



Thanks to Mieke Bolt for this wonderful spring shot taken along Hannah Road!

Can I Pay My Taxes Online?

by John MacGillivray, Treasurer/Deputy CO

This tax season there were a lot of people asking if they could pay their taxes through e-transfer. While the municipality does not accept e-transfer payments there are other ways you can pay your taxes online. The Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge is set up as a Payee option through all major banking institutions. Go to the Pay a Bill section of your online or mobile banking and look up “Oliver Paipoonge”, then select the payee that mentions a municipality or property taxes. The account number you will use will be your property roll number, entered without any spaces. Both the Bank of Montreal and credit union accounts use the full 19 digits. CIBC, RBC, ScotiaBank and TD use 15 digits, leaving out the front “5808” portion. There is no charge for paying your bill online this way. You can also pay via credit card through the municipal payment portal on the website. On the front page, scroll down and click the yellow “Make A Payment” button. All credit transactions do have a 1.75% processing fee attached. Finally, the Municipality also offers a Pre-Authorized Debit program. The two options we offer are to pay via installment or through monthly equalized payments. Paying via installment

is the same as paying your taxes regularly: the amount listed on the installment stubs on your tax notice will be deposited on the tax due date or the next business day. Monthly payments are withdrawn from the bank account you provide on the 25th (or next business day) of each month and are interest free. The monthly payments do get adjusted when the tax rate for 2023 is set on the final bill in August. Anyone with a tax account in good standing can apply for a PAD. The deadline to apply is the 10th of each month. Forms are available at the office and on the website here: <https://oliverpaipoonge.ca/municipal-office/property-taxes/pre-authorized-debit-pad> If you want to just pay your taxes in person the municipal office is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 4:30pm. The office can accept cash, cheque, debit and credit. Same as with paying through the website, all credit transactions carry a 1.75% processing fee. **Remember the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge does not accept etransfer payments.** Please ignore any request to pay by etransfer you may receive. That request would not have been issued by the Municipality.


2nd Annual
“Help clean up our ditches and roadways”
On May 26 & 27th 2023-See info-page 9!



Gloves and garbage bags will be provided and can be picked up at the OP Municipal Office on May 25 and 26 during regular business hours. You will be asked to register for the clean up so we can get a number and for prize giveaways. Please also register any children that might be helping as we will have separate prizes for them. **All info can be found on our Face book page @ Oliver/Paipoonge Community Ditch clean up 2023** We are also looking for prizes from our local businesses and any community members, willing to help. For any further details please check our Face book page or you can call or text Daniela at 807 627 5680. Thank you! Lets take pride and help make our Township beautiful!

Notice is hereby given that effective Sunday March 19th, 2023 at 12:01 a.m. load restrictions will apply on all municipal roads within the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and will continue until further notice.
Chris Bowles, Director of Operations





Garage for Rent

The Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge has a four-bay garage for rent located at 144 Barrie Drive. The building, which is approx. 3600 sq. ft., features a reception area, office space, lunchroom, and mezzanine. Included is a 1500 sq. ft. detached garage.

- \$3,000/month plus HST
- 2-year term
- Tenant is responsible for utilities, repairs & maintenance, etc.
- Terms are negotiable
- Zoned Disposal Industrial (hauled sewage systems, landfill owned and operated by public entity, prefabricated shipping containers or sewage treatment plant)
- Available July 1, 2023
- Interested parties reply by May 17th with proposed use of the property

For inquiries please contact CAO/Clerk Wayne Hanchard @ cao-clerk@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca

O'Connor Fire Department Auxiliary

BBQ STEAK DRAW

1st prize: BBQ 30 steaks; 2nd Prize: BBQ 20 steaks; 3rd Prize: BBQ 10 steaks
Draw Date: Sat., June 17
- O'Connor Community Centre, 7:30 p.m.
\$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00 Licence #M 709300
Must be 18 or older to participate.
e transfer available: cbiloski@hotmail.com or call 807-621-5768



Hearing Care Clinic

Do you think you have a hearing loss?

- Free **HEARING SCREENINGS** conducted by the Canadian Hearing Services
- Information on hearing aids and communication devices
- Information on local Audiology Clinics

Already have hearing aids? Free hearing aid cleaning

For an appointment, call (807) 473-5528

MAY 8, 2023
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
O'Connor Community Centre
330 Highway 595,
Kakabeka Falls, ON

MAY 26, 2023
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Blaka Community Hall,
71 Blaka Hall Rd.,
Hessling, ON

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NorWest Community Health Centres
- Kakabeka Site -
4100 120 St. Unit 8, Kakabeka Falls, ON

www.norwestchc.org

Pinegrove United Church
100 Highway 130, Rosslyn

Green Thumb Plant and Bake Sale

Saturday, May 27, 2023
10 am – 2 pm
at Pinegrove United

- Bake Sale •
- Giant Plant Sale •
- Perennials • Shrubs • Yard and Garden Crafts •
- Seeds • Bulbs • House Plants •

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ENGINEERING
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Hey, Kids! You're invited to ...

STEM Club!

- ✓ Ages 5-12
- ✓ Slate River Baptist Church
- ✓ Wednesday nights
- ✓ 6:30-8:00 pm

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← Betty Greene, missionary pilot

STEM activities, Bible Stories, & Snacks

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\$635 /MONTH FOR **72 MONTHS**

WITH \$5,499 DOWN PAYMENT
1.38% EFFECTIVE APR.[†]
Must be included with the purchase of a BX23S

SHORTY IS FORTY (X 2)

Come and help him celebrate!

When: Sunday May 7, 2023

Where: Rosslyn Village Community Center
Rosslyn Road

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m

Your presence is all we need but if you would care to donate cash or food for the Rural Cupboard food Bank, it would be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

(P.S. We're trying to keep it a SURPRISE!)

THE CORPORATION OF
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OLIVER PAIPOONGE

LANDFILL SITES - SUMMER HOURS

April 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023
Landfill Sites are CLOSED on all Statutory Holidays

NORTH LANDFILL SITE
(1 Spence Road)

Tuesday:
12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SOUTH LANDFILL SITE
(154 Barrie Drive)

Wednesday
12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Council News

Council Meetings

Tuesday, May 9th at 5 pm - Wednesday, May 31st at 9 am

A copy of the agenda will be available Fridays prior to the council 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 or Deputy Clerk (935-2613) by the Tuesday prior to our council meetings.

BY-LAWS/ RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- Acceptance of the Rosslyn Village Drinking Water System Annual Report Annual Report; Declaration as surplus to the needs of the Municipality of items being put up for public sale; Approval of the Racetrack Power Supply Easement Agreement to bring power across the Municipal office property; Approval of the 2023 Budget - 5.15% tax levy increase, which is 3.76% after growth; Supporting the Conmee Township's application for the Rapid Housing Initiative Program; Recommending the inclusion of additional curb stops as a separate optional item for the Green

Stream Water Project Tender; Approval of the supply of bottled drinking water to those households affected by the arsenic issue; Recommendation to further explore the hosting of two Can Car Brill Trolley Buses at the Museum property; Issuance of a RFP for the sale of the Duke Hunt Museum Property; Authorizing the administration to submit a Stage II application to the NOHFC Community Enhancement Program-Rural Enhancement Stream; Approval of the Subdivision Applications - Public Input Policy; Awarding the Harstone Bridge Engineered Guiderail Replacement to LH North; Awarding of the installation of the Rosslyn Village Watermain Upgrades to Nadin Contracting Ltd; Supporting the resolution to urge the Provincial Government to pay for and install stop arm cameras in the school buses; Supporting the resolution to permit Municipalities to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction; Approval of \$500 for the Veterinary Assistance Program and that our representatives be Peter Aalbers and Councillor B. Kamphof.

Submitted by Mayor Lucy

2023 Council Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, May 9, 2023	5:00 PM
Wednesday, May 31, 2023	9:00 AM
Tuesday, June 13, 2023	5:00 PM
Wednesday, June 28, 2023	9:00 AM
TBD - July 2023	
TBD - August 2023	
Tuesday, September 12, 2023	5:00 PM
Wednesday, September 27, 2023	9:00 AM
Tuesday, October 10, 2023	5:00 PM
Wednesday, October 25, 2023	9:00 AM
Tuesday, November 14, 2023	5:00 PM
Wednesday, November 29, 2023	9:00 AM
TBD - December 2023	

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First meeting is FREE.

TUESDAY S
10:00 AM

Baptist Community Church
Corner Mudlake & Oliver Rds.
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CONTACT **807-577-5924**

TUESDAY S
5:30 PM

Blake Community Hall
71 Blake Hall Road
Neebing
CONTACT **807-577-5924**

WEDNESDAY S
6:30 PM

O'Connor Community Center
344 Hwy 595
O'Connor
CONTACT **807-577-5924**

TUESDAY S
10:15 AM

Hope Christian Reform Church
1315 Crawford Ave.
Thunder Bay
CONTACT **807-577-5924**



Summer Student Positions Available

The Municipality is inviting students planning to return to school to apply for the following positions:

- Engineering Student
- Fire Department Student
- Planning Student
- Senior Grounds Assistant

The term of these position will begin in early May and end in late August.

For further information including application deadlines and job descriptions please visit our website page:

<https://oliverpaipoonge.ca/municipal-office/employment>



Federated
Women's Institutes
of Ontario

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Will be held on Thursday May 18, 2023 At
VICKERS HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE Broadway Avenue

Registration from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
Dinner Served at 5:30p.m.
All members are encouraged to attend.
hmdiaczuk@gmail.com or 807-577-2867

The Women's Institute "MISSION STATEMENT"

"The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario is a not-for-profit charitable organization with affiliations around the world, working with and for women in rural and small town Ontario. Through the network of Branches, we offer educational programming and community support; advocate for social, environmental and economic change, and work towards the personal growth of all women, for home and country."

Vision Statement"

" We envision an Ontario where women work together for safe, healthy families, communities and pursue an enriched and balanced lifestyle."

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Women's Institute please contact Susan at 476-0901 or contact any W.I. member.

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Kakabeka Legion Events



Friday May 5th	Dance with Quest 7-10pm
Saturday May 13th	Exec/Gen mtg 2:30/3pm
Sunday May 14th	Mother's Day Buffet Breakfast 8:30-12pm
Friday May 19	Rural 60+ luncheon 12-1pm
Saturday May 20	Dance with Quest 7-10pm
Sunday May 21	Jam Session 7-9:30pm
Sunday May 28	Music - Butch's Country Classics 2-4pm

As always, check the hotline 473-9122 for any changes.



PUBLIC NOTICE MTO Contract 2022-6018 Notification of Hwy Restriction

Please be advised that Highway 588 at the Kaministiquia River North Bridge, located 1.56 km South of Highway 11 will have a 1 lane closure to facilitate replacement of the superstructure. The closures will occur at 7am on April 3rd, 2023. The lane will be 3.1m wide, and TC-64 Signage will be posted March 20th, 2023. Traffic will be guided through the construction zone safely, directed by traffic signals and/or LH North personnel. Pedestrian access will be removed, and restricted to Construction Personnel only. Provisions shall remain in place to ensure safe passage of emergency vehicles during the closure period.

Kaministiquia North River Bridge
Highway 588, 1.56 km South of Highway 11
April 3rd, 2023
Closure: 1 Lane until December 8th, 2023

Notification of any changes will be made as construction progresses.

PLEASE DRIVE WITH CAUTION AND OBEY ALL CONSTRUCTION SIGNS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL PERSONNEL

Any questions or concerns during this construction work can be directed to:

Jordan Mitchelmore
Project Coordinator / Civil Engineer
LH North Ltd.
Tel: (807) 707-4671

Kolin Beck
Project Manager
LH North Ltd.
Tel: (807) 621-2417



2023 CAMP SCHEDULE

July 7-9: Little Lambs Camp (ages 4-8)
July 9-14: Children's Camp (ages 7-12)
July 16-21: Youth Camp (ages 11-15)

BRING A FRIEND *BONUS*

Bring a friend who has never been to Camp Aurora before and receive a \$50 discount...register before June 1 and save another \$25! (Not applicable to Little Lambs)



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Private "camperships" also available – just contact us!

CAMP RATES

1 child: \$275
Additional children from the same family: \$225
Little Lambs (1 child and 1 adult): \$100
Additional Little Lambs from same family: \$50

PAY IN FULL BY JUNE 1, 2023 AND DEDUCT \$25 FROM EACH RATE (DOES NOT INCLUDE LITTLE LAMBS)

FURTHER INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORMS

Voicemail: (807) 767- 2420

E-mail: auroralutheranbiblecamp@gmail.com

Website: www.auroralutheranbiblecamp.com

"Like" us on Facebook: "Aurora Lutheran Bible Camp"



RURAL 60 PLUS IS OPEN!

5 Pineview Road, Kakabeka Falls 475-5779,
email rural60@tbaytel.net Website: www.rural60plus.ca

Monday	Carving	- 10 to 3
	Disking	- 1 to 3
Tuesday	Weaving	- 10 to 3
	Knitting	- 10 to 3
Wednesday	Cribbage	- 1 to 3
	Beginner Carving	- 10 to 3
	Quilting	- 10 to 3
Thursday	Weaving	- 10 to 3
	Knitting	- 10 to 3

Craft room open Monday to Friday 10 to 3

Rural 60 Plus will be holding a Yard Sale on Saturday May 27th from 10 to 1.

If you are interested in renting a table at a cost of \$15 you can contact Rural 60 Plus at 475-5779 or email at rural60@tbaytel.net.

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on Friday June 16th at the Kakabeka Legion

if any members are interested in running for a seat on the board please email us your name and phone number or put them in an envelope and place it in the slot in the office door or if you want to nominate someone do the same with their name and phone number.

Pending funding approval:

Youth Summer Employment Opportunity

at Oliver Paipoonge Public Library

Position: Literacy Programmer

36.25 hours weekly for 7 weeks

\$15.50/hour, contract begins July 4th, 2023

Students hired by recipient organizations must meet the eligibility criteria of the program:

- All students must be currently enrolled in a secondary, or post-secondary institution or within six months of graduation and have reached the age of 15 and not yet reached the age of 25 upon commencement of employment or up to 29 years for persons with a disability, if disabled, within the meaning of s.10 of the Ontario *Human Rights Code*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.19, as amended from time to time.
- Students must be employed full time for a minimum employment contract length of 232 hours or 32 days at 7.25 hours per day.
- Proof of student enrolment must be provided to the employer.
- Students must be residents of Ontario during the period of employment.
- Students must be eligible to work in Canada and have a Social Insurance Number (SIN).

Note: The student must be living in Ontario at the time they start work. The intention of the program is to provide career related experience to eligible students that are also eligible to work in Ontario.

- must have transportation between library branches
Deadline for applications: Thursday June 1st 5:00 p.m.

Please forward resumes by email to:
Maxine McCulloch
library@tbaytel.net

The Junction

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Clothing - Hygiene Products - Pantry

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NEW MOMS-We can help with diapers, wipes etc.



THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE

**Invites applications for the position of
Museum General Employee**

Reporting directly to the Museum Curator the position assists the Museum Curator to operate the Municipality's museums and related facilities. This is a part-time, seasonal position. Two positions are available for 2023.

Duties will include:

- Greeting and interacting with visitors to museum facilities
- Cleaning and maintaining buildings, grounds, displays, washrooms and kitchens
- Setting up and taking down displays
- Performing some office work

Requirements:

- An interest in museums and history, particularly of Oliver Paipoonge
- Good skills in dealing with the public
- Flexible to work varying times, weekends, days and evenings as required
- Must have own transportation and a valid "G" class driver's license in good standing

For the position job description please visit our website:
www.oliverpaipoonge.ca

Deadline for applications: 4:00 pm, Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Wayne Hanchard, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge
3250 Hwy 130, Rosslyn, ON P7K 0B1
cao-clerk@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.
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The Blake Hall will be 100 years old in August of 2024!!!
The Neebing Recreation Committee will be holding a Community Meeting September 13, 2023
at 7 pm at the Blake Century Hall to plan for the 100th anniversary. Everyone is welcome. Please bring ideas and suggestions to celebrate this amazing event (no pictures or mementos at this time please).

Apply now

**Ontario Seniors
Dental Care
Program**

Who is eligible?
You may be eligible if you:

- Are 65 or older
- Are a resident of Ontario
- Have an annual net income of \$22,200 or less for a single person or a combined annual net income of \$37,100 or less for a couple
- Have no access to any other form of dental benefits (e.g. private insurance or other government program)

Where can I get dental care?
Dental care services are provided through Public Health Units and participating Community Health Centres (CHC), Aboriginal Health Access Centres (AHAC), as well as mobile dental clinics in some areas.

What services are covered?

- Examinations and assessments
- Preventive services
- Restorative services to repair broken teeth and cavities
- X-rays
- Oral surgery to remove teeth or abnormal tissue
- Anaesthesia
- Endodontic services to treat infection and pain
- Periodontal services to treat gum conditions and diseases.

What about dentures?
Prosthetic services, including dentures, will be partially covered. Please speak to your local public health unit for more information.

How do I apply?
There are several options available for applying for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program:

- Apply online at ontario.ca/SeniorsDental
- Print, fill out, and mail your application
- Visit your local Public Health Unit or participating CHC or AHAC to pick up an application form and/or get support with completing your application

And if I need help?
If you have any questions about the application process, you can also call 416-916-0204 Toll-Free 1-833-207-4435 TTY 1-800-855-0511

What happens if I am approved?
Once your application has been approved, you will be mailed a welcome package and a dental card. To receive services, present this card to the Public Health Unit, Community Health Centre, or Aboriginal Health Access Centre providing the service.

You will be notified each year of your eligibility for continued participation in the program, or about how to re-apply to the program if that is required.

To find out if you are eligible, visit ontario.ca/SeniorsDental or contact your local Public Health Unit.





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Chix in the Stix We All Need Dogs

My daughter has been grooming dogs for about 6 years now and I haven't shared a single dog story yet. It has taken a lot of willpower. Years ago when she started training to be a dog groomer I would pick her up after work and was so excited because I knew that on the drive home I would get to hear all her stories about the dogs she met that day. I've never really considered myself to be a dog person but I am now. You can't help it when you're in the presence of someone who adores dogs and has devoted so much time to understanding them. But it's the stories that steal my heart. Of the senior dogs she has come to know over the years and gives a final groom to. Or the spicy little snappy dudes that she charms and gets to cooperate. The anxious, and misunderstood dogs that she'll sit with on the couch or on the floor for as long as is needed with

no expectations other than just being still together. It comes as no surprise that the daughter who herself was never completely understood growing up, who was anxious and often afraid, who had trouble fitting in because she simply saw the world differently, would be the one able to relate to dogs that fit the same description. She instinctively knows what they need and makes the time and space to give it to them. And of course there are the puppies. And the dogs that get the zoomies after their bath. The ones who sit or stand like absolute angels. And the ones who need to know every move you make and are very busy smelling and looking at everything and make grooming a bit of an adventure.

And maybe what happens in the salon stays in the salon, but my eyes

have been opened to the truth. Not only are dog groomers highly skilled professionals, but it's a very physically demanding job. I was also a bit naive about the word 'salon'. It's nice to compare it to the 'salon' experience we women (or men) might be used to. And for sure dogs leave looking and feeling like a million bucks and there is an immense amount of love and care and pampering that goes on. There is a nice soak in the tub, maybe some nice oatmeal conditioner, a drink of water, a nibble on some treats, a belly rub. You get your nails done. But there is also stuff that I ain't ever seen in a hooman salon. Dogs sometimes get nervous. Nervous dogs poop. I swear I have never pooped at the beauty salon no matter how nervous I was. I have never peed on the floor either. And I have definitely never expressed my anal glands while having my hair shampooed. Or other dog-like behaviours that are sometimes just all in a days work for a dog groomer. Seriously if you are tipping your hairdresser but not your dog groomer you really should start. Trust me they earn it.

But I think it's the dog DADS that charm us the most. There's something endearing about a big strong guy and his dog who is very obviously his fur-baby who he would walk to the ends of the earth for. Who he reserves his special dog-baby voice for. Who has captured his heart and soul probably more than he ever anticipated. And they are the

luckiest dogs in the world. They sometimes get packed special lunches and treats for their salon visits - the best cheese, home cooked chicken, dates. I kid you not, some dog owners feed their dogs better meals than I often feed myself! Some dogs get carried in on tiny pillows or in tiny beds. Some arrive with 'mom' human riding in the back seat and them in the front because, you know, they might get car sick. WE LOVE IT ALL.

Dog names are also a highlight. I especially love the dogs with human names. I love the Dave's, the Kevin's, the Jim's, the Bruces. This I know. Dogs are the best. Every single one of them. Some days I don't think we deserve them and the unconditional love they give us. And owning a dog can apparently help you live longer. They help with loneliness. They give you companionship and someone to talk to and sit with. They can be lifesavers especially for anyone dealing with depression, grief, anxiety. They can give you a sense of purpose and a reason to get out of bed or off the couch. And you don't even have to be a dog owner to benefit from what they have to offer. Studies show that just petting a dog for ten minutes can reduce stress. That looking into a dog's eyes can increase your oxytocin levels. So you just gotta find a friend with a dog and spend some time with them and you can reap the benefits. And in addition to the Humane Society there are a number

of great local rescue organizations that make it easy to find a dog that is just waiting for your love and affection either as a full time owner, a foster owner, or a volunteer.

Okay that's my dog speill. Thanks for letting me get that out of my system. Though honestly I probably have enough dog stories to fill a book. And cat stories too for that matter. I'll save those for another time.

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CHIEF'S CORNER

by Sean Horan, Fire Chief

Here we are in May. I hope the snow is gone, although as I look out the window while writing this month's Chief's Corner, it is still snowing!

First a huge shout out to all the OPFES Volunteer's. An amazing group of people that just don't stop giving back to this community. To date, April 12th we have responded to 135 emergency calls for service, including 9 Motor Vehicle Collisions, 6 Fire related calls and 120 Medical calls. April 12th is the 102nd day of the year, which means your volunteer fire department is being asked to respond more than once a day!

To the members of OPFES, A big Thank You to every one of you!

Our Fire and Life Safety division was also hard at work with an education session with Valley Central School. Students from SK and JK visited the Slate Fire Station and talked about fire escape plans, fire safety and fire fighter recognition. (SEE PICTURES AT END)

Lastly, I would like to talk about Open Air burning. As a reminder, you must have a current burning permit and you MUST follow the conditions of that burning permit. One key condition of the open-air burning permit is that there is NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED! Remember that you are responsible for anything you burn! This may include the cost of suppressing a forest fire should you lose control of your burning operation.

That's all for now.

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

Sean Horan



Emergency Preparedness Week!

Emergency Preparedness Week will take place from May 7th -13th, 2023. What is Emergency Preparedness Week (EP)? Well, in case of an emergency, everyone has a role to play. EP Week is a time for the community to come together and take action to get prepared before an emergency strikes. This year's theme is "A Safe Practiced, and Prepared Ontario".

Come out on **May 8th from 6:00-8:00pm** at the Rosslyn Fire Hall to learn more about getting prepared, how to make your own 72 hour emergency kit, and win some prizes!

Spring is here, which means wildfire season is quickly approaching. What is the difference of the wildfire and a forest fire? A wildfire is a spontaneous, uncontrolled fire in a natural woodland and a forest fire is caused by a natural or artificial fire linked to land clearing and deforestation.

We can mitigate the risks of forest fires and wildfire by doing some of the following:

1. Get a burn permit. They are available online and at the municipal office.
2. Have suppression equipment on hand if you are going to burn, for example a hose or pail of water
3. If it's windy, don't burn! The wind can blow the flames away from the burn area and get out of hand quickly
4. No Daytime Burning! All fires must be extinguished two hours after sun rise to two hours before sunset

You never know where or when there is going to be an emergency. Being prepared is critical to safely navigate your way through an emergency or disaster. Stay safe

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Murillo Minor Athletic Association 2023 Spring Softball League

by Joe Ladouceur

Hello Everyone! The 2023 Murillo Minor Athletic Association (MMAA) spring softball league is ready to roll! There are 415 youth registered, making 33 teams across the T-Ball, 3-Pitch, Atom, PeeWee and Bantam divisions. Many thanks to the more than 100 Volunteer Coaches – we can not run the League without your help!

The MMAA is all about FUN, FRIENDSHIP and FITNESS! A softball glove is all a player needs – we supply all other equipment. Games are played weekday evenings at the five ball diamonds behind the Murillo Community Centre. The 2023 season runs from Monday May 1st to Saturday June 24th with our annual Tournament and BBQ Day event. Game time is 6:30 pm, so come on out and cheer on our youth!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please contact us by email at: mmaa1@tbay-tel.net, or visit our website: <http://mmaa.tbay.me/>



Fun Is In Our Nature

by Pat Forrest

Here in the Parish of West Thunder Bay, our churches, especially St. James’ on John Street Road in Murillo, are surrounded by nature.

On Saturday May 6 from 2 – 5 p.m. St. James’ will be the site of an adventure into that natural environment to explore, learn and enjoy. Children 10 and under, with or without their parents or guardians, are invited to attend. Parents and guardians are encouraged to join in if they are able.

People don’t always have a perception of church as being fun, but in our parish we aim to make it just that. This event will be the first of a series aimed at giving people of all ages who may or may not attend a church an opportunity to have some good times and learn new things together.

The concept is based on the Messy Church model, a form of church that involves creativity, celebration. and hospitality. It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family. It’s for all ages – and it’s always focused on people having fun.

The St. James event, which we are calling At One with Nature, participants will have a chance to explore the beauty of God’s creation around the church including the gardens, the trees and the sky – and perhaps even some wildlife will be spotted. We have flowers starting, the birds are building their nests, buds are on the trees and the dead stump by the planters has visible holes where bees are setting up hives. Things are certainly abuzz!

Back inside the church, there will be a variety of other activities to enjoy including crafts, planting seeds and learning about composting. There will also be a story time, music, and a snack.

All the activities will be led by church volunteers including Sunday school teachers, church musicians and ministers.

One of the event leaders, The Reverend Nancy Ringham says, “Nature is a teacher like no other...signs of God’s love of creation are all around us, often filled with surprises that delight us and calm our spirits...We all benefit from taking time to just be in the space and to give thanks. Barriers drop away and we become one with it, without needing to say one word.”

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THE “BOMB STORY”
FROM FOUNDERS

Did you know this happened at Founders Pioneer Village many years ago?

Lois Garrity, Curator of Founders Pioneer Village, is writing her memories about the Founders history. I found one particular story to be very interesting. The following is an excerpt from her writings.

‘The Bomb Story from Founders’

A few years ago, perhaps in 2008 or 9, Fran Loney, who was the manager of Founders at the time, called me and told me they had a huge problem there. The bomb squad was there, police and fire dept and others concerned with the safety of the public. Seems they were digging with a backhoe in the area behind the house and turned up a BOMB!! Everyone was very concerned and not knowing what to do, called police to try to figure it out. While she was telling me this in a very aggravated state of mind, I was thinking what could it be? And I remembered!

When Marvin (my brother) and I were little, we brought home an empty tank shell that my Uncle Howard had brought home from the First World War. Grandma Cook (my grandmother) used it as a door stop in the old house in Stanley. We took it to play our war games with. We used to play down behind my Dad’s garage, which was directly behind the house in line with the lane. The garage had a crawl space under it for storing thing and we stored our precious shell under the garage for safe keeping. Time went by and eventually it was forgotten about as are all childish things. Safely stored out of sight forever. Until in 1948, I was 13 and in High School. I got off the school bus and looked up and....the garage was gone!! It had burned to the ground while I was in school that day!

My dad took the bulldozer and buried the remains of the garage that day and it was never thought of again. He built a new garage in a slightly different location; the building that serves as the Cobbler Shop and Print Shop at Founders Pioneer Village today, and it was never thought about much again. Until the Bomb was discovered!! So, I was able to defuse the situation by explaining it to them. They described the bomb to me that they had found and sure enough, it was our Shell!!

Submitted by Jean Mayo, Assistant Curator

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Founders Pioneer Village is located at the corner of Hwy 61 and Gillespie Rd in Slate River. Now, in 1 location, you have 3 different collections on display. With such a large area of buildings to view, we are asking if you would consider donating time with us to make this special place one of the best tourist attractions in the Thunder Bay area. The following is a list of placements or interests that we would appreciate your help with. Positions are available for students age 16 and up, and adults.

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TAILGATE & VENDOR SALE
NEW PRICE

Founders Pioneer Village will be hosting a Tailgate & Vendor Sale on Saturday, May 27 at the Founders site, 3190 Hwy 61 at Gillespie Rd. If you have surplus ‘stuff’ that you want to sell including crafts, or promote your business, please contact Jean Mayo 620 3636 to pre-register. New Price Fee for the day is \$15.00 per spot, payment due to hold your spot. You must supply your own display tables and chairs. Sale time will be from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. Set up time from 9:00 a.m.

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The LRCA has several exciting public events scheduled throughout 2023, including Hazelwood Lake Family Fun Day on Sunday, July 23, Silver Harbour Day on Saturday, August 26, and our popular Watershed Explorer guided hike programs. Visit our website, follow us on social media and sign up for our e-newsletter for up-to-date events information. Please note that some workshops and guided hikes require pre-registration, and space is limited. Visit our webstore to register.

The mid-April snow survey measurements remain above average for this

time of year (1974 to 2022). Measurements taken on April 17, 2023 recorded between 15-36 centimetres of snow, compared to the average of 7-27 centimetres; water content measured between 68 - 131 millimetres of equivalent water content, compared to the average for the same period of 21 - 85 millimetres. The previous record was set in 2022 with 64-107 centimetres snow depth and 220 to 325 millimetres water content measured for the same time period.

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Rosslyn Library
Tuesday 10 – 8:00 pm
Thursday 10 to 8:00 pm
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Saturday 1 – 4 pm



Radon Detector lending will be suspended until November 2023.

Use your library card to borrow a tennis racket and ball from Rosslyn Library!

Thank you to those who have made and donated teddy bears for the Teddies for Tragedies Program.

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Hannah Road, late April - by Mieke Bolt

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INGREDIENTS:

- 3 tbsp. butter
- 3 tbsp. flour
- 1 and a quarter cup of hot milk
- 1 can of green peas, save the juice
- 14 ounce can of salmon
- salt and pepper
- Optional to add at the end is 1 tsp. lemon juice and 1/4 tsp. dried dill

INSTRUCTIONS:

Melt the butter over medium heat in a saucepan. Careful not to burn. Stir in the flour and keep stirring for about a minute. Then gradually whisk in the hot milk . Keep whisking as it thickens to prevent the bottom from sticking. Get it to the boiling point. Once the sauce has thickened, add the salmon and peas. Add some of the juice of the peas in the sauce Continue stirring til sauce thickens Optional is the addition at the end of the lemon juice and dill. Serve over buttered toast points, rice, noodles, new potatoes or puff pastry. This can make a quick lunch or add a salad for a super time meal. Enjoy!

*Submitted by Dodie Legassick
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The Rural Pharmacist: Where Have You Been Getting Your “Specialty” Medication?

by Devon Myers, Pharmacist/Owner of Evergreen Pharmacies

Welcome back to this edition of The Rural Pharmacist! This month I wanted to touch on a topic that was previously covered by Henry last year. Or maybe it was the year prior. I’ll be completely honest, the past 2-3 years in healthcare have been a bit of a blur. The return of in-person events, such as sports and entertainment (*cough* go Leafs go) at full capacity have been relatively recent. I mention this because in April we attended a nationwide pharmacy conference in Toronto that addressed our profession’s continued utilization and growth within the everchanging healthcare landscape. Nothing could be more exciting for our profession; our skillsets are being recognized and worked into

rotation. It was a great opportunity to hear from leaders in our industry as well as from independent pharmacists and owners, both big and small. How are you helping your patients? What is working at your store? What obstacles have you encountered and how have you overcome them? Every coffee break began feeling like a miniature interview. One common concern that kept getting brought up in discussion was the increase of “specialty pharmacies”. Fancy name. These pharmacies work something like this: a pharmacy or drug company will approach a prescriber and convince them that they are the only experts on medication X. Considering this and, in an honest

attempt to help their patient, a prescriber will send a prescription to a designated pharmacy that is often located in another city. This regularly happens without consult with a patient’s pharmacist. As a result, these “specialty pharmacies” circumvent the pharmacist-patient relationship that already exists between the patient and their regular, local pharmacy team. There are several issues that can arise from this model of patient care. To start with the obvious, specialty pharmacies rarely see the whole picture. This ranges from the relationships you have in your community all the way to the medications you take and how they interact with each other. And it goes both ways. We found that a lot of pharmacists only learn about the “specialty” medication during a medication review or at a hospital discharge. Nobody is really benefiting when a medication profile is spread across multiple stores. It can be unorganized, inefficient, and downright unsafe. For example, when pharmacies are asked to send medication lists to hospitals or long-term care homes on behalf of their patients, it is paramount that these lists are up to date. When medications are dispensed across multiple stores things can get missed. It happens. The reality is your regular pharmacy team is properly trained and better positioned to collaborate with the rest of your healthcare team. Another issue with specialty pharmacies is the delivery of medications. From my own experience, some of these pharmacies will send packages directly to a patient’s house only to drop off the package in an unsecure location and regard-

less of the weather. We do live in Northwestern Ontario. Just this past winter one of our patients returned home from a day at work only to see that their medication had been left outside in minus 30 weather. Doesn’t that make you feel ... special? One of our other patients used to drive to the Thunder Bay airport to pick up medications. They were deemed to live too far for medication delivery. Therefore, they had to drive into the city themselves and in doing so, pass their regular pharmacy along the way. So long convenience factor. Another tactic specialty pharmacies will employ is the promise for regular follow-up regarding their medications. From my experience, this rarely happens. Maybe it starts off as a regular incentive, but it soon falls off. To be fair, there are some medications that cannot be filled at your regular pharmacy. This can happen for a variety of reasons. For example, compassionate care medications that must be acquired through specific programs. However, the purpose of this article is to educate our patients and to inform them that they often have a choice. It was enlightening to learn that several other local pharmacies were struggling with this issue across the province. The solution is simple: if you have any questions as to whether you can have a medication filled with our pharmacies, please ask. We strongly believe that the consolidation of medications at one pharmacy is the safest and most effective way to manage a medication profile.




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