spot what you think is an impaired driver, keep a safe distance and call 9-1-1. Do not attempt to stop the vehicle yourself.

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



**RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK  
NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS**  
CONMEE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
P. O. BOX 327 KAKABEKA FALLS, ON P0T 1W0

by: Gladys Grant, Public Relations

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Wow 2017 is upon us and the Holiday Season was a very busy time for the food bank. We were overwhelmed again with all the support. So great when people come together to help one another. The weather has been very cold the last while and today it is finally warming up and snowing outside, which we need to cover the septic fields and wells to protect them from freezing up. The cold weather brings more people to the food bank as it is hard for them to cover their heating and hydro bills. The cost of food is also going up in price. In December, 78 hampers were given out and possibly some emergency hampers, that usually includes 150 to 200 people served.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to sponsors Kakabeka Legion Branch 225 and Emmanuel Country Gospel of Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Annual Christmas Concert held at the end of November, which was a huge success.

Special thanks to the entertainment line up of Emmanuel Country Gospel, JUST 4 U Band and the hilarious Christmas Island Skit by a member of the Emmanuel Country Gospel group. Brian Grant arranged the different venues of entertainment for the concert, while Eldon Kangas and Jerry Wark looked after the sound. Howard Fiskar did a great job as Master of Ceremonies, as well as, performing in the concert. Santa (Lorne Vis) of course was also a big hit with the young and young at heart.

The Legion generously matched the at the door goodwill offering donations up to \$2,000.00. As a result, a cheque in the amount of \$5,077.05 was presented to Gladys Grant representing the Rural Cupboard Food Bank at the end of the program. A music jam which is held at Redeemer Lutheran Church the second Sunday of each month of the year under the direction of Eldon and Donna Kangas, added \$1,400.00 to the offering at the door. A \$3.00 donation from each musician and spectator attending the music jam is how the money was contributed. Paul and Margaret Rothenberg hold a music jam on the 3rd Sunday of each month at O'Connor Free Methodist Church with a free will offering adding their collection to the pot at the Legion in the amount of \$165.00 which was also doubled by the Legion. This jam does not continue in the summer months. Also the TOPS Nolalu #794 group donated \$110.00 which also doubled and the Slate River Women's Institute \$68.00. The Concert was a wonderful way to spend an afternoon listening to local talent and giving back to your community to support a worthwhile cause. The music helped put everyone in the Christmas Spirit!

**ATTENTION:** When donating food items, please check the expiry date as these items cannot be given out to our clients and have to be thrown out. We have to check all non-perishable items coming into the food bank. Also, we have a request from Florence Chow who would gladly accept any yarn donations so that she can crochet hats to donate to the Food Bank clients next fall. Any donations can be dropped off at any location listed below, the food bank or Gladys Grant residence.

The country schools have been very generous again this Christmas Season with large donations of non-perishable items and monetary donations to the food bank. Gorham and Ware Community Public School, Crestview Public School, Murillo, Whitefish Valley, and Kakabeka Falls

Public School. Some of the Kakabeka students also refurbished 3 bicycles for our children registered with the food bank. Kakabeka students shopped at the Odena for grocery items given out at the foodbank, and they enjoyed doing it to help others. Thanks to the students, staff, parents and grandparents and friends who donated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Mark Halabecki, Trudy Byers and Judy Fleck for picking up the items.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Mrs. Corinne Stuart who made up Christmas gift bags for each of the children whose families use the Food Bank. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Cliffview Campers Assoc. for their on going support of the food bank both financially and with non-perishable food items. It is greatly appreciated.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the Zorya Ukrainian Dance Assoc. who collected a truck load of groceries, as well as, monetary donations again this year at their Annual Concert in December. Thanks to Judy Fleck for picking it all up. Thank you Alice Chony and everyone who contributed. Your donation helps us as we assist people in the Rural areas who are in need.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the Slate River Baptist Church who held their Christmas Concert in memory of Hugh Wilson and collected non-perishable food for the food bank. The continuing support from groups like this ensures we can continue operating and serving those in need. Greatly appreciated.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Mark's Church, Pinegrove United, and St. James for their continued support all year long. It helps to keep our shelves full. Also, to St. Mary's ACW of St. Marks church for their generous donation of \$400.00 to the School Lunch Program. This will ensure to help supply lunches once a month for 8 children registered with the food bank. Greatly appreciated. Support is always needed for the School lunch program for school age children of 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 appreciated. When donating, please mark that it is for the school lunch program.

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to all our Volunteers all year long as without them we would not be able to operate to serve the clients.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the Bahai Community of Oliver Paipoonge for their financial donation to the food bank Building Fund in Memory of Parvin Halabecki. Your continued monthly support helps us keep our shelves stocked. Greatly appreciated.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Helen Riddell for her knitted scarfs and hats for our clients. Our clients were so thankful and enjoyed picking out what they needed.

**THE FOOD BANK phone number** is 285-0836 if you have any questions or concerns. Calls can be 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.

**ATTENTION:** watch for our advertising in January on Sunday the 15th for a Musical concert at the Kakabeka Legion Branch 225 to raise money for the School Lunch Program by the Legion Members. Free will offering, starting at 2 P.M.

**The Rural Food Bank** will be open on the 3rd Wednesday on January 18th for the distribution of Hampers to our clients from 11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at our new facility on Holland Road, Conmee Township Complex. Items can be brought to the food bank on Monday nights from 6:15 P.M. to 7:45 P.M. as that is when volunteers are there preparing for food bank day. This month is Monday, January 16th. Also, on Tuesday the 17th of January in the afternoon from 1 p.m.- 2 p.m. when volunteers are there doing up vegetables. Plastic and reusable bags are always welcome. Food and bags can be dropped off at the Rapport Credit Union in Kakabeka Falls, Clergue St., both the Murillo and Rosslyn Oliver Paipoonge Libraries, and the Neebing Municipal Office during business hours.

**DONATIONS** are gratefully accepted towards the Building. Please check us out on our web site [raisethefoodbank.com](http://raisethefoodbank.com). CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK! If I missed anyone for their Donations, I apologize. Look on Facebook, most of them are there.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30 P.M. at the Conmee Complex.



# Thank You

Once again the great people of O'Connor gave their support to the turkey drive for the Free Methodist Church food hampers. Buying 8 turkeys, extra food items with still money left over which will be given to the church.

We live in a township filled with wonderful people with big hearts.

Thank you.

Lorna and Harry Krieg

## 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](http://www.kakabekalegion.ca)

**BINGO** will resume Wednesday, January 11th. Licence M728855

**Sun. January 8th - 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.

**January 11th, 18th, 25th** - 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.

**Sat. January 14th - 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.

**Sat. January 28th - 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. January 29th - MUSICAL PERFORMANCE**

2-4 p.m. You are invited to an afternoon of music performed by the musical groups River Runner and Rusty Notes. Entrance will be by silver collection with all proceeds going to support the Children's breakfast program at the Rural Food Cupboard. If there are any other musicians interested in performing at these charity events please contact Bill Majbroda at 475-9260.

**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.

RSVP Ministries Invites You to Attend

### *Starting With Love*

Monday, January 16, 2017, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Georgian Room, St. Joseph's Heritage, 63 Carrie St.  
Tickets: \$10<sup>00</sup>

FEATURE: TALKING TO TRIPLETS  
MUSIC: MARK WILSON | DON RENAUD  
SPEAKER: ASHLEY GAGNE

RSVP by January 12, 2017  
Cancellations Appreciated

Printing Courtesy of The Listening Centre - Dan Klassen

Rose: 767-8461  
Connie: 628-8484



Murillo Branch 935-2729

Rosslyn Branch 939-2312

**January Hours**

Monday 10 - 5:00  
Tuesday 6 - 8:00  
Wednesday 10 - 5:00 & 6 - 8:00  
Thursday 6 - 8:00  
Saturday 1:00 - 5:00  
Email: [opllibrary@tbaytel.net](mailto:opllibrary@tbaytel.net)

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Saturday 1 - 5:00

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

**Read to your  
Snowman Contest**

Sunday Jan. 1 to Monday  
Feb. 20 (Family Day)  
For ages 2 to 8

Take a photo of your child  
reading to a snowman and  
bring them into the Library  
or email them to  
[opllibrary@tbaytel.net](mailto:opllibrary@tbaytel.net).

We will display the photos  
and have a draw from the  
entrants for a SnoBuddy  
Penguin Snow Mold. If  
there is no snow or sticky  
snow, be creative!



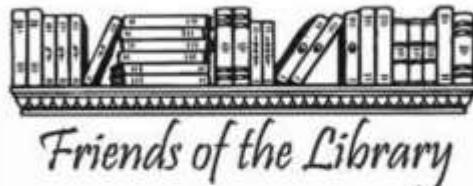
Thank you to Carole and Bob  
Klaprat for their donation in  
memory of Clifford Kerslake and  
for sponsoring the purchase of the  
local novel 'Chalk'.  
Thanks also to Eloise Rogers and  
Jean and Carl Henny for their  
generous donation to the library.

Free beginner Ipad Lessons  
for Seniors at Murillo Library

Sign up for a series of 4  
weekly sessions starting

Mon. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> from  
2:00 to 3:00.

Bring your own Ipad or we  
will supply one for you to  
take home for practice.  
Sign up by calling Murillo  
Library at 935-2729.  
Limit of 7 participants.



By Olga Gernat

The Grand Opening of the Murillo Library in the Community Centre was a trip down memory lane for me.

Approximately 40 years ago Marlene Yurick and I were on the Recreation committee overseeing sporting activities. Baseball in the summer. Hockey and Broomball in the winter and The Winter Carnival. We attended a Northwestern Ontario Recreation conference where we learned that Libraries came under our umbrella as well. A lot of people read for recreation and why not have a local one?

Council approved and The Yuricks submitted the necessary application to have the per capita allowance transferred from the city to Oliver Township. To stock the shelves we held a very successful spaghetti supper. A tiny unused area of the Old Hall became the Library's first home. Anne Berini and Marlene Yurick volunteered as librarian for several years until it was decided to hire paid staff which brought in Jean Conn and Valerie Barton.

Many individuals stepped forward to volunteer to expand the service. Joyce Vanderwees was in charge of fund raising. She along with councillor Iris Calvert, volunteers Marilyn Stephenson, Genny Edwards, and Audrey Sjoberg decided to hold a used book sale in conjunction with the Murillo Fair. With the help of Gerry, Diane and Wayne Vanderwees and Gord Stephenson boxes and boxes of books were carted outside for sale. The first three years they were located in an open air booth, subject to blazing sun, blowing dirt, and of course rain. The fourth year they were given a space inside the Hall.

The Book Sale has continued to be an attraction at the Fair and many local residents and loyal clients from the city donate and purchase each year.

This November, in spite of people needing to shovel out after the first snow storm of the year, 75 people passed through the new Library doors between 1 and 4 p.m. at the Grand Opening. It was heart warming to hear Mayor Lacy and Councillor Jim Byers state their pride in providing the residents of Oliver Paipoonge with the best library facilities in the Northwest. Drop in to both Rosslyn and Murillo and see how a seed planted 40 years ago has blossomed.

# 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](mailto: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

## Creative Writing 101

in other words ...



Join this beginner's writing workshop at Murillo Library for ideas, support and inspiration.

Monday February 6th  
10 – 11:00 am

Join us for an

Intergenerational Art Experience at Murillo Library



Saturday Jan. 26 from 1:30 to 3:30

Theme: Winter Snowscapes in acrylics

Free event for

grandparents/parents and children.

Please pre-register by calling 935-2729

BROUGHT TO YOU BY COMMUNITY ARTS AND HERITAGE EDUCATION PROJECT

RURAL ARTS INITIATIVE-TBDSAB SOCIAL REINVESTMENT FUND

## Would you like to join an adult Cooking Club at Rosslyn Library?



Leave your contact information with the librarian and if there is enough interest we will hold a meeting in January to discuss dates, times and a format for the group.

## 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 Hymers 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](mailto:info@hymersfair.com)  
Mail: Hymers Agricultural Society,  
PO Box 196,  
Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0

## 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.

## Hymers Fair News

By Shannon Dodd-Smith

It's a new year *bursting* with possibilities!



So please don't forget to come to the Hymers Agricultural Society's Annual General Meeting on **January 21 at 1:00pm** at the Rural 60+ just east of Kakabeka Falls village. Bring your ideas, passion and energy! It will be fun. There will be treats.

The HAS is still **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](mailto:info@hymersfair.com) or call 475-3412.

Feel free to call Debbie with any questions at 475-8586 or check out our website: [www.hymersfair.com](http://www.hymersfair.com).

### Note the date correction.

PS. After the AGM, only 8 more meetings 'til the Fair!



## GOOD COMPANY SINGERS

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

If you like to sing, or always wanted to try, then join the Good Company Choir. This group is a fun, low stress way to learn to sing, have some laughs and socialize. The very qualified choir director provides just enough instruction to challenge us while creating a positive experience for all.

- No auditions and no commitment to perform
- All adults, regardless of age, can participate
- Next choir session January 10

Location: Rural 60 on Hwy 11/17  
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For further information call Etta at 475-5279

\$40.00 for 8 classes plus an annual membership of \$10.00 to Rural 60 if you are over 55 years of age.

The first class is free so come out, meet new people and have some fun.

### Rustic Wood Painting at Murillo Library



Monday Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> from  
10–12:00

\$40 fee to cover all supplies and instructor  
Please pre-register and pre-pay for  
this event. Minimum of seven  
people for this event to be held.

(disclaimer - project might not be as depicted)

## 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!



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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.



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## 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



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](http://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



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- ✓ Fence & Gate Installation
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The 2017 Explore Card Parking Pass now available! 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](http://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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

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## Career Fairs 2016/17

Career Exploration ~ Professional Networking ~ Job Opportunities



Lakehead University Student Success Centre

### 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](mailto:ssc@lakeheadu.ca) 807-343-8018

View participating employers at: [www.lakeheadu.ca/career-events](http://www.lakeheadu.ca/career-events)

# NORWEST COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES – MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES

## January 2017



NorWest Community  
Health Centres  
Centres de santé  
communautaire NorWest

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 <b>CLOSED for New Year's Day</b>	3 <b>SHEBANDOWAN</b> 9:30am-4pm Community Centre 	4 	5 <b>NOLALU</b> 9:30am-4pm Community Centre 	6
9 KAMINISTIQUIA 9am—3:30pm Community Centre <b>ARMSTRONG</b> 1—7pm NorWest CHC Clinic 	10 <b>ARMSTRONG</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Norwest CHC Clinic 	11 	12 <b>UPSALA</b> 10am-3:30pm Community Centre <b>O'CONNOR</b> 12-6pm Community Centre 	13
16	17 <b>NEEBING</b> 1-7pm Municipal Office 	18	19 <b>NOLALU</b> 9:30am-4pm Community Centre 	20
23 <b>KAMINISTIQUIA</b> 9am—3:30pm Community Centre 	24 <b>MURILLO</b> 9:30am-4pm Community Centre (foot care and CHW only) 	25	26 <b>O'CONNOR</b> 12-6pm Community Centre <b>UPSALA</b> 10am-3:30pm Community Centre 	27
30 <b>SHEBANDOWAN</b> 9:30am-4pm Community Centre 	31 <b>ARMSTRONG</b> 1—7pm NorWest CHC Clinic 	<b>Nurse Practitioner:</b> We accept walk-in's based upon availability of appointments. <b>Foot Care Nurse:</b> By referral and appointment only. For more information please contact the Mobile Health Services Coordinator at <b>807.626.8474</b>		

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### NEW YEAR

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AULDLANGSYNE	BALLOONS	CELEBRATE
COUNTDOWN	DANCING	FIREWORKS
GAMES	GATHERING	KISS
MEMORIES	MIDNIGHT	MUSIC
NEWYEARSEVE	NOISEMAKER	OUTWITHTHEOLD
PARTY	RESOLUTION	SPARKLER
TOAST	YEAR	

### Turkey Casserole ( for all your Christmas leftovers)

#### Ingredients

5 1/2 cups leftover mashed potatoes  
8 cups leftover stuffing  
4 cups cubed cooked turkey  
2 cans (10-3/4 ounces each) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
3/4 cup sour cream, divided  
4 ounces cream cheese, softened  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese

#### Directions

Transfer leftover dressing into a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish. In another large bowl, combine the turkey, soup, garlic powder and 1/4 cup sour cream; spoon over stuffing mixture. In a large bowl beat the cream cheese, pepper, salt and remaining sour cream into the mashed potatoes; spread over turkey mixture. Sprinkle with cheese.

Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until heated through.

Yield: 8 servings

## 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7-8:30 pm

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 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 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



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## O'Connor-Connee 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-Connee  
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](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. Joseph Arockiam

935-2898 (Rectory)

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

