

Let's Connect through The Neebing News! Have a Neat Tip to stay busy during this time? How about some pictures of kids having fun? Send them to the Neebing News so we can share our stories designhouse@tbaytel.net



SUMMER LANDFILL HOURS BEGIN

Starting April 1, 2020, the Sandhill and Scoble Landfill hours will be as follows:

Saturdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Wednesdays and Sundays from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Check This Month's Issue....

...for COVID 19 information, event changes AND LOTS of community news and updates!



FIRE PERMITS

Starting April 1, 2020 Fire Permits are required.

Permits can be obtained by visiting www.neebing.org.

During the COVID-19 emergency, the municipal office is not open to the public.

If you have difficulties with the online permit, contact the municipal office at 474-5331 or neebing@neebing.org to make alternate arrangements.

Impact of COVID-19 on **Neebing Municipal Services**

Many things have changed in the last month with the rise of COVID-19 and many changes are still to come. During these challenging times, Council would like to assure Neebing residents that their health and safety are of the utmost importance.

To better protect the public and our employees, the Municipal Office and the Blake Hall are closed to the public. Administrative staff are working from home as much as possible but are still responding to enquiries by phone and email.

Public Works staff will continue with road maintenance activities. Due to enhanced safety protocols, there may be delays to response and repair times.

The landfill sites remain open during regular hours; however, the good neighbour shed has been closed and our staff have been instructed to follow recommended safety protocols.

To keep up to date on any changes to municipal services, visit our website at www.neebing.org or follow us on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/Neebing.

Easter Egg Hunt & Crafternoon

With all the health concerns floating around for our citizens, the Rec committee felt compelled to **CANCEL** the

upcoming Easter Egg Huntslated for April 10th, and the Crafternoon, slated for March 28th.

Hopefully by July 1st, Canada Day, the crisis should have been resolved and the event can proceed as scheduled.

There may be a couple of added features offered from the cancelled events to make things more interesting and fun for our kids and their families.

Please take care of yourself and enjoy the down time. For any further info, call Penny at 964-2270 or Dawne at 964-2750.



The Municipal Office and Blake Hall are

CLOSED

to the general public until further notice.

The Municipal Office will continue to be staffed during regular office hours to receive phone calls and emails and to support the essential services we deliver in our community.

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Phone: 807-474-5331 Fax: 807-474-5332 Email: neebing@neebing.org

Website: www.neebing.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/neebling

We are following guidelines issued by all levels of Government and Public Health Officials and hope our Residents heed the advisories and are taking measures to protect themselves and others.

We appreciate your cooperation during these challenging times.



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NOTICE LOAD RESTRICTION

Road users are requested to take notice that Load Restrictions were applied to all municipal roads within Neebing, effective Friday, March 20, 2020 at 8 a.m. and will continue until further notice.

Check with the municipal office or check Neebing's website for updates.

> **Barry Livingston Public Works Foreman**

OMAFRA Thunder Bay District COVID-19 UPDATE For up-to-date information on COVID-19 go to: https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus

Thunder Bay District Events Cancelled due to COVID-19:

March 18: Thunder Bay Country Market - closed until further notice March 17, 19: OSCIA Environmental Farm Plan Workshop (Rosslyn) - cancelled

April 1-2: OSCIA Spring Farm Conference (Kakabeka) - cancelled April 2: TBFA Temple Grandin Event (Thunder Bay) - cancelled April 17: OSCIA Biosecurity - Livestock Workshop (Rosslyn) - cancelled

Please check the websites for these ag/food groups and agencies for further information.





What can you do to help prevent the spread of COVID-19?

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Stay home after you travel for at least 14 days.
- Reduce contact with others.
- Practice social distancing
- Avoid non-essential gatherings and crowed places
- o Avoid common greetings, such as handshakes
- o Limit contact with high risk individuals such as older adults and those in poor health
- o Keep a distance of at least 2 arm-lengths from others
- Wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or bended arm

- Avoid touching your face
- Regularly clean frequently touched surfaces with disinfectant cleaners or diluted bleach

Other ways to help

- Don't panic buy. It's good to stock up and be prepared, but don't stockpile. Let's all do our part to ensure everyone has what they need to stay healthy.
- Reach out to friends, family and neighbours by phone, text, email or video chat to let them know they're not alone.

If You Think You Have Symptoms of COVID-19

Symptoms range from mild flu like symptoms to severe pneumonia like symptoms, which could include fever, cough, difficulty breathing, muscle aches, fatigue, headache, sore throat and runny nose.

If you think you might have the coronavirus or have been in contact with someone who does, use the online self-assessment tool to determine what to do next. The self-assessment tool is available

https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment.

Do not go to your doctor's office, the hospital or the assessment center without first contacting a medical professional by phone. They will direct you on next steps.

- Thunder Bay District Health Unit 807-625-5900
- Telehealth Ontario 1-866-767-000

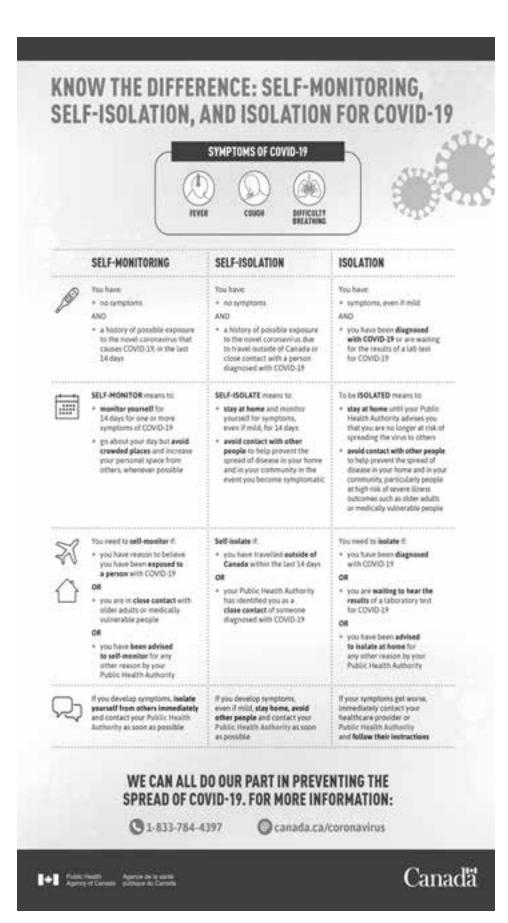


The Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge has shut down public access to their buildings until April 15th.

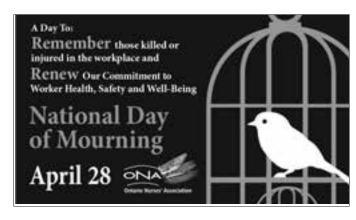
This includes the library services and programs.

Board and staff are in the process of creating a plan regarding items currently on loan. Please watch the library facebook page, website and the Neebing News for updates.













Chix in the Stix A New Normal

by Cindy Harasen

There were a few things I had originally planned to write about this month. There was the incident with the squirrel in the living-room. Seriously a jaw-dropping experience even for the dog as we marvelled at the spider-man skills of the critter scaling the top of our 14 foot walls. And then there was the story about how, with my daughter's help, I began culling my husband's t-shirt collection after sitting across from him at a coffee shop and realizing things had gotten way out of hand. But as I sit here now, like most of you, I am still just wrapping my head around how life has changed so quickly and so drastically for all of us. And by the time you read this, things will likely have changed again. There is a new normal in almost all areas of our lives with no clear end date. I have had a few panic moments in the last weeks. Most which I have tried to hide from my kids, since of course they are going to continue to take their lead from me on this. So I'm taking lots of deep breaths and going one day at a time and trying to be my usual optimistic self. But at the same time I think it's important to acknowledge that it's okay to grieve a bit too. We have all had important stuff cancelled. Stuff that we were looking forward to. Stuff that we had planned and saved and worked hard for. And as easy going as we can try to be about letting it all go, its okay to feel bummed and even a bit angry about it too. Things are not going too badly in our home. As a bunch of introverts with years of homeschooling experience I think we have a bit of an advantage. I kinda like this new normal. This slower pace. This chance to catch up. Take this morning for instance. A month ago we would have been rushing out the door. I would have tossed a breakfast bar, some raisins and a juice box into a zip-lock bag for my daughter to eat in the car because there was never any time. This morning I set the table and served French toast made with bread my husband baked last night, topped with homemade maple syrup and real whip cream. Yesterday we made a ton of meatballs. The day before we baked cookies. There is music playing, Lego building, book-reading, dog snuggling. There is time to tackle those cleaning projects that have been put off forever. There is time to consider starting new projects. Time to dig out my

knitting again. Time to get back to playing my guitar. And while it may not be the BEST activity in isolation, there is time to continue teaching myself how to play the harmonica. There are on-line courses to take. Movies to watch. Recipes to try. Snail-mail letters to write. Like seriously I want THIS part of things to stay the same. I just hope that when we come out the other side of this that I am not too quick to race out the door and back into the crazyness of life again and that I can maybe at least find a happy medium.

I also don't ever want to forget the power of love, kindness and compassion that has sprung up in our local communities. So many great things are happening and so many insights. Like the endless possibilities that working from home provides for the disabled. How designated shopping hours for seniors should have always been a thing. How retail and food service workers are indispensible to a functioning society and deserve to be paid accordingly. How putting the importance of economics before saving lives is a slippery slope. I think many of us are getting a glimpse of a quieter simpler life that is taking us back to basics and a focus on home and family. And this could be a very good thing. I'd like to think the planet is getting a few months to heal also. I think we were all a bit naive and maybe a bit complacent thinking we were going to get through this lifetime without having to endure any hardships like many past generations did. We thought we had it all figured out. So when we woke up one day and felt like we were in some weird Netflix movie it was like a major attitude adjustment. And I don't know about you but I for one needed it. So. I don't know about you but I have every intention of coming out of this ordeal a stronger, wiser, fitter, calmer person with new priorities. My new normal may still be evolving, but I don't think I would go back to the old normal even if I could. You may have to literally drag me off the top of this mountain when this is over with. These are unprecedented times folks. So stay safe, take care of each other, check on your neighbours, reach out for help if you need it. We've got this! I promise to tell you about the squirrel and those horrible t-shirts another time. God Bless!





Neebing Emergency Services

by Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief, Neebing

Even in the Face of COVID-19 FIRE SAFETY remains an NES Number One Priority!

Although winter seems to still be grudgingly 'holding on', the strengthening and lengthening of each days' gift of sunshine is slowly winning the battle, and Spring is now inevitable.

Three (3) robins spotted on the side of the road the other day were reason enough to celebrate, even if the temperature was still in the minus double digits. And no, they weren't frozen solid, they were airborne!

When I first began to write this article, I was slowly putting a bag together in preparation for taking a late winter break to warmer climes, the issue of a Coronavirus outbreak was still remote and little more than 'background noise'. On the fire side, getting ready for summer operations and preparing for the upcoming wildfire season were of primary concern. **WOW!** What a difference a week can make!

Understanding and preparing for the unwelcome arrival of **COVID-19** has become the primary focus of the media and has required the full attention of governments, businesses and residents across the country.

By the time you read this article you will have been advised that the **virus spreads through contact** amongst people and that to **protect yourself** you need too;

- minimize physical proximity to and contact with others,
- increase your **social distance** to > 6′,
- stay home if you do not have to go out,
- isolate if you may have been in contact with a COVID-19 host or have traveled in an area where COVID19 was present.
- wash your hands or use sanitizer frequently to cut the chain of infection that the virus requires to spread.

There are a number of web sites available that have solid information regarding steps you can take to protect yourself, your family and others from COVID-19 infection. These include;

https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public

https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html

https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus

While the issue of COVID-19 will consume a large part of our attention over the coming months, as we move into Spring, it is still important to maintain diligence with regard to other facets of our lives and remain safe from regular dangers including fire.

Some **spring fire safety items** include:

- Fire Escape Plans With schools closed and many parents at home with their family it is a great opportunity to spend some collective time creating or refreshing and practising your Fire Escape Plan and also checking and testing Smoke and CO alarms and even holding mock fire alarms. Additional support information on Fire Escape Plans is available at the Ontario Fire Marshal web site: https://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/FireMarshal/Fire-SafetyandPublicEducation/PublicFireSafetyInformation/Home-FireEscapePlanning/FireEscapePlanning.html
- Chimney Safety With the arrival of warm spring days, wood stove heat is frequently 'cut back'. This chimney damping can result in a rapid build-up of creosote in the stack, which in turn can increase the potential for a chimney fire. Remember to regularly check your chimney and clean out accumulated creosote.
- Spring Floods Melting snowpack combined with spring rains, can quickly lead to increased flood levels, and disruptions of regular travel patterns. Lake levels have been high this past winter reducing capacity for spring flush in the system. Be watchful and listen for updates on local flood threats as the spring melt proceeds
- **Fire Permits** With regard to those residents who have accumulated clean brush and debris, and were unable to burn-off the piles before end of day on March 30th, it must be noted that as of **April 1, 2020**, we are into the **Fire Season** in Northern Ontario. In Neebing, any/all open-air burning requires a valid municipal fire permit. Paper fire permits are normally available at AJ's, Green Acres and at the Neebing Municipal Office, and an increasing number of residents are taking advantage of the online burn permit system, which can be accessed 24/7 at www.neebing.org . With service disruptions anticipated during the COVID19 response if you have

difficulty accessing a fire permit, call the municipal office at 474-5331 during regular business hours to arrange for a fire permit as required. As I write the plan will be to have the phone lines staffed during business hours to deal with public enquiries.

NOTE: If a **Restricted Fire Zone** (RFZ) (Fire Ban) is put in place fire permits will not be available and no burning will be permitted until the RFZ is lifted.

- **FireSmart** with the onset of spring and free time on our hands, spring 2020 is a great time to do some FireSmart improvements around your property. **Trim up trees, clean up brush and debris**, remove **deadfalls**, remove **dead grass** etc. Or if you haven't had the time to do it already you can start by conducting a **FireSmart Home Assessment** and **identify actions** that would help **protect your property** from **wildfire**. The assessment tool and more Information on FireSmart is available at; https://www.ontario.ca/page/firesmart#section-2
- e **Emergency Planning:** While it is important to maintain a supply of **food** and **life support goods** to sustain you and your family for **72 hours** in normal times, in the shadow of the COVID-19 virus outbreak, you will want to think about, and plan for the possibility of longer stretches of self-quarantining and monitoring. There is good advice available on the COVID-19 sites noted above, and on the federal **Get Prepared Site** at https://wouww.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrcs/pblctns/yprprdnssg d/index-en.aspx

It is important to remember that even in the midst of the impact of the COVID-19 virus issues, there are many other realities of life-safety that still need to be addressed in order to ensure that you, and those around you, remain safe and secure.

> Stay Well - Stay Safe Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief-Neebing





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MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES

Mobile Health Services are Temporarily Closed Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Mobile Health Services Team will not be traveling to rural communities within the district of Thunder Bay to help protect the health of the community. The current situation will be reassessed in

Although we will not be physically present in your community, we want to continue to support you with all aspects of your health.

How to book an appointment with your provider?

If you require an appointment with your Nurse Practitioner or Diabetes Nurse, a phone appointment or in person appointment at our main site in Thunder Bay can be scheduled by contacting one of the mobile Community Health Workers Shaun (807-626-7863) or Naomi (807-626-7879) or you can access our Walk-In Clinic.

How can a Community Health Worker (CHW) support you?

Our Community Health Workers are available by phone and can support you with financial concerns, accessing food, concerns or questions about COVID-19, navigating the current community situation, and accessing programs to support you. Please contact one of our mobile CHWs if you would like some support during this time:

SHAUN at 807-626-7863 or NAOMI at 807-626-7879

Walk-in Clinic Hours

Monday to Thursday: 4:30 pm to 8:00pm

Friday: 1:00 pm to 4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Please keep your social distance



Social distancing means keeping 6 feet spart



SOCIAL DISTANCING

Together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19 by making a conscious effort to keep a physical distance between each other. Social distancing is proven to be one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of illness during an outbreak. With patience and cooperation, we can all do our part.



What does Social Distancing mean?

- · exciding crowded places and non-essential gatherings
- avoiding common greetings, such as handshakes
- Sireiting contact with people at higher risk (e.g. older adults and those in poor health) keeping a ifistance of at least 2 arms lengths (approximately 2 metres) from others, as much as possible.



Here's how you can practice social distancing:

- tay home, as much as possible, including for meals and entertainme shop or take public tremportation during off-peak hours
- - host virtual playdates for your kids
 - use technology to keep in touch with friends and family

 - use food delivery services or ordine shopping
 - exercise at bome or outside work from home



Remember to:

- wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds and avoid touching your face
- cough or sneeze into the bend of your ar
- evoid touching surfaces people touch often



If you're concerned you may have COVID-19:

- separate yourself from others as soon as you have sympto If you are outside the bone when a symptom develops, go home immediately and avoid
- taking public transit
- stay home and follow the advice of your Public Health Authority, who may recom
- call ahead to a health care provider if you are ill and seeking medical attention

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

amada.ca/coronavirus





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SUPPORT YOU

What can you do to help stop the spread of COVID-197

To prevent spreading COVID-19, it is recommended to practice social distancing. Social distancing is limiting the number of people you come into close contact with. This will help to limit the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Social distancing includes, but is not limited to:

- · Working from home where possible
- · Avoiding non-essential trips in the community
- · If possible, limit or consider cancelling group gatherings
- Consider having virtual meetings instead of in person.
- Avoid handshakes and direct contact with others
- Maintain a 1-2 metre (3-6 feet) distance from other people

This isn't to say "you must stay home!" You can still go outside to take a walk or go to the park. If you need groceries, go to the store. While outside make sure to avoid crowds and maintain a distance of 1-2 metres (3-6 feet) from those around you. Remember: While you may not feel sick, and while we know these measures are an

inconvenience, please be mindful of the members of our community who are more vulnerable.

staying home, staying in a separate room away from other people in your home as much as possible and use a separate bathroom if you have one, and if you must be in the same room, wear a mask and stay at least 2 meters away from other people.

What should you do if you develop symptoms?

The most common symptoms include a new or worsening cough, fever, or difficulty breathing. If you experience any of these symptoms you must self-isolate (see above) immediately. You can use the self-assessment tool at Ontario.ca/covid19 or you can call Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000 or the

If you would like to know more:

Current Status in Thunder Bay District : https://www.tbdhu.com/coronavirus

Ontario Updates: https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus

Community & Social

Every One Matters.



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Call us at 807.622.8235

Or toll free at 1.866.357.5454

Check us out online! www.norwestchc.org

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What should you do if you have recently traveled? ALL travellers must self-isolate for 14 days, whether or not they have symptoms. Self-isolation means

Thunder Bay District Health Unit at 1-888-294-6630 to determine your next steps.

Federal Updates: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-

coronavirus-infection.html

Services: call 2-1-1









for your business or shop.

· Peace of Mind - Keep the fire outside and eliminate the dangers associated with indoor wood heating.

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NEEBING FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION (NFRA)

UPDATE

by Carole Aitken (caroleaitken1989@gmail.com) President NFRA

Due to the COVID 19 outbreak NRFA will be postponing many of its upcoming events. Our AGM scheduled for April 27 is now set for Monday May 25, 6:00 pm at the Municipal Office. However, depending on the current situation related to the virus this may again be changed.

The Pop Can Cleanup scheduled for May 1 to 3 is postponed until a later date. As well the Old Tyme Music Concert scheduled for May 9 is postponed until the summer. We hope to offer both these events once restrictions on gatherings have been lifted.

The Tailgate Sale set for Saturday June 20 is still scheduled but again we will have to watch for ongoing direction on activities from the Public Health Unit.

We are continuing to accept donations for the new fire truck and are working on upcoming fund raising initiatives.

It is important that we keep all NFRA members, volunteers and the public safe and healthy in these challenging times.

DUE To The COVID 19 situation NFRA will be closing our POP CAN COLLECTION until further notice. Please put ALL CANS in the **GREEN RECYCLE BIN.**

Thank you for your cooperation and we will resume this fund raiser when possible.

Weather by Kaleigh

Neebing's Hard Working Weather Girl

It may not be an "Essential Service" but at Weather by Kaleigh its business as usual! What started out as a homeschooling project, the Facebook weather show celebrated its two year anniversary in January with no immediate plans of stopping. The 'star' is 16 year old Kaleigh Harasen, who lives in Neebing. The show began as a creative way to tap into Kaleigh's love of weather and use it as a tool to work on her reading, language and articulation skills. Although off school for now, Kaleigh, who has Down syndrome, is a student at St. Pat's Highschool in their Life Skills & Transitions program. The daily reports are recorded in her home and last year with some help book from fans at Winmar Thunder www.facebook.com/groups/Wa Bay she was able to upgrade her keUpTBay/

'weather wall'. A number of Thunder Bay businesses have also been generous over the past few years with donations for give-aways on the show. Despite the many changes in schedules and so many of her regular activities being cancelled the past few months, recording her weather show remains part of Kaleigh's routine and provides some much welcomed consistency during these unpredictable times. With 600+ members on her page, the show must go on! Her fans are glad to continue catching their daily 6am weather reports and cheer her on as she grows and improves in her role! You can find Weather by Kaleigh on Face-



I want to thank:

- Our members who still continue to work behind the scenes.
- Neebing Emergency Services who are always there for us.
- Jean Brewster for her financial work and expertise.
- Kris Ligate who continues to faithfully pick up the pop cans at the landfill sites as well as metal from Neebing Residents.
- Eric Donaldson, Rosalie Evans, Robert Derbouka, Don Fawcett and Janet Jacobson for their donations
- Superior Propane for their donation of a Bar-B-Que, tank and one year
- Reliance Home Comfort for a donation of Google Home and a NEST Thermostat.
- Arella's Quality Dollar Store on Bay Street that sells Nevada tickets. To date this year we have received \$1130.00.
- Please support these local businesses.

Everyone please stay safe and healthy and we all look forward to better times.

NFRA OBJECTIVES

- To supply financial assistance and support for Neebing Emergency Serv-
- To assist NES in promoting and providing educational and recreational programs.
- To raise monies by conducting fund-raising activities.
- To carry on without gain for its members. Any profits will be used in promoting its objectives.

Up to seven members can server on NFRA's Board of Directors. They, along with other members, arrange events, get licences, do the field work, set up tents, direct traffic, run booths and much more.



In Toronto, on April 14th, 2015 the Neebing Fire and Rescue Association was presented the 'June Caldwood Outstanding Achievement Award' for long standing service and commitment to the Neebing Community

NFRA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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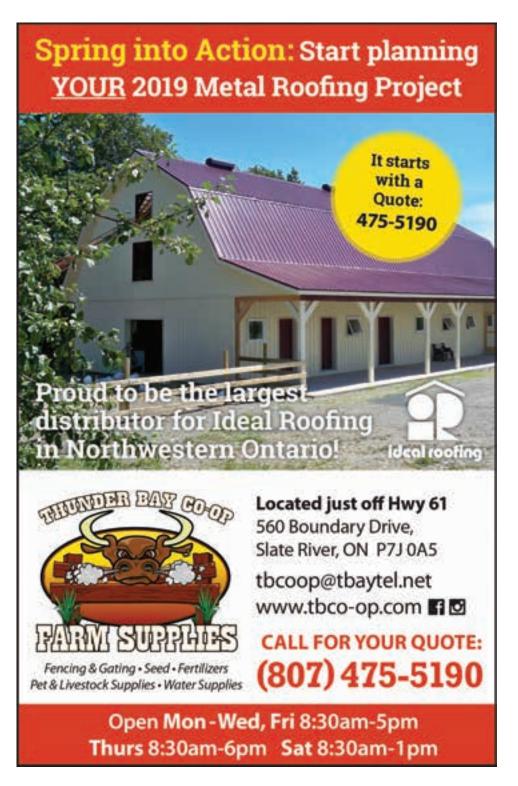
- Become a Member
- **Tailgate Sale** June
- Fire Prevention Week October
- Christmas Treat Sale December
- Ticket sales for various raffles
- Donate baking or draw prizes
- Other Municipal events where NRFA can participate, support and educate about fire awareness, safety and prevention



Pop and tin can recycling from Landfill sites has raised over \$7000.00.

To become a member/volunteer of NFRA Everyone is welcome contact Carole at 964-1989 or email at caroleaitken1989@gmail.com





While you are self isolating and distancing here are a few safety things to keep the family busy!

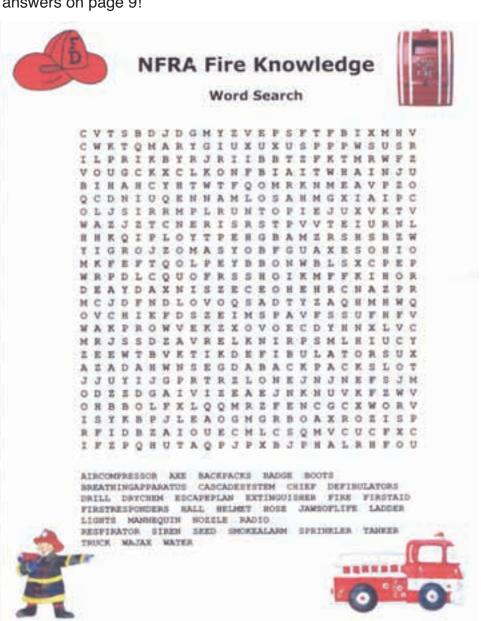
A.Develop an emergency exit plan for your family home including: -all possible exits and escape routes

- -working smoke alarm in each bedroom OR outside each bedroom -when you walk through with your family be sure escape routes are clear, doors and windows can be opened easily
- -choose and outside meeting location a safe distance from your house
- -be sure fire number is clear and visible from the road
- -be sure everyone knows 911 number for emergency
- -note location of fire extinguishers and be sure they are up to date
- B. Practice fire drills and Emergency drills with your family
- C. Do our Fire Quizzes below

NFRA Kids' Fire Information Quiz

- 1. What should you do if you find matches or a lighter?
- a. try to use them
- b.tell a grown up so they can lock them up
- c. throw them away
- 2. What is the number you should call if there is an emergency?
- a. 911
- b. 440
- c. 777
- 3. How many ways should you know to get out of your house in case of a fire?
- a.
- b. 5
- c. At least 2 ways.
- 4. What does Smokey the Bear tell us?
- a. Only you can prevent forest fires.
- b. Stay safe and have fun.
- c. Don't visit the forest because you might start a fire.
- 5. If you hear the smoke detector go off in your house you should,
- a. Run as fast as you can to your bedroom.
- b. Listen for your parents and go outside to your meeting place.
- c. Hide under the bed until the fire department comes.

answers on page 9!





Beyond Books: You Can't Judge a Library Book by its Cover

submitted by Beverly Ball on behalf of the Oliver Paipoonge Library Board

Libraries throughout time have always played a very important role in the health and well-being of our society. They have been a safe, community space where intellect was stimulated and ideas were exchanged and where people gathered together to make social connections or share common interests. They continue to do all of this today while their community presence and role evolves into an even more significant part of our social fabric.

As a Board member and Chair of the Oliver Paipoonge Library Board, I see and hear on an ongoing basis the essential role of our Library. This role is important not only in times of stability but in times like today where we are faced with significant challenges. While our Library doors are temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 situation, Maxine Mc-Culloch, Chief Librarian and CEO, and Theiann Scherby, part time library assistant, are working behind the scenes to help our community and residents through this most difficult time. On behalf of the Board, I am exceptionally proud of the way that staff have responded to this crisis: quickly; with caring; and with concern for the safety of all patrons.

Some of the processes and ways that we used the Library have been modified given the unusual circumstances. For example, the book drops at both Murillo and Rosslyn Libraries are open for returns. Items from these drops are now being quarantined and cleaned before they are returned to the shelf. Re-

quests for renewals can be made but existing due dates on items are still in place.

Ebooks continue to be available by accessing the Library website at http:oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca. Use your Library card number and go into the resource called Overdrive. With most people remaining in their homes, ebooks have become extremely popular. Library staff are in the process of expanding the availability of ebooks on this site so that more residents can access them and have less waiting time to access them. If you wish to start using Overdrive or if you are unable to log in, contact the Library. In addition to these ebooks, you can go the Library website or to the Library's facebook page for direct links on free resources (public domain books for different ages) and learning tools for school-aged children. As a reminder, you can still access free wifi outside of the Libraries.

Finally, while we all try to help others where we can in a safe way, Library staff have been an important contact point and support (by telephone or drop off at the door) for some residents who required additional help. Should you know of anyone in crisis or great need, contact the Library. Staff will do their best to find the safest way to help. You can contact the Library by email oplibrary@tbaytel.net or phone 935-2729 or 939-2312 and please leave a message. Someone will get back to you as soon as they are able.

Rural Cupboard Food Bank

Neighbours Helping Neighbours!

CONMEE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS, 19 HOLLAND RD., KAKABEKA FALLS, ON POT 1WO by Gladys Grant Public Relations

This is a trying time for everyone with Coronavirus effecting the World and everyone doing everything they can to stop the spread of this virus. Our Food Bank will remain open for distribution and continue as it is deemed an essential service.on the days designated in the coming months until further notice. We will be operating differently in order to stop the spread of this deadly virus. If any changes to our operations our clients will certainly be notified. 75 Hampers were given out in March and we are preparing for 75 Hampers in April. With more people unable to work during this outbreak our number of clients will probably increase. So if you have any extra food items they can certainly be dropped off at our many locations listed below or call the Food bank phone number 285-0836 for updated information. Leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

On a happy note our daffodils and tulips are up on the east side of our home getting the heat from our basement wall. Sure sign of spring. Brought a smile to my face when I seen them growing out of the ground. Snowy day here today, but that snow does put needed moisture in the ground.

Sorry I missed doing an article last month, but with family issues I was unable to meet my obligation. Thank you for your concern and understanding. Greatly appreciated.

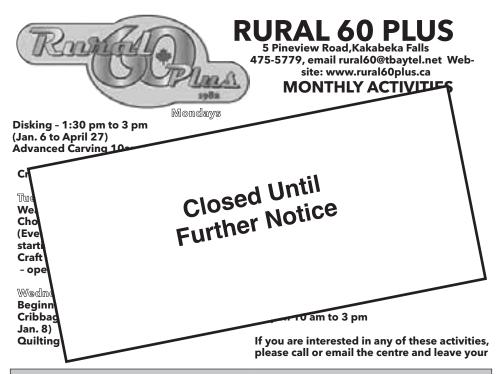
Food items can be dropped off at the Rapport Credit Union in Kakabeka Village, both the Rosslyn and Murillo Township of Oliver Paipoonge Libraries, Odena Foods, The Neebing Municipal Office, The O"Connor Municipal Office and Conmee Municipal Office during business hours.

The next Food Bank will be Wednesday, April 15th with Registration taking place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. If registration is missed clients will have to phone for an emergency hamper which is only given out once a year to anyone individual. Volunteers will stay at the food bank until all hampers are distributed. On Monday, April 13th Volunteers will be at the food bank from 6:15 P.M. to 7:45 P.M. preparing for food bank day. On Tuesday, April 14th, the Veggie Volunteers will be there from 1 P.M. to 2 P.M. You re welcome to bring items at these times.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Nolalu Seniors Club for a cash donation to the Food Bank from people attending. Sorry it got missed in my January article. So greatly appreciated.

ATTENTION: Music at the Kakabeka Legion to raise funds for the Food Bank has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus for March and April. You will be informed when Music starts up again. Thanks to WANNABES and JUST 4 YOU for offering their time and talents and the Kakabeka Legion. I am sure they will be back again when able.





NEEBING NEWS NOW DELIVERED TO YOUR MAILBOX (unless you have NO FLYERS posted) Deadline for the MAY issue of The Neebing News is APRIL 20!

Submissions and photos of community events and articles of interest are welcome, and can be sent to Chris Vaclav at designhouse@tbaytel.net. 628-7271

Kakabeka Music Jam Closes!

Effective immediately and with some regrets we feel it necessary to close the Kakabeka Falls Music Jam permanently. Heartfelt thanks to all the folks that have made it your jam in support of the Rural **Cupboard Food Bank for all these years.** God's Blessings to everyone. Donna & Eldon Kangas





MURILLO MINOR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2020 SPRING SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Helio Everyonel Things were going really well in our preparations for the 2020 spring softball season until all this COVID-19 virus chaos and uncertainty started. It would be such a disappointment to cancel the season,

We have over 330 kids registered for 28 teams: 6 teams in each of the T-Ball, 3-Pitch, Atom, PeeWee divisions; and 4 teams in the Bantam division. The season is scheduled to begin Monday May 4th and end Saturday June 20th with our annual Tournament and BBQ Day event. Thank you to the many volunteers who have agreed to coach our youth. Thank you to the many sponsoring businesses and individuals:

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Fire Plan Quiz Answers!

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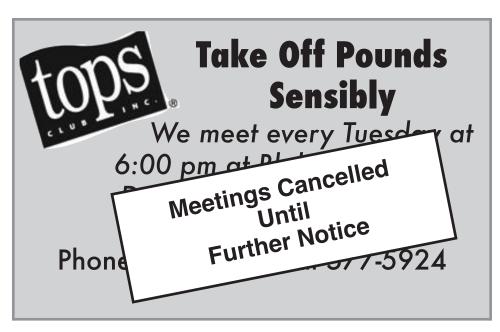
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Got an event happening? Want to wish someone a happy birthday or anniversary? Having a yard sale? 50 words or less. Events must be taking place in Neebing. No commercial submissions please. Send Info to designhouse@tbaytel.net or call 628-7271





4H NewSby Susie Rietdijk

Learn To Do By Doing

with family and friends for the "Breakfast Bonanza Project". Each member was assigned a topic. They were asked to make a poster with information and Some of the topics were; Excuses breakfast, Kitchen and microwave safety, How to prevent vegetable. Some of the members made during this project. Those were Pancakes, homemade fruit and maple syrup, smoothies, oatmeal muffins, and oatmeal cookies. Certificates were handed out were brought by everyone.

April is here and so is spring!! We for achievement night. A great job had a great Achievement Night by all the members who presented that evening.

We had planned to start a new project after March break, but due to COVID-19 we are unable to start another project at this time. present it at achievement night. We are still unsure if we will fit another project in before the sumand Solutions to have a good mer break, so at this time we will continue to monitor the situation. The safety of the members, famifires in the kitchen, fruits and lies and leaders will always be our number one priority. All curpresented the recipes of what we rent members will receive and update as soon as we know what the plan is.

We hope everyone in our club and our community is safe and well. Please don't hesitate to conand we all enjoyed snacks that tact myself Susie; 935-2787 or Jean; 935-2587 for information Thank you to all who came out about 4-H. Or visit the 4-H Ontario website.

https://www.4-hontario.ca

Founders Miuseum

by Jean Mayo

FOUNDERS' MUSEUM & PIO-NEER VILLAGE is opening its gates for the 2020 season on Saturday, May 9th. We will be opened every Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the summer from 12 to 4:30p.m. . We are located at the corner of Highway 61 and Gillespie Road in Slate River. Watch for ads for special event days throughout the season. If you would like to arrange a guided tour for a large group please phone 475-7424 or email opmuse2@tbaytel.net. Let the museum bring you back in time to pre-1947, where you can walk the village street and visit the shops, garages, pioneer home, cobbler

shop, school and more. There is a total of 15 exhibit buildings including a caboose for viewing. The museum is handicap accessible with the exception of stairs to the second story in the pioneer home and general store. We look forward to your visit with us this year. Be sure to start at the Train Station to say hi and get your directions. TAKE A WALK THROUGH THE PAST!

NOTE: The museum is always looking for volunteers for various jobs such as greeting the public, tour guides, assisting with craft days, kitchen work, gardening, fun activities and face painting.

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COVID-19 mitigation best practices other debris on the trails.

Creek Floodplain Mapping Update experienced in March 2019. Studies that were scheduled for

We are all concerned about the cur- March 18 and 19, 2020 were canrent COVID-19 pandemic, but it is celled; however LRCA staff are still important to remember that not accepting comments up to April 9, everything is cancelled. The out- 2020 via telephone (807-344-5857 ext. doors remains an excellent escape 223), email (info@lakeheadca.com) from the news, social media distrac- and Fax (807-345-9156). Staff are tions and the ever-changing ways available to discuss any concerns or we must adapt in order to flatten the provide further clarification regarding a specific property or the study

submitted by LRCA Staff

in the sights and sounds, enjoy the Watch for Lake Superior, within its beginnings of migratory bird season, area of jurisdiction. The beginning of March water level was 4 centimetres You are still advised to recognize below the record high set in 1986, 33 centimetres above average (1918while outside. If you are hiking with 2019) and the same level as last year. a friend, be sure to maintain the min- The current water level is approxiimum two metre space between you mately 64 centimetres lower than the and your companion; even though 100-year flood level for Lake Supeyou are outside, social distancing rior. Assuming average water supply practices still need to be utilized. As conditions, Lake Superior is exalways, be sure to wear appropriate pected to continue its seasonal defootwear as trails can be icy, muddy, cline into March; however, is slippery and uneven. The LRCA expected to remain above average does not maintain trails during win- for a prolonged period of time. Ice ter, so be aware of fallen trees and coverage on Lake Superior as of March 17, 2020 was 4.6%, which is The public open houses regarding well below average, and considerthe Pennock Creek and Mosquito ably less than the over 90% ice cover





The Rural Pharmacist: Pharmacies Navigating through COVID-19 Pandemic

by Devon Myers, Pharmacist/Owner, Kakabeka Falls/Rosslyn IDA Pharmacies

A lot has happened in the past month. I don't believe it necessary to emphasize the gravity of the situation occurring around the world as a result of the COVID-19 virus. Many people understand the importance of social distancing and the need for proper hand hygiene. These precautions have been recommended by both provincial and federal leaders and they are recommendations that our pharmacies strongly believe in and support. At the pharmacy level, we continue to follow recommendations as they arise. You may even notice changes around the stores from week-to-week. Because there are many moving pieces, I thought that it would be good to cover some of those changes in this months

article.

The first change you may notice when entering the pharmacy is that both Kakabeka and Rosslyn have had framed, plastic wrap installed around the dispensary. But don't be frightened! This barrier was installed to help protect both patients and staff from unnecessary contact. Hidden behind the plastic wrap are the same friendly faces you've come to know. We'd like to extend a thank you to the team at PerHol Construction for having the barriers installed in such a timely manner.

The second change that you'll likely notice is that most prescriptions are being provided as a one month supply. This comes from a recommendation from the Canadian Pharmacists Asso-

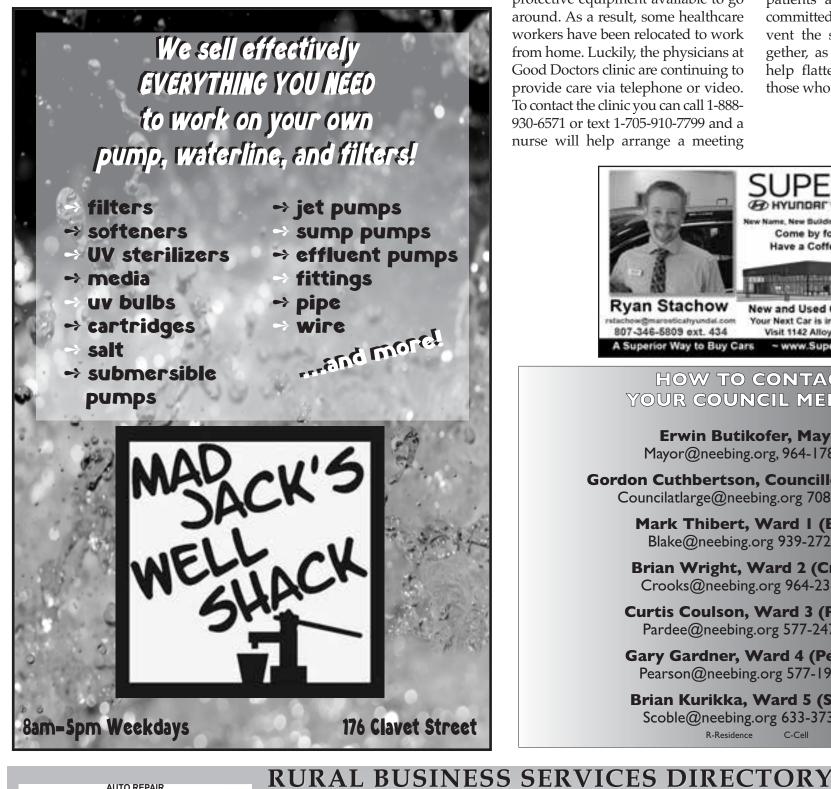
ciation and Ontario Pharmacists Association to help maintain the supply of medications for all Canadians. We don't want another toilet paper situation on our hands, do we? Even at the wholesaler level, there are policies in place to help prevent the uneven distribution of medications. Theoretically, this is a good thing. To highlight, most medications are still available, albeit there is always some medications on back order, and the supply chain continues to move along.

The third thing you may notice, well it may be the first thing if you visit Kakabeka, is that the walk-in clinic has temporarily stopped seeing patients in store. Most people are aware that there just is not enough personal protective equipment available to go around. As a result, some healthcare workers have been relocated to work from home. Luckily, the physicians at Good Doctors clinic are continuing to provide care via telephone or video. To contact the clinic you can call 1-888-930-6571 or text 1-705-910-7799 and a nurse will help arrange a meeting

with available doctors.

It would seem naïve to think that more changes won't be coming over the next few weeks. In the meantime, however, there are some things to consider when picking up your next prescription. Calling ahead or picking up the next day are great options to ensure medications are ready when you are. Feeling sick? Been in contact with someone who is sick or has travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days? We offer weekly delivery. Don't want to come into the pharmacy? We can take orders over the phone and we can arrange to have staff bring them to your vehicle. Please let us know how we can accommodate you.

We genuinely appreciate all of our patients and customers who have committed themselves to helping prevent the spread of COVID-19. Together, as a community, we can all help flatten the curve and protect those who mean the most to us.





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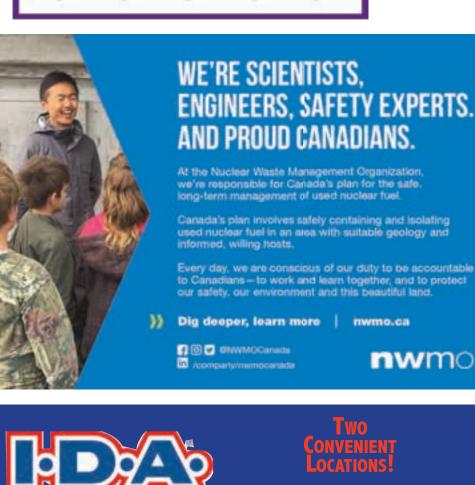
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