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December 2023

**DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETINGS  
AND HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

Public Meeting followed by Council Meeting  
December 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

2024 Budget Meeting  
December 14, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers

The Municipal Office will be CLOSED  
from December 22, 2023 to January 1, 2024.

*Happy Holidays!*

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS**  
December 9th - Noon til 6 pm  
At the Odena, Kakabeka Village  
Fill the OPP Cruiser  
All goods and financial donations  
go to the Rural Cupboard Food  
Bank

Don't Forget the  
Oliver Paipoonge  
Senior's Christmas  
Party December 2  
1:00-3:30  
Marillo Community  
Centre, 4569 Oliver  
Road

See page 3 for info  
on Thunder Bay  
Police Services  
Open House in  
Rosslyn -  
December 6!



**~ NOTICE ~**

Norwest Arena  
Christmas Break Public Skates

December 23rd – 5:30 to 7:00 pm  
December 24th – 12:00 to 1:00pm  
December 27th – 11:00 to 12:30  
December 28th – 11:00 to 12:30  
December 29th – 11:00 to 12:30  
December 30th – 6:00 to 7:00 pm  
December 31st – Closed  
January 6th – 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
January 7th – 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Free Admission to all Skates  
Happy Holidays!

**Santa Skate**  
in collaboration with the  
Kam River Fighting Walleye

Sunday, December 10, 2023  
5:00 - 6:00 PM  
Norwest Arena

\*Admission by Donation\*  
Collected for the Rural Food  
Cupboard and Toys for Tots

**LEGION**

This Christmas season at Branch  
225~

**Kakabeka Legion take-out  
Christmas Dinner!**

Buns, butter, Caesar salad,  
turkey and stuffing vegetable,  
mashed potatoes and gravy  
Side of perogies with cranberry  
sauce and sour cream.  
30.00 / person including tax.  
Pick up Saturday 23rd only.  
10:00am - 2:00pm (pre-orders  
only) last day for ordering  
Saturday, December 16th. (Cash  
only) we have no debit machine.  
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To All Our  
**Veterans**

**Thank You!**  
From a Grateful Nation

**SEASON'S GREETINGS  
TO THE RESIDENTS  
OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE**

On behalf of the Council, Administration and Staff of Oliver Paipoonge, I would like to wish everyone a very healthy and safe holiday season and New Year.

It seems to have crept up much too soon but in a few weeks 2023 will end. During the past year our Municipality has seen increased new construction, homes and businesses. We have benefited from an increase in Provincial grants that have assisted in improvements to our facilities. Fantastic events have brought many families and individuals to our Municipality to enjoy entertainment locally. Our gratitude to the dedicated team of volunteers that protect our homes and lives, while others give of their time and talents to sit on committees and volunteer at events.

Thank you to all who have made our community what it is today.

*Mayor Lucy*

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THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE

**LANDFILL SITES - CHRISTMAS  
HOURS**

**North Landfill Site**  
Located at 1 Spence Road  
Closed Tuesday Dec. 26th, 2023  
Open Wednesday Dec. 27th, 2023  
12:00 noon – 5:00 pm  
Saturday Dec. 23rd & 30th – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**South Landfill Site**  
Located at 154 Barrie Drive  
Wednesday Dec. 27th – 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday Dec. 23rd & 30th – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.





## THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE

Invites applications for a position

### CASUAL LANDFILL ATTENDANT

Reporting to the Director of Operations the successful candidate will work at the Municipality's Landfills when required.

#### Duties include:

Assist in running the daily operations of the landfill sites, checking access cards to ensure users are Oliver Paipoonge residents, checking loads and ensuring wastes and recyclables are being placed in the proper locations.

#### Qualifications:

Must be prepared to be trained in the operations the landfill, must be flexible to work varying shifts, weekends, weekdays and evenings as required, must be able to communicate effectively and politely with the public, experience working on heavy equipment may be required.  
(Applicant with equipment competency preferred)

**Wages:** As per Collective Agreement - \$21.70/hr for first 80hrs of work, \$22.70/hr thereafter

**Hours:** Relief work on Tuesdays 12-5, Wednesdays 12-5 or Saturdays 9-5

**Work Locations:** 1 Spence Road (North Landfill) or 154 Barrie Drive (South Landfill)

**A more detailed job description is available upon request.**

Please forward resumes directly to the Human Resources Clerk by **4:00 pm on Thursday December 14th, 2023.**

Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge  
3250 Hwy 130  
Rosslyn ON P7K 0B1  
807-935-2613 ext. 8675  
Email: [humanresources@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca](mailto:humanresources@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca)

The Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge is an equal opportunity employer. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request for all parts of the recruitment process.

Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Applicant information is collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.



## ARENA/OLYMPIA ATTENDANT

The Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge is seeking applications for the position of casual, seasonal **Arena/Olympia Operator** at the Nor West Recreation Centre.

#### Duties:

The Arena/Olympia Operator position reports directly to the Director of Operations. The position is required to perform a variety of maintenance duties, including ice maintenance and ensure overall ice quality at the NorWest Recreation Centre. Also responsible for cleaning building & dressing rooms.

#### Minimum Job Requirements:

- Minimum of 18 years of age.
- Possess a valid class G2 or G driver's licence.
- Available to work evenings and/or weekends, as required.

#### Wages:

As per Collective Agreement - \$21.70/hr for first 80hrs of work, \$22.70/hr thereafter.

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**PUBLIC SKATE -  
NORWEST ARENA**  
**\*\*FREE OF CHARGE\*\***  
*Public Skate begins for the season on  
Saturday, September 30, 2023*

**Hours:**  
**Saturdays 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.**  
**Sundays 5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.**

**Hockey sticks and pucks will not  
be permitted on the ice.**



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**We sincerely thank all those that  
continue to support us.**

**Your donations enable the food bank to  
remain open**

**Next Food Bank**

**Wednesday, December 13th**

**Registration 9 am to 11 am**

**Drive-Thru Pick-up**



# Council News

COUNCIL MEETINGS  
Tuesday, December 12th at 5pm

The agenda will be posted by the Friday of the week before the week of the meeting. Council's objective is to be open to our residents, hear their concerns, and use our time & your money constructively. Please pre-arrange your presentation with the C.A.O/Clerk or Deputy Clerk (935-2613) by the Tuesday prior to our council meetings.

## BY-LAWS/ RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Approval of the Fire & Emergency Services Master Fire Plan; Authorizing administration to submit to MMAH the ranking of the top five recommendations of the Housing Affordability Task Force's Final Report; Adopting a lifecycle strategy for vehicles & equipment proposed in report #2023.162; Adoption of a non-union employee compensation plan; Awarding the Heritage Park Repairs to TW Contracting Inc., being the lowest proponent; Approval of the 2022 Consolidated Financial Statements and the budget deficit; Acceptance of the donation of a 1929 Ford Model A 2-door Coupe from Mr. Gerald Friesen; The donation of 15 hours of ice time to the Nor West Minor Hockey; Approval to engage Kozar Engineering Inc to provide engineering services for the removal of arsenic program at the Rosslyn Village Drinking water system; Approval of MPAC's Data Sharing & Services Agreement; Awarding the contract for Kakabeka & Intola Recreation Facility Renovations to BNL Contracting, being the lowest proponent; Approval of the Conditional Contribution Agreement with NOHFC for the NorWest Arena Modernization Project and the Community Halls & Recreation Revitalisation Project with NOHFC; Supporting the resolution requesting the Provincial Government rescind the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy as it concerns the Thunder Bay District and Northwestern Ontario; Increasing fees at the Stanley Hill Cemetery effective January 1, 2024; Supporting Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act, adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission to a long-term care facility, so they can continue to live together.

Submitted by Mayor Lucy



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# The Rural Pharmacist: Expansion in Rosslyn

by Devon Myers, Pharmacist/Owner of Evergreen Pharmacies

If you've driven down Highway 130 over the past few weeks, you may have noticed a very exciting development. Perhaps you saw an excavator moving earth around. Maybe it was the dump trucks that brought load after load of soil that caught your eye. That's it! The cat is out of the bag! Although we're in the preliminary stages, construction of a new building for Evergreen Pharmacy – Rosslyn is now officially underway!

Picture this: December 2017, a 200 square foot basement suite in a rural commercial building. Going to work in the dark, coming home in the dark. No foot traffic; a few people popping their heads in after they've finished their dental appointments upstairs. Some people are considering our services but don't want to commit until they've seen stability and growth. That's where we started.

It's hard to believe that it has been six years since we opened our small pharmacy in Rosslyn. And now, we can proudly say that it is time to expand. But let's be honest, I'm sure our staff would have liked some extra space 2 or 3 years ago. Our project will relocate our pharmacy to an adjacent lot to where we currently operate. We will still be neighbours with Rosslyn Dentistry. It goes without saying that there is a lot of work to be done between now and when we move. However, if things go according to plan, we will be opening our doors in the summer of 2024.

The Evergreen Pharmacy team wants to take this opportunity to thank all the patients that have trusted us with their healthcare over the past several years. We recognize that it can be a difficult decision to leave a pharmacy that you're already familiar with. For those of you who have transitioned to our pharmacies, both in Rosslyn and Kakabeka Falls, we hope that you have appreciated our services. As we look to the future, we aim to expand the services available in your communities.

Sticking with available services, after several busy weeks, the initial demand for flu shots and Covid-19 vaccines has begun to slow. However, flu season can last well into the new year, and it is not too late to get your shot. Booking online is still a great way to lock-in an appointment slot and to fill out the necessary screening questionnaire ahead of time. With that said, by this time of the season, it's much easier to accommodate walk-in appointments. So, if you're considering a vaccine, stop by either location and our pharmacists will be happy to help you.

And just like that, it's another year in the books. Despite the lack of snow, it felt as though December quickly came this year. Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and happy holidays. See you in the New Year. From all of those at Evergreen Pharmacy.

Wishing all a Merry  
Christmas and prosperous  
2024 ~ Dan Calvert

# Thunder Bay Police Oliver Paipoonge Open House

When - Wednesday December 6th, 2023, from 7 pm to 830 pm  
Where - Rosslyn Community Hall 3405 Rosslyn Rd, Rosslyn, ON



As part of the Thunder Bay Police Service's ongoing commitment to Public Safety and Community Engagement, a free public Open House will be held Wednesday December 6th, 2023 from 7-830 pm at the Rosslyn Community Hall located at 3405 Rosslyn Rd, Rosslyn, Ontario.

Information will be presented through opening remarks from Thunder Bay Police Chief Darcy Fleury. Citizens will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide their input.



RURAL HERITAGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
Annual General Meeting  
Attention all members of Rural  
Heritage Agricultural Society  
Monday, January 15, 2024 at Rural 60  
Hwy 11/17  
7 pm- meeting  
Asking all members to attend - there are  
Director's positions to be filled  
Membership is due the night of the meeting. You will not be able to  
vote unless you are a member  
Membership is \$10  
Refreshments will be served.

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK shouts

Thank You!  
To

Kakabeka Falls Public School,  
Crestview Public School  
Evergreen Pharmacy  
For all of your fund raising and donations

For the financial donation raised at the Neebing  
Fall Harvest Dinner

To Kimm White for donating her winnings from  
the Taco Tim contest.

To everyone that has taken the time to volunteer, donate and raise  
funds for the food bank. Your support enables us  
to continue providing food to those in need.

## DO YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

A building permit is your formal permission to begin construction or demolition. It means that the Municipality of OliverPaipoonge has approved plans for any new structure, addition or renovation. Approved plans must comply with the Ontario Building Code, local zoning by-laws, and other applicable laws and regulations. It is unlawful to start construction or demolition of a building, as defined in the building code, before you get a permit.

**You need a building permit in the following situations:**

- Construct a new building
- Renovate, repair or add to a building
- Demolish or remove all or a portion of a building
- Change a building's use
- Install, change or remove partitions and load-bearing walls
- Make new openings for, or increase the size of, doors and windows
- Build a garage, balcony or deck
- Excavate a basement or construct a foundation
- Install or modify heating, plumbing, air conditioning systems or fireplaces

If you are unsure, or have any questions, please call the Municipal Office at 807-935-2613



### Giant Heart Senior Services

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- Personal care (bathing, dressing, grooming)
- House cleaning and Laundry
- Help with meal preparation
- Transportation and companionship to appointments, Shopping and recreational activities
- Respite for caregivers



For more information or to book an in home  
visit call Lynda Bill at 807-472-2841



Thunder Bay Therapeutic  
Riding Association would  
like to extend our sincere  
appreciation to all our  
dedicated volunteers and  
community partners who  
supported us during our  
last riding season! Happy  
Holidays!



## MURILLO YOGA

with Kimberly Veneziale

November 9- December 21  
Thursdays 7:00-8:00

At the Murillo Hall

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### Murillo Library

Monday 10 – 8:00 pm  
Wednesday 10 – 8:00 pm  
Saturday 9 – 12 pm  
935-2729



### New Active Play program for preschoolers!

Join Ashley and Myra on  
Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at  
Murillo Hall from 1 to 1:45  
for some fun fitness and  
creative movement

### Email:

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

### Website:

<http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca>

### Christmas Hours

Both Library branches will be  
closed between Christmas Day and  
the new year.  
Rosslyn Library will reopen on  
Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Have a safe and happy holiday!

### Rosslyn Library

Tuesday 10 – 8:00 pm  
Thursday 10 to 8:00 pm  
Friday 10 – 3:00 pm  
Saturday 1 – 4:00 pm  
939-2312



Join us for Storytime  
with Ashley from Murillo  
EarlyOn Center!

She will be visiting  
Rosslyn Library on  
Tuesday, December  
19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00



No registration required  
for both these events!





# CHIEF'S CORNER

by Sean Horan, Fire Chief

I want to start my December Chief Corner with a big Thank You our first responders, both fire fighters and medical responders. Our response team is made up of truly amazing people! The number of training hours, equipment maintenance hours and emergency response hours they dedicate to the community is simply outstanding. It has been a very busy year so far with 500 calls so far this year! That is almost 2 emergencies a day! As Fire Chief I am extremely proud of each one of our responders and for what you guys do every day for the citizens of Oliver Paipoonge. To the family members, husbands, wives, partners, moms, dads, and children of those that answer the call, Thank You. Without your support we would not be able to do what we do!

This November also saw our first fire department appreciation night since COVID. A great evening, with great people, great food, and time to enjoy causal time with the Fire Department family. I want to give another huge thank you to the following organizations that donated prizes for all that attended.

- Council of Oliver Paipoonge
- Bonobo Foods
- Belluz Farms
- Canadian Tire – Arthur St and Fort William Rd
- Firesteel Contractors
- Woody’s Trailer World
- Valley Fire Protection And Services Limited
- Boyer Truck Sales
- Canadian Safety Equipment
- SPI
- Everguard Fire and Safety
- Wreath’s by Bee
- Tim Horton’s – Hawker Rd
- Thunder Bay Feeds
- Kakabeka Depot

- Evergreen Pharmacy – Kakabeka and Rosslyn
- Lori Balyk – Pampered Chef
- Vanderwees
- Various Anonymous Organizations that wish not to be named.

- A couple reminders
- Ensure you have working smoke and CO alarms outside all sleeping areas! Early detection is critical to ensure you have enough time to get out.
  - Plan your escape and practice your escape plan. In a fire, you may have less than a minute after your alarm goes off to get out of the home safely!
  - NEVER leave burning candles unattended.
  - If you put up a tree, consider using a manufactured tree. If you use a live tree, minimize the time that it is in the house and ensure you keep the water tray full. A dry tree can erupt in flames in seconds.
  - If alcohol or cannabis is part of your holiday season, please don’t drive while under the influence.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Oliver Paipoonge Fire and Emergency Services, you can find the fire department application on the Municipal Website. If you live around the Intola, Kakabeka, Murillo, Stanley, Rosslyn, or Slate fire station, consider becoming part our team. We are always looking for volunteer fire fighters and medical first responders.

I wish for a happy and safe holiday season for everybody and a prosperous and safe 2024!

Be safe and remember- Prevention is the best way to fight fire!



sleeping areas. You are required by law areas. Even if it is only for one night.

- If you are having people spend the night, ensure you are prepared to deal with an extended stay. Review your family escape plan with your guests so that they know what to do if there is an emergency. You should also plan for your guest to spend a couple extra nights. A holiday weekend can quickly turn into 3 or 4 days if you are weathered in. This can stretch your normal supplies. If you are the guest, give some thought to being prepared to stay at somebody’s house for a couple days if the weather is looking bad.
- Candles are often a part of the holiday season. If you are burning candles, please make sure a responsible person is checking to ensure they are all out before bed. Ensure burning candles are placed to minimize the potential for them to be knocked over. A bump from somebody can easily knock a candle over and start a fire.
- The holiday season is also a time to gather and have some drinks with friends and family. Plan to have a sober driver to get everybody home safely. Please don’t drive while you are under the influence and impaired. Far too many evenings end in tragedy. Not only for you and your family, but for our fire department members that have to respond to and deal with the situation. Lastly, the end of the year is time to review your safety plans and ensure the supplies in your 72-hour kit are current. Ensure all your food supplies are not expired, medications are rotated out so that they do not expire and that any new items are added to your kit. Maybe there is a change in eye glass prescription, or new medications required. Maybe the extra clothes you have packed away no longer fit. I wish everybody a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous 2024!

**Stay safe and Be Prepared!**  
Sean Horan  
Fire Chief/CEMC

# THANK YOU !!!!!

The Oliver Paipoonge Fire Department had their annual Halloween display and open house at the Kakabeka Falls, Rosslyn and Murillo Fire Halls on October 31, 2023. We had a great turn out and response at each hall-in total we gave out 667 bags of treats and with fire prevention literature. We could not have done this without the support of local business donations.

- We would like to thank the following:
- Evergreen Pharmacy
  - Memorial Home Hardware
  - Rosslyn Service – Home Hardware
  - Thunder Bay Insulation
  - Canadian Tire (Thunder Centre)
  - SRS Windows & Doors
  - Pratts Food
  - Equipment World
  - NU Steel
  - Mike Ellchook
  - LAK Business Services
  - Sean and Jenn Horan
  - Grootenboer Farms

Oliver Paipoonge Fire Service again would like to thank everyone for their contributions for this event. To all the volunteers that came out to help... this would not have happened with out your support – THANK YOU !!  
*Regards*  
*Mike Lamers*  
*Fire Prevention Officer*  
***Working together in keeping our community safe.***

**Tree Services (Year Round):**

- \*Tree Pruning \* Tree Removal
- \* Hydro Line Pruning & Clearing (Private Lines)
- \* Hazardous Limbs/Trees
- \* Storm Cleanup
- \* Tree Support Systems
- \* Tree Planting & Transplanting (Seasonal)

**Winter Services Also Include:**

- \* Snow Clearing & Removal \* Rooftop Snow Clearing

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**Community Music Night**

Slate River Baptist Church  
Sunday December 10th @ 6:30pm  
80 McClusley Drive 807-475-5140

Sing-along, Hand-bells, Musicians & Guests, Love Offering, Refreshments and Fellowship, All are Welcome!

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• Socializing & fun times  
• Coaching available  
• Snacks & refreshments  
• Air conditioned comfort  
**Beginners welcome!!**



**Rosslyn Hall  
every Friday**  
**1 - 3 pm**  
Call the library at 939-2312 for more information.  
*Please bring indoor shoes!*



‘Get Creative’ craft gathering  
Every Thursday from 1 to 4:00  
at Rosslyn Hall



Bring in your current craft project to work on alongside other ‘crafty-minded’ people. Games of Canasta, dominoes or other card games can be arranged if you wish to play. This is a great time to meet new people, socialize and share tips and ideas.  
**Call 939-2312 for more information.**



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## LANDFILL SITES - WINTER HOURS

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023  
**From October 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024**

**NORTH LANDFILL SITE**  
*Located at 1 Spence Road*  
**Tuesday – 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**SOUTH LANDFILL SITE**  
*Located at 154 Barrie Drive*  
**Wednesday – 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Landfill Sites are CLOSED on all Statutory Holidays**



**Story Time with Kelsea**  
Every Thursday at 11:00 am  
at Rosslyn Library

Radon detectors available to borrow at  
Oliver Paipoonge Library!



It is recommended that you test for radon during furnace season.  
For more information regarding Radon visit Eco Superior:  
<https://www.ecosuperior.org/homeenergy>

### After school ‘Reading with Rena’

Calling students in grades 4 to 6...  
Do you enjoy being read to in a quiet relaxing space?  
Why not join us at the Murillo Library and see what it’s all about.  
Every Monday at 3:00 p.m.  
(except Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>)  
*Snacks will be provided.*





# THUNDER BAY





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## Free exercise class for all ages and abilities.



Every Tuesday: Bands and Balls } At Rosslyn Hall from  
Every Thursday Weights } 11:30 to 12:00

*No Registration necessary.*

We still have room for anyone wishing to keep active and join others in fun, laughter and conversation.

These activities are open to anyone interested in getting out of the house and meeting new people.

Call Rosslyn Library for more information 807-939-2312

## CRIBBAGE

BEGINNERS WELCOME!

EVERY TUESDAY 1 P.M.

ROSSLYN COMMUNITY CENTER

3405 ROSSLYN ROAD



*Thank you!*

Rosslyn Cribbage Club just celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Over the year we grew from 9 to 34 players with room for many more. So come and join the fun and friendship!



## Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

*submitted by LRCA Staff*

With the holiday shopping season upon us, it is a great time to purchase an Explore Card Parking Pass. The 2024 Explore Card Parking Pass is now on-sale. Explore Card Parking Passes permit day-use/parking at our ten Conservation Areas for one calendar year. Visit as often as you like. Enjoy one calendar year of recreation activities! For the low price of \$40.00 +HST, it's

convenient for frequent users, and a great stocking stuffer for the outdoor enthusiasts in your life! All Explore Card revenue goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Conservation Areas.

The LRCA and Lakehead Conservation

Foundation (LCF) is pleased to once again be hosting our annual Conservation Dinner & Auction on Friday, February 9, 2024. Tickets are on sale now and are \$75.00 each. Available on our web store at [www.store.lakehead-ca.com](http://www.store.lakehead-ca.com).

Our extremely popular Explore calendars have arrived, and best of all, they are free! We will have a limited number of calendars available at our office, otherwise, they can be picked up at select local businesses including Safeway, 55+

## Christmas Happenings at Pinegrove

### December 17 at 10:30 a.m. - White Gift Sunday -

Bring donations of food wrapped in white (grocery bags) for the Rural Cupboard Food Bank. Everyone is invited to stay for a pot-luck afterwards.

### December 20 at 7:00 p.m. - Blue Christmas Service at St. Mark's Anglican Church

The Pinegrove congregation will be joining with the folks at St. Mark's Anglican Church for the annual Blue Christmas Service.

### December 24 at 10:30 a.m. - Advent 4 regular service, livestreaming with Trinity United with Rev. Rob Smith, Worship Leader

December 24 at 9:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service with worship led by Rev. Rob Smith

**Everyone is welcome! Merry Christmas!**



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# Kakabeka Legion Events



Saturday December 2nd .....Exec/Gen mtg 2:30/3  
 Saturday December 2nd .....Dance with Quest 7-10  
 Saturday December 9th .....Christmas Concert 2-4  
 ALL DONATIONS TO THE RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Sunday December 10th .....Breakfast with Santa 8:30-noon  
 Friday December 15th .....Rural 60+ Christmas lunch 1-2  
 Saturday December 16th .....Christmas Dinner/Dance with Quest  
 Dinner 5:30-7 Dance 7-10 Dance open to all  
 Dinner reservations by December 9th. Call Gary 708-0411  
 Sunday December 17th .....RCFB Christmas Supper 4-6  
 For Tickets Call Gary 708-0411

On behalf of the Kakabeka Legion thank you for your support.  
 Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
 We look forward to seeing you in 2024!



Please come out  
 and join us at  
 Pinegrove United Church  
 100 - Hwy 130  
 Admission is free and all are  
 welcome!

**December 7 - coffee and fellowship 10 AM**  
**December 21 - turkey lunch 11:30 - hope to**  
**see you there!**

Volunteers are also welcome (and needed)  
 For more information about Cafe del Soul, please  
 visit [www.pinegroveuc.org/cafe-del-soul/](http://www.pinegroveuc.org/cafe-del-soul/)

Vickers Heights  
 Community  
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**Dec. 3-4**  
**Christmas Craft**  
**Sale 10 - 4**

**Dec. 16**  
**Scrapbooking 10 - 4**



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**TUESDAY 5**  
**5:30 PM**

Blake Community Hall  
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**WEDNESDAY 5**  
**6:30 PM**

O'Connor Community Center  
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 O'Connor  
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**TUESDAY 5**  
**10:15 AM**

Hope Christian Reform Church  
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 Thunder Bay  
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330 Hwy 595

## December Events

[gilliescommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:gilliescommunitycentre@gmail.com)  
 #1839 HWY 595 South Gillies

**MONDAY EVENINGS**  
**GENTLE FLOW YOGA**

Dec 4 & 11 7:00pm - 8:00pm  
 \$15 drop-in

**THURSDAY EVENINGS**  
**CORNHOLE**

Weekly cornhole tournament  
 with prizes for the winners  
 Thursdays 7pm \$10 per team  
 Join Gillies Community Centre  
 Cornhole League on Facebook  
 for more information

**FREE**  
**PLAY GROUP**

Dec 8th 10am - 12pm  
 Kids 0-4 accompanied by caregiver

**DEC**  
**3**

**Christmas Tea**

10:00am - 1:00pm  
 \$10 per person (kids under 5 FREE)  
 Admission includes beverages, tea sandwiches & desserts  
 Auction, prizes & lucky draw! Cash ONLY

**DEC**  
**17**

**Milk & Cookies with Santa**

10:00am - 4:00pm  
 \$10 per child (under 2 years FREE)  
 Admission includes milk & cookies, photo with Santa & craft  
 Parents free accompanying a child

**DEC**  
**29**

**Waldorf Parent & Child Gathering**

10:00am - 12:30pm  
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**Monday** - Carving - 10 to 3  
 - Disking - 1 to 3  
**Tuesday** - Weaving- 10 to 3  
 - Knitting- 10 to 3  
 - Good Company Choir- 1 to 3  
**Wednesday** - Beginner Carving - 10 to 3  
 - Quilting- 10 to 3  
 - Cribbage - 10 to 3  
**Thursday** - Weaving- 10 to 3  
 - Knitting - 10 to 3  
 - Yoga - 10 to 11

Craft Room open Monday to Friday- 10 to 3  
 Good Company Choir ends Dec. 12 until next year  
 Yoga ends Dec. 7 until next year

The Annual Rural 60 Plus Christmas Dinner will be  
 Friday December 15 at 1:00pm at the Kakabeka Legion  
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Sunday Service at 11:00 am

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Sunday Service & Sunday School at 9:30 am  
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Cnr. of Oliver & Mud Lake Rds., Murillo  
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Clerk – Joyce Vis 630-4632  
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### **Slate River Baptist Church**

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10:00am Adult Bible Study  
11:00am Morning Family Worship  
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**Wildwood Variety, 5531 Dawson Road**

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Fill out the form and mail it with payment by cheque; or  
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***Deadline for JANUARY'S Oliver Paipoonge News is  
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## Just Popping In - Heavy Sigh by Karen Craib

Hello, happy December. Festivus is coming and I'm ready to air grievances. And so is Christmas and a visit from my favourite brother in law.

I am writing this while feeling very sad. Someone who brought me a lot of joy the past nine years passed away last week - Esther the wonder pig. I've dreaded this day for the last year when her health started to fail.

Have I ever met her? No, unfortunately I haven't. But the one thing I do every morning is check in on her in Facebook. I enjoyed her antics and loved loved loved her relationship with other species. Just 3 weeks ago Cornelius the turkey died. He was like her bodyguard and the most jealous turkey you've ever seen. A volunteer for Happily Ever Esther Farm Sanctuary described him as a grumpy old man in a turkey suit. But if he liked you, he was affectionate. Now they are together again, along with her canine family members Shelby, Reuben and Alice.

As I see people across the world mourning her death and having cupcake parties to celebrate her life I am so deeply touched. Rest in peace, Esther. You won't be forgotten.

Did you go to the Taylor Swift Eras concert tour movie? I loved it, stunning sets, stunning costumes and hey - she's Taylor Swift. If I was 40 years younger and had beaded outfits I'd wear them all the time.

Last week I had a flu shot one day and a dentist appointment followed by a chest xray the next day. After the xray I met Jim at Club Cappuccino. While I was at the till a man stood next to me and heartily patted my arm, right where I had the shot. It was a neighbour and the Dad of Scout the dog. He was such a cute dog. Scarlett and Rhett always enjoyed seeing him.

Anyway as he patted my arm out of my mouth flew "Out of all the places you could have touched me". He told the baristas "She writes for our newspaper. She'll probably write about this". Well - I did. Nice to see you.

When I saw my doctor we discussed the coughing fits I had this summer. I think it was first triggered by forest fires smoke.

I asked him if he thought I could have had RSV. He said the chance of that was slim. I told him I wondered because it began after a trip to Vegas and there's germs from all over the world there. He replied "They only have the finest germs".

I like my doctor, we've been together a long time. I left my childhood doctor to go to him. He's almost as old as I am and I worry he'll retire soon.

Next Spring I'll be handed back to him from the Cancer Clinic. I will be finished a prescription I've taken for 10 years. I think it will be a bit scary. But that's how I felt going from an oncologist to a nurse practitioner and that's been fine.

I think going to the Cancer Clinic is a little like my experience riding a bike with training wheels. I never wanted to take them off. Never. It gave me a sense of security.

Speaking of bikes my 1981 exercise bike just reached 10,000 km. It turned back to zeros. I guess I could sell it as a new bike. Ha ha. No, I like my bike. I don't recall the mileage when I started riding 2 1/2 years ago, I only remember when it turned to 3,900.

I have a lot of dreams about riding my bike to school (S.S. #5). I can still see the bikes parked among the trees. I also dream about walking home from school. It was always a big deal as to who you'd walk home with.

Once the weather turned cold I didn't walk. I guess I've never liked the cold. Although...in my early teens I really enjoyed skidooing on my "snow pig". I didn't call it that, Jim was the one who gave it that name. One thing it would have been almost impossible to tip. My Dad wanted me to be safe and I was. I never left the yard, just drove around in our fields. And didn't dare go near the septic field. I recall in later years my Dad was annoyed when Christmas carolers walked across his septic field. I tried to explain that they didn't know where it was.

Now - I too am protective of our septic field. We don't go on it in the winter. However, the deer make paths across it. But they're deer. They have a whole lot of cuteness going for them.

On the day Esther died I spotted something I haven't seen nearby in about 20 years. I put something in the bedroom and as I glanced out the window I saw two things - our neighbour raking and a chicken running through his yard along the fence line. No - not a chicken - a partridge. About 20 years ago we had a family that used to come to the flowering crabapple tree. The first time I saw one in the driveway I thought "There's a road runner". Wouldn't you? When I'd leave for work they'd be in the tree. I loved it.

Well enough talk about the pigs, deer and partridge who bring joy to my life. To say nothing of the recent flocks of juncos coming to the yard. My Dad called them Chico birds. I have no idea why, but we had a dog named Chico. I hope you have little critters that bring joy to your life. Right off I have 4 living under my roof.

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# Chix in the Stix Fake Fir

I blinked and it was December. I love Christmas but I'm barely ready compared to some people. I did manage to get our tree up. It's a fake one. There are just times in your life when simple and easy makes the most sense. And I don't know who needs to hear this. Maybe me. But let me be clear. Not only is it okay to have a fake tree. It's also okay to buy stove top stuffing! And store-bought pie. And cans of whipped cream. And a pre-cooked turkey roll. And instant gravy. And instant mashed potatoes. And salad from a bag. And not bake cookies. In fact if you feel like having pizza as your main course on Christmas Day and ice-cream for dessert - IT'S OKAY! There are no laws about this. You can do all your shopping on-line and even give gift cards if it makes life easier and skip Christmas cards completely. You're an adult and can do what you want. Christmas can still be special and the memories divine! I promise!

My Christmas memories are a mixed bag of big and small, good and bad. I remember these HUGE dinners in my grandparents 'rumpus room' with so many relatives they had to set up saw-horses and sheets of plywood to have enough tables to fit everyone. I remember Christmas Eve sitting on the floor in front of my mother as she put 'pin-curls' in my hair before bed so I'd have the perfect curls for Christmas morning. I remember my Grandfather's collection of nut-crackers which I could never master, and the bowls of tiny sweet 'Christmas' oranges. I remember the year we had no money but still, hanging on the back of my door on Christmas morning was the yellow dress my mom knew I had been longing for. Later as a parent I spoiled my kids, loading them up with more presents than they needed. I was always so exhausted on Christmas morning because I had been up all night wrapping and making things 'just right' for everyone and could barely keep my eyes open to enjoy it.

Today our kids are grown and the interest in getting presents has faded. The decorations are sparse. There is less fanfare. There are fewer people and it's often just us and our kids or a few close friends. We have a few simple traditions that have evolved over time. Sipping tea or cider while playing Scrabble or Boggle. Watching a Christmas movie. Driving around town listening to Christmas music and looking at lights. But everything is laid back and flexible. Everyone goes with the flow and honestly if I announced that this Christmas would be spent at a hotel eating take-out and laying by the pool everyone would be on board. Because we know the important things aren't things. And they definitely aren't about stress or extra work or debt or exhaustion or meeting unrealistic expectations that I maybe saw in a magazine or on a reality show. It's about being together.

Don't get me wrong, those childhood memories are grand. And the years of Christmases when my own kids were young are cherished memories. When almost everything was homegrown and homemade. When the tree was real. When the decorations were crafted from tiny hands. It was definitely a magical time. But there were also some very dark Christmases in my past. The Christmas my mom died. The year a loved one left. When money was scarce. When I was unwell. One year I lived alone and skipped Christmas all together. And the lessons of the dark Christmases have stuck with me. A reminder that Christmas isn't always a happy shiny time for everyone. There are individuals and families struggling with so many things right now - finances, health, grief - and when this big commercially driven holiday comes along it's hard to handle sometimes. So I am trying to scale back myself, and hope that others will see that it's okay too and that there might be less pressure all around to achieve perfection. Because it's never going to be perfect. Life isn't a Hallmark movie. It's usually much harder and much messier and sometimes downright painful. I'm determined to be extra kind, extra patient, extra compassionate this Christmas no matter where I am or who I'm interacting with. Because you don't know what people are going through or what they are going home to. Things may look fine on the surface but I don't know a single person who isn't dealing with SOMETHING these days and I think the best present we could give one another is peace, space, slack and understanding. No judgment. No expectations. And hey, if you ARE one of those people who are having a good year, and are top of your game with all your planning, baking etc...well pay it forward! Maybe a plate of homemade cookies would make all the difference to your neighbours. Or even an invite to dinner. Or just a hug, a smile and a kind word. And while I do not have the energy to put up Christmas lights at my house, trust me, those of you who do are my heroes and we enjoy every twinkling light we see more than you will know. Let's be extra kind to each other this holiday season, and especially to ourselves. Nothing fake about it. We have a long cold winter ahead and can use all the warm fuzzies we can get.

Slate River W.I.  
Submitted by  
Dodie Legassick

December can be a very busy month preparing for Christmas and the holiday season. Jenny Mol, one of our WI members has contributed a casserole recipe that is sure to become a family favourite. I will confess that when I brought this dish to a pot luck recently everyone wanted the recipe and they wanted to buy the sweet soya sauce called ketjap mantis. If you don't have the curry paste simply use curry powder and/or mix a tsp. each of turmeric, cumin and a bit of chili powder for heat as a substitute.

This recipe came to Jenny's family originally from Mrs. Roffel, mother of Meta Buitenhuis from Hymers.  
The casserole works in three layers - cooked rice, fried ground beef with onions, and brown beans in tomato sauce. Jenny uses the No name beans in tomato sauce, no pork.

JENNY'S THREE LAYER CASSEROLE

1 and 1/2 cups rice1 to two lbs. ground beef

1 large diced onion

3 - 10 ounce cans of brown beans in tomato sauce

salt, pepper and curry sauce or other flavoured sauce you may prefer

First cook the rice. Then fry the ground beef with the onions and season with salt and pepper. Add curry sauce. Jenny uses Patak's mild spice paste, purple lid - a very generous heaping tablespoon along with 1/2 cup of water. Open up three cans of beans in tomato sauce.  
Spray or oil a Dutch oven or a casserole dish. Then layer in your cooked rice, then the ground beef mixture and top with the canned beans. Cover and bake at 300 F. Serve at the table with whatever condiments you prefer. ie. ketchup, ketjap mantis (a sweet soya sauce available at Thunder Oak Cheese) hot sauce or tamarind sauce. You are only limited by your fridge or pantry stock and your imagination. Delicious! This is one of Jenny's favourite suppers and it's just yummy.

Every December I make an extra large batch of Nuts and Bolts. Then once cooled I pour the mixture into one pint and one quart glass jars. So when company leaves I give them this as a little holiday gift or I put them into my gift baskets. People love the wholesome, slightly salty and crunchy ingredients. It's a nutritious snack that lasts a long time. It is super easy to make and can be frozen ahead of packaging. Enjoy!

NUTS and BOLTS

4 cups plain Cheerios cereal4 cups Shreddies cereal

4 cups rice or corn Chex cereal4 cups pretzel sticks

2 lbs. salted peanuts1 box of Cheese Stick Crackers

2 tbsp. garlic powder1 tbsp. onion powder (optional)

2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce1 lb. butter melted

Stir the garlic powder, onion powder and the Worcestershire sauce into the melted butter. Pour all of the other ingredients: the cheese stick crackers, salted peanuts, pretzel sticks, Shreddies, Cheerios and Corn or Rice Chex cereals into a large roasting or baking pan. Then pour the seasoned butter over all of the dry ingredients mixing as you pour to make sure everything gets coated. Bake in a 250 F oven for one to one and a half hours, stirring the mix every twenty minutes. Bake like this until the mixture feels dry and has absorbed all of the seasoned butter.

The Slate River Women's Institute wishes each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season!

Until next year ~ Dodie LeGassick

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## A Blue Christmas

For many, the Christmas season truly is “the most wonderful time of the year”. For others, though, it’s a time of sadness, of feeling blue. In Rosslyn Village, Pinegrove United and St. Mark’s Anglican churches have established a tradition of holding special Blue Christmas services on alternating years to acknowledge, during a season that is noisy with celebrations, the need of some to be quiet and contemplative and perhaps even to grieve.

A Blue Christmas service happens on or around the winter solstice. This day, which has the longest night and the shortest day, is symbolic of our darker nights when we find ourselves grieving, lonely, or longing for something better.

The Blue Christmas service is about making space for those who are suffering and need to be comforted.

Reverend Jonathan Blanchard will conduct this year’s Blue Christmas service at **St. Mark’s Anglican Church in Rosslyn Village on Wednesday, December 20 starting at 7 p.m.**

“Blue Christmas services honor the people who are struggling with the pain of loss and other issues causing sadness and are not feeling very Christmassy”, he says.

“Everyone who feels the need to gather in a comforting community at this special time of the year is very welcome to join us”.

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


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