



# The Neebing News

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July 2021

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**EVERGREEN PHARMACIES ARE ON BOARD AND NOW OFFERING 1ST AND 2ND DOSES TO AGES 18+!**

As of June 29, Evergreen Pharmacies are offering the MODERNA Covid-19 vaccine at both Rosslyn and Kakabeka Falls Evergreen Pharmacy locations! To get on our waitlist, the easiest way is to access [www.evergreenrx.ca](http://www.evergreenrx.ca) and follow the prompts. More info on page 12!

## What's Been Happening at Council Meetings?

Since the May edition, there have been two regular Council meetings on June 2 and June 16. A Special Council meeting was also held on June 16.

At the regular Council meeting on June 2, the following matters were considered:

- Council directed Administration to create a monthly Economic Development Newsletter.
- Council authorized the launch of Curated Packages to promote Neebing.
- Council reviewed consultation documentation from the province on proposed regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act.
- Council passed a resolution to request that the Ministry of Transportation make repairs to Highway 597.
- Council reviewed the municipal mission and vision statements.

At the Special Council meeting on June 16 Council sitting as Committee of the Whole reviewed two applications for severance on Nicholson Road and Highway 595.

At the regular Council meeting on June 16, the following matters were considered:

- Council heard two deputations. One from a resident regarding the road around West Oliver Lake. The Second was from the Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy.

- Council awarded the gravel haul tender for work on Candy Mountain Drive, Oliver Creek Road and McCluskey Drive.
- Council approved new municipal mission and vision statements.
- Council adopted the strategic plan.
- Council authorized a funding submission for a fire bay addition at the municipal office.
- Council directed Administration to submit a letter of support for the Draft Biomass Action Plan.
- Council directed Administration to invite Enbridge Gas to attend a meeting.
- Council authorized participation in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's 2022 aerial photography project.

This article contains only highlights from Council meetings – visit the website to see the approved minutes from each of the meetings. The minutes of each meeting are approved at the following meeting, and are posted on the website once they have been approved and signed. If you don't have internet capabilities, you can always contact the office for copies of approved minutes.

Meeting agendas are always posted online on the Friday prior to the Wednesday meeting. Come out and see what your Council is doing on your behalf. Feel free to contact the Municipal Office for further information or with input into any of the items that Council is considering. During the pandemic, all meetings are being held virtually. The links to login to the meetings are posted on our website in the calendar details.

**2021 Neebing Burning Permits**

**Fire Permits are required for all open air burning in Neebing from April 1st to October 31st. Permits are available 24 hours a day on our website: [www.neebing.org/firepermits](http://www.neebing.org/firepermits) Permits are also available at AJ's Trading Post and Green Acre Variety**

**I GOT MY COVID-19 VACCINE!**

**To report a forest fire call 310-FIRE (3473)**

**South of the French and Mattawa rivers please call 911.**

**Kakabeka Farmers' Market in 2021!**

**Opening soon, pending COVID safety regulations.**

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COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet

# The COVID-19 vaccine: five things you need to know

Ontario's vaccination rollout is well underway. You can protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community by getting vaccinated. Here's more information about the COVID-19 vaccines.

- 1 No steps were skipped in developing these vaccines.** While the COVID-19 vaccines were made available quickly, they were developed using mRNA research and technology used by scientists since the early 1990s. This research is well developed and the technology has been used effectively and is proven safe and reliable.
- 2 COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19.** Unlike other vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines don't contain the virus itself. Instead, these types of vaccines teach our cells how to make a protein that will trigger an immune response and create antibodies.
- 3 The vaccines have been reviewed and approved by Health Canada.** In order to be used in Canada, all drugs, including vaccines, must meet the regulatory requirements for safety, efficacy and quality. Usually this review process can take a long time because new drugs and vaccines get added to the bottom of the list, and must wait their turn for review. However, these vaccines are so important they went right to the front of the line, allowing the process to be much quicker than usual.
- 4 Two doses deliver stronger immunity.** It is important to receive both doses of the vaccine to complete the vaccine series. Protection offered by the first dose helps your body build immunity and the second dose boosts your immunity. For example, the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are 94-95% effective after two doses.
- 5 When a large percentage of the population becomes immune to COVID-19, the spread of the virus will slow down or stop.** You can protect yourself, your loved ones and your community by getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

Check [ontario.ca/covidvaccine](http://ontario.ca/covidvaccine) regularly for up-to-date information on the vaccine and Ontario's distribution plan.



## Oliver Paipoonge Library Curbside Pickup Days

Rosslyn Library  
939-2312

Murillo Library  
935-2729

Tuesday 2:00 – 7:00

Wednesday 2:00 – 7:00

Email [oplibrary@tbaytel.net](mailto:oplibrary@tbaytel.net) or visit our web page <http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca> phone, email or visit our webpage to place holds for pickup.

The library recently received Memorial donations in memory of Gracie Stephenson, Joelynn MacKinnon, Judy Klages and Minnie Podolehuk. We thank the donors for allowing the library to honour these ladies with specially selected books that the whole community can share!



### This summer at the library....

TD Summer Reading kits will be available beginning July 6<sup>th</sup> for pick up while supplies last. These kits are geared to preschool or school-age children and contain a book full of summer fun activities and challenges. Each kit also comes with stickers, a 6-colour pen and a web-access code to unlock more online fun. Participants can complete the summer-recap page and return it to the library before August 31<sup>st</sup> to be entered into a draw for a \$25 Chapters gift certificate.

Each week starting July 6<sup>th</sup> Curbside Crafts will also be available. For pickup on a first come, first serve basis, one kit per child each week. Watch our Facebook page for weekly updates on What Curbside Craft will be offered.



As Covid restrictions recede, we are hoping to set up an outdoor Storywalk at the libraries this summer. Visit during library Curbside hours and read your way through the grounds. This Project is sponsored by TD Canada. Updates will follow on our Facebook page!

## Tips for Backyard Burning

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Don't burn when the weather is dry or windy.

Only burn dry, natural vegetation, never trash or plastic.

The site should be surrounded by 10 feet of dirt or gravel on all sides.

Make sure to keep your burn small and manageable.

Always stay with the fire until it is out, and drown the fire with water.



## NORWEST COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES – MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES

### July 2021



Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
For more information or to book an appointment, call <b>807.626.8474</b>			1 <b>CANADA DAY</b>	2
5	6 <b>SHEBANDOWAN - Footcare</b> 9:30am-4pm Community Centre <b>NEEBING-PCare</b> 11-5:00pm Blake Hall	7 <b>NOLALU - Footcare</b> 9:30am-4pm Community Centre	8 <b>O'CONNOR-PCare</b> 10:30am-5pm Community Centre <b>UPSALA -Footcare</b> 10am-3:30pm Community Centre	9
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All Clinics Are By Appointment  
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**ATTENTION**

MINIMUM 2 METERS

**COVID-19 IS HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS**





## RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

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Next Food Bank  
Wednesday, July 21  
Registration:  
9 am to 11 am



## Chix in the Stix

### Gushing

by Cindy Harasen

Do you think our city friends ever get tired of all the gushing we do about how amazing it is to live in the country? We should probably tone it down a bit or they're all gonna wanna live out here. We don't want it to get too crowded. I do enjoy hearing stories though about how people came to be rural residents. Whether its stories of multiple generations of country living, or city folks taking the leap. I love when empty-nesters head to the country for their twilight years, and when young families make the move to raise their kids here. It all warms my heart. And I of course have my own story. My personal transition from city-mouse to country-mouse was a bit of a surprise to me, and not something that had been in my long term plans. It was a leap of faith. There was definitely someone 'upstairs' pulling strings (with amusement). It's no big secret that I love farmers and love living in a farming community. But my personal interest in farming started long before I could even find Slate River on a map. Three decades ago, living and working in Toronto, I managed a variety of agricultural marketing research projects. Reviewing data I often had the opportunity to call and speak with farmers throughout Ontario - many from the Thunder Bay area. Day after day I wrote or typed out their family names, no clue of their nationality or origins. I still remember thinking "there sure are a lot of Breukelmans over there!" I wrote out the names of the municipalities and townships. Blake. Scoble. Pardee. And more. And I know I was pronouncing Paipoonge all wrong. But year after year I became more familiar with the names, the planting season, crop rotation and herbicide use. I recognized the farms of the fathers, sons, cousins and nephews. I learned a whole new vocabulary of farming lingo, though it wasn't much use in any other part of my big city life. And never in a million years did I imagine those folks would one day be my neighbours. So when one day I found myself packing up and heading 'home' to Thunder Bay, but instead of Port Arthur was settling in Blake Township - while the culture shock was undeniable, it also seemed very fitting. Suddenly there I

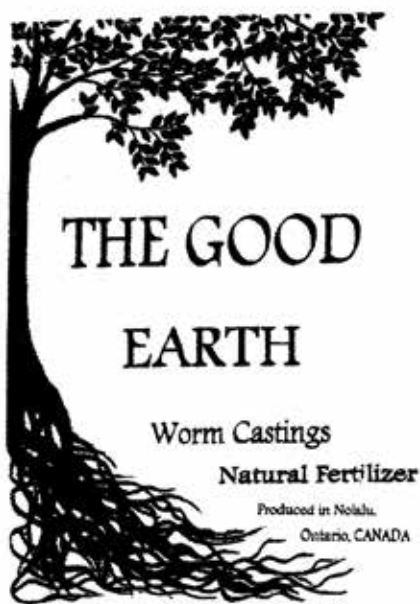
was driving by mailboxes with all those names I had come to know. Honestly even now some 24 years later there is rarely a time when I drive through the valley, past the fields, past those mailboxes, past those farmers, that I don't still smile at the serendipity of it all. And sure there are challenges with country life. My goodness I still laugh at all the things I had to adjust to during those early days. I mean for starters I did not have the proper wardrobe. At. All. I was not prepared for well water, septic fields, black flies, wood stoves, skunks, ticks, chickens and the list goes on. Even beautiful annual events like spring peepers, geese and cranes - trust me these are things you just don't see downtown Toronto. Suddenly I was praying for rain when I had never paid much attention to the weather before. In fact I was suddenly praying about a lot of things I hadn't thought about before. Please let the riding mower run for another year. Please let the snow-blower live for one more winter. Please keep the varmints out of the chicken coop. Please help me not hit a moose on the highway. These days I don't feel like a city slicker and probably wouldn't survive a day in Toronto now. But there is still a sense of awe and in many ways the novelty of country living hasn't completely worn off even after all this time. I mean the colours alone are gush-worthy. Those layers of luscious greens on the hills and in the fields. And soon there will be the vibrant yellow of the canola fields. I can hardly wait. I don't think I ever appreciated the seasons quite so much while living in the city. Each one is a new canvas and while I definitely don't want to rush summer, or any season for that matter, I still relish the anticipation of the next one. While I still get a kick out of the past that brought me here, it doesn't matter how we ended up here in this beautiful rural paradise, what matters is that we continue to embrace it and make the most of it! If Covid has taught us anything hopefully it's to slow down and appreciate and treasure the here and now! And honestly I can't think of any place I'd rather endure a pandemic than right here. So let's keep gushing!



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## Rural Family Centre



### The Centre is closed until further notice.

We hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy.

We look forward to seeing you when our EarlyON programs begin again!

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## Extreme Heat

Extreme heat can be dangerous for everyone, but people who work outdoors, the elderly, some people with disabilities, and children, particularly infants, are more vulnerable.

### Hazard Information

Extreme heat can make you sick with heat stroke, heat rash and/or heat cramps.

### Safety Tips

If you feel dizzy, weak or overheated:

- go to a cool place;
- sit or lie down;
- drink water;
- wash your face with cool water

If you don't feel better soon, seek medical help immediately.

### If you are indoors:

- stay indoors to limit sun exposure
- take frequent cool showers or baths
- stay on lower floors if there's no air conditioning
- drink water and eat light, regular meals — avoid using salt

### If you are outdoors:

- spend the hottest part of the day in air-conditioned buildings
- drink water every 15 to 20 minutes even if you aren't thirsty
- dress in light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing covering as much of your skin as possible
- wear a wide-brimmed hat to protect your face
- wear full UVA and UVB protection sunglasses
- apply sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher 20 minutes before going outside
- apply lip balm with an SPF 15 or higher

### Prepare Now

Take the following steps so you and your family are prepared in the event of an emergency:

- cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes, shades or awnings
- include extra water, sunscreen and sunglasses (with full UVA and UVB protection) in your emergency survival kit



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# The Junction

*in Rosslyn*

## Summer Clothing

## PANTRY

We have an assortment of ladies', men's and children's summer clothing items.

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

## EMERGENCY TEXT ALERT SERVICE for Neebing Residents



Sign up for Neebing's Emergency Text Alert Service. This text alert service is used to notify our residents via text message of immediate dangers or emergencies occurring in our community such as evacuations, road closures, forest fires and other hazards. Sign up is free but you must have a smartphone equipped to receive text messages to use this service as it does not work on land lines.

Sign up at [neebing.org/textalerts](http://neebing.org/textalerts) or send us your name, Neebing address, and your text-enabled cell phone number including area code to [neebing@neebing.org](mailto:neebing@neebing.org) or call us at 474-5331. Your personal information is kept strictly confidential.

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## Sounds of Superior Chorus Presents.... Sing Sing Sing

by Sharron Kershaw

The red carpet was rolled out and the photographers were poised as the guests "zoomed in" all decked out in glitz and glamor. After being interviewed by our host/Director Jason Scriver they were escorted in for the unveiling of our virtual performance of Sing Sing Sing! Even though we can't sing together we can still sing on our own and bring it all together in one performance. Thanks to Lana for getting us started on this journey and to Jean-Paul De Roover of Blueprints for putting it

all together. Our virtual performance can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/oQg0IAOJPYo>. We have been fortunate to welcome new members and guests at our weekly zoom practices. Visit our webpage or find us on face. Thank you to Superior Shores Gaming for their continued financial support enabling us to continue our passion of singing a cappella four part harmony.



## Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

submitted by LRCA Staff

If you plan on visiting a Conservation Area this summer, please remember that you must comply with all local and provincial orders regarding COVID-19, including group sizes, physical distancing practices, and mask-wearing when unable to comply with physical distancing requirements.

While visiting, all pets must always be on-leash, and picked up after. Please do not litter; if the garbages are full, remove your garbage instead of leaving it on the ground or piled next to the cans. Our staff are working diligently to try and stay on top of Conservation Areas upkeep and maintenance but with more and more people visiting, we would ap-

preciate your cooperation in this regard. Don't forget your \$5.00 parking fee (or display your Explore Card); coin box and Explore Card Parking Pass revenue goes directly to Conservation Area maintenance and upkeep.

Please be advised that pay-and-display units will be installed at Cascades and Mission Island Marsh Conservation Areas this year; both of those areas will have parking payment enforcement under the City of Thunder Bay Parking By-law.

The LRCA appreciates your continued support and understanding, and we look forward to your continued cooperation.

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- ✓ Road Building

## NEEBING LANDFILL NEWS



### Summer Landfill Hours

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



### Garbage Bag Tags

Regular household garbage requires a Municipal Garbage Bag Tag. Pick up your tags at the landfill sites directly during regular hours of operation. You must present photo ID to the attendant in order to receive your tags.



### Back to Bags for Plastics & Cans

Please BAG your plastics and cans. Clear and blue bags are recommended. Bags help to keep the mountain of recycling much more manageable. Cardboard does not have to be bagged, only flattened.

## HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER

**Erwin Butikofer, Mayor**, Mayor@neebing.org, 964-1788 (R)

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# Neebing Fire/ Rescue Association NFRA News

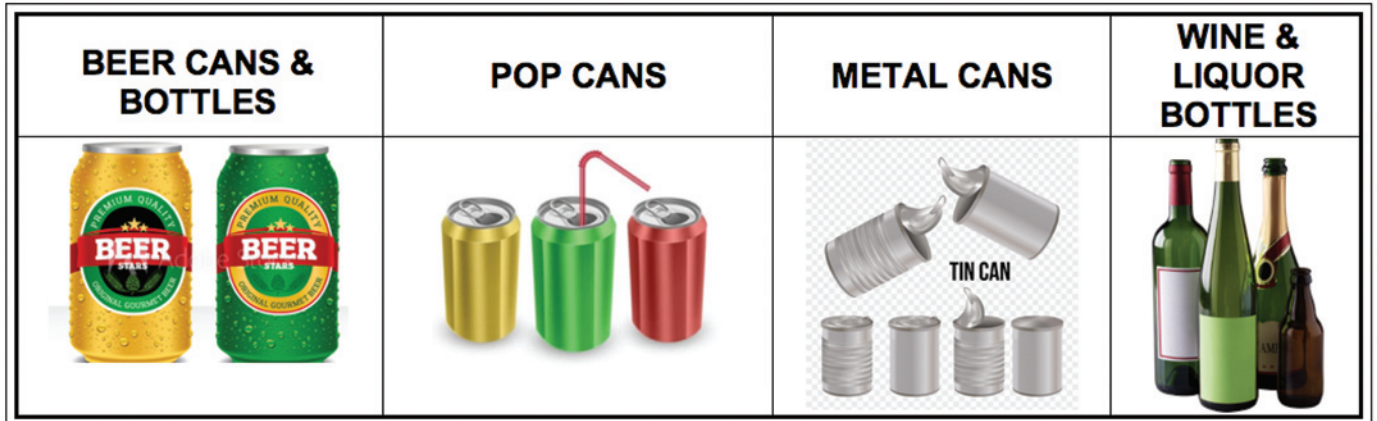
Respectfully submitted: Joy Harris, President NFRA

It's funny when the things you thought you knew turn out to be only partially right.

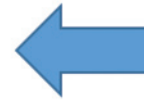
I thought that I was doing the responsible thing by sorting my paper/cardboard and cans/cartons for recycling into the sea cans at the landfill. While that is absolutely true, and saves precious landfill space for our future, I didn't know I could also help our community's emergency responders by doing just a little bit more...

By separately bagging returnable beer cans and bottles, pop (aluminum) cans, metal cans and wine/liquor bottles and bags I could place those items in the NFRA bins instead!

That small act translates into funding for needed gear and equipment for Neebing Emergency Services. *My recycling could do more!*



NFRA COLLECTION BIN



We are incredibly grateful to those who are way ahead of me and already donate into our bins. If you haven't yet, maybe this week would be a good time to start!

Our volunteers will also sort mixed-bag donations of the above, if that is best for you.

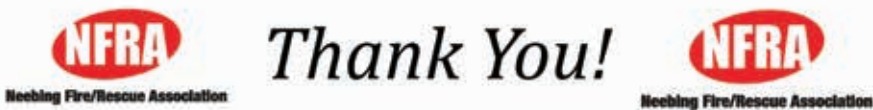
NFRA collects, sorts and trucks these donations into Thunder Bay for refund or recycling; providing funds for replacement air bottles, portable pumps and other gear for our Neebing Emergency Services team.

*We Thank You!*

Our latest Silent Auction that ran from May 30th through June 6th, was a TREMENDOUS success! Thank you to our residents and friends of Neebing, without whom, we couldn't have surpassed our fundraising goal. Please see the list of generous donors below! NFRA raised close to \$4000 to support our emergency services 'Neighbors and Heroes'!

We truly appreciate your continued support for NFRA! Thank you.

Be safe, be well and be kind. We are in this together. Joy Harris, NFRA - President 628-2015



The "Supporting our Neighbours and Heroes" online silent auction that was held from May 30th - June 6th raised \$4000.00! Thank you to all these donors for their generous donations. Neebing Fire/Rescue Association supports Neebing Emergency Services by fundraising to purchase equipment.

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| <b>Generous supporters:</b>                  | ◊ Home Depot                                         | ◊ Ray Koenig                            |
| ◊ Aki Peltonen                               | ◊ Hosanna Fire Protection Services                   | ◊ RBC                                   |
| ◊ April Broennele                            | ◊ Interstellar Outdoor Cinema                        | ◊ Real Canadian Superstore              |
| ◊ Arlynn Nobel                               | ◊ Jamie Jarvis                                       | ◊ Roderick MacKenzie                    |
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# Neebing Emergency Services

by Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief, Neebing



## July - Let the Summer Fun Begin !

July ..... summer really and truly is here and we all want to take advantage of the season and all it offers.

Summer fun comes in many different activities to many different people. For some its gardening, or biking or canoeing or fishing or..... well the list goes on and they are all fun to someone. With the prospect of a diminishing need for many of the pandemic protocols, who isn't looking forward to a good olde fashioned summer in 2021. There is even talk of at least some cross border activity happening as summer progresses. You can almost hear cries of 'Road Trip' from kids and parents alike anxious to get out and break the COVID bonds.

For the group pictured below summer fun is focused on 'pushing water' out of a fire truck.



The fire truck of course is Neebing's new pumper truck P108, the fire team is so happy to have it home and have summer weather to enjoy while it is put it through its paces. You can expect to see P108 'pushing water' frequently this summer as we become familiar with this new 'member' of the team. As things 'open' with the pandemic rules expect a more full introduction of P108 to the community and a more formal recognition of the signifi-

cant support to all those who assisted in making this new pumper a reality. And while summer fun in whatever form is a wonderful benefit to life in Neebing, and while everyone is encouraged to make the most of an always too short summer season, it is important not to forget to remain safe so your summer fun is not disrupted by something avoidable. And while you need to be alert to summer fire safety concerns such as BBQs, cottage safety and forest fires the year-round safety threats of cooking, smoking and electrical safety do not take a vacation, nor does the need to ensure your smoke and CO alarms are in good operating order to give you an early warning of CO and fire threats in your home.

There is considerable information available regarding best practices to remain safe while enjoying summer fun activities and as you move through summer it is important to be able to easily refresh on safety concerns as you make your plans. While there are a number of sources for such information the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs web page provides an excellent and ready source of advice and guidance on safety tips for enjoying your favourite summer activities: <https://www.oafc.on.ca/spring-summer-fire-safety-tips>

Forest fires are a constant seasonal threat during the summer in Neebing and conditions can change dramatically in a matter of a few days. The conditions that impact forest fire threat such as low humidity, heat, wind and lack of recent rain have been discussed in past articles and Neebing residents are advised to obtain and closely follow the requirements outlined on the Neebing Fire Permits and to follow FireSmart guidelines; [https://firesmartcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/FS\\_Home-Ignition-Zone-Poster.pdf](https://firesmartcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/FS_Home-Ignition-Zone-Poster.pdf) to help protect their properties from the threat of forest fires.

While weather services can provide excellent detailed information on humidity and temperature if you are looking for a quick reference on daily fire activity and the current level of fire threat you may find the following interactive map on the MNR web site helpful;

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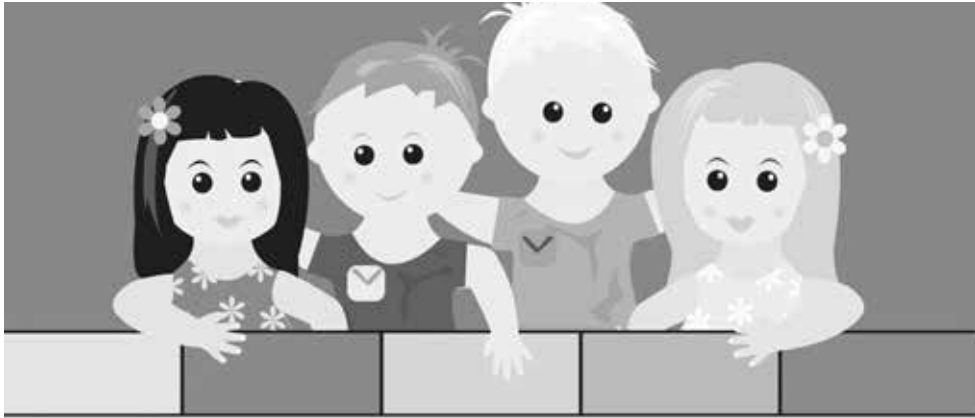
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## Connecting with Kids in the Kids Corner!

by D. Dodd-Smith

**Calling all kids!** We need you to send in all your poems, short stories, thoughts, ideas, crafts, art, and even pictures of your pet with a moustache on. Even if you went somewhere cool or found something awesome we want to hear about it! Even just in a pic of you exploring somewhere is great. Submissions will be printed in the newspapers and posted in the on-line edition.

*So, if you have something cool to share, send it to [designhouse@tbaytel.net](mailto:designhouse@tbaytel.net)*

There is another contest. You can make a poster of the Virtual Hymers Fair Theme (announced next month). The winner's will be the Hymers Fair official banner! It will be due **July 18, 2021**.

*Let's Connect through The Neebing News!  
Have a Neat Tip to stay busy during this time?  
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**This was submitted by Elsie Petryna.**

**LOW SUGAR, STRAWBERRY RHUBARB CRUNCH**

Heat oven to 350 degrees

Ingredients:  
 4 cups of chopped rhubarb  
 1 pint strawberries  
 1 tablespoon honey  
 1 cup rolled oats  
 1/4 cup brown sugar  
 1/4 cup butter  
 1 teaspoon cinnamon



Instructions:

1. Stir together the rhubarb, strawberries and honey in a bowl.
2. Transfer to a shallow, buttered baking dish
3. In a bowl, stir together the oats, brown sugar and cinnamon. Mix in the butter till crumbly, and spread on top of the fruit mixture.
4. Bake for 40 minutes until the rhubarb is tender and the topping is toasted.

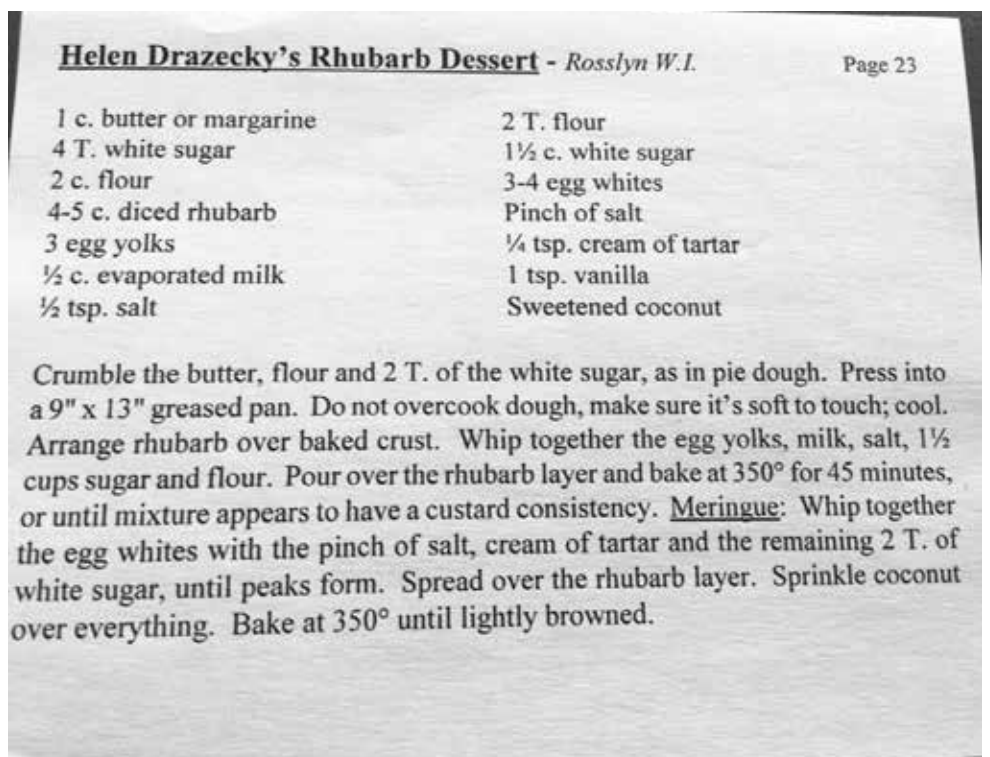
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**RHUBARB BEVERAGE**

Rhubarb also makes a colourful, refreshing ,summer drink. Just cook 4 cups of rhubarb in 2 or 3 cups of water and 1/2 cup of sugar until the rhubarb is soft and mushy. Strain the rhubarb mixture and discard or repurpose the pulp. Add a 6 ounce container of lemonade to the rhubarb juice and stir. The juice may be frozen or refrigerated. When ready to use just add ginger ale and serve over ice. Enjoy!  
 "Grant that we may realize that it is the little things in life that create differences, that in the big things of life we are one."

**ROSSLYN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE RECIPE**

*This member (Helen Drazucky) has sadly passed away but Rosslyn WI members still bake this recipe of hers.*



**Hymers Fair  
 News**

by Shannon Dodd-Smith



Hey Kids! Thank you for entering the Holstein drawing contest. The winner is ELLA CHALLEN! thanks to ELLA we have our **colouring page for the 10 and under contest**. Download from our Website/Facebook/Instagram (it will be posted by August 3). We also have "The Tradition Continues" **poster contest for 10 and under, due July 18th at exhibits@hymersfair.com**. This replaces the Prize Book Cover Contest (for 2021 only).

- B. Photo Contest (i)most creative baby photo, ii) office/home "classroom" macro, iii) soil in the making.)
- C. Scarecrow Contest (front yard/porch display required)
- D. Biggest Pumpkin (front yard/porch display required with a ruler beside it)
- E. Strangest gourd/pumpkin/zucchini (front yard/porch display)
- F. Best Poem - Winner to be published in the rural Newsletters (half page limit)
- G. Best Short Story (half page limit)
- H. Best Outdoor Fall Display
- J. Good Deed Executed by You or For You During Pandemic
- I. Pandemic Pet Photo & "Interview" - pre-set questions to be posted on line by August 3rd

More info will be available at: [www.hymersfair.com](http://www.hymersfair.com), Facebook and Instagram by August 3rd.

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- Also Watch For:**
- 50/50 Tickets - Info TBD
  - Traditional Dining Hall Meal Take-out (by pre-order) - Info TBD
  - Livestock Competitions and Shows! Info TBD

On-line Labour Day Weekend (Fair Weekend) exhibits will be **for fun!** Entries will be displayed on Facebook & YouTube starting Fair Weekend; but are **due by August 23rd**.

**Contests 2021:**

A. Colouring Contest: colouring pages for adults/youth and kids (download after August 3rd)

**Finally:** A HUGE thank you to all of you who supported the Ag Bag event! *Watch for it again in the future.*



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Updated July 1, 2021

## Municipal Buildings:

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## Municipal Council Meetings:

- Council meetings are virtual and held on regular council dates being the first and third Wednesday of each month (summer meeting schedule is once per month being July 7 and August 11). A 'virtual meeting' is the hosting of a meeting in a virtual environment and not face-to-face. Participants call in by telephone or connect online through the internet.
- Prior to all meetings, agendas, meeting documents and public participation details are posted on our website [www.neebing.org/events](http://www.neebing.org/events).

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# The Rural Pharmacist: Now Booking Covid-19 Vaccine Appointments!

by Henry Tempelman, Pharmacist/Owner of Evergreen Pharmacies

**WE ARE ON BOARD AND NOW OFFERING 1ST AND 2ND DOSES TO AGES 18+!** As of June 29, we are offering the MODERNA covid-19 vaccine at both Rosslyn and Kakabeka Falls Evergreen Pharmacy locations! To get on our waitlist, the easiest way is to access [www.evergreenrx.ca](http://www.evergreenrx.ca) and follow the prompts for your preferred location and enter your information. Please book online if you are able because this makes the process easier for us and prevents our phone systems from being overwhelmed (on top of our other pharmacy duties!). **Only if you are unable to book a spot on our waitlist online then call us and we can help get you signed up.** Once you are on our waitlist then WE will contact YOU to book an appointment. :) Please do not call the pharmacy to ask your position on the wait list.

Another month, another new set of recommendations and updates to follow with the COVID vaccine schedules. That's okay though! We are witnessing science in action, which means we are following evidence-based medicine to maximize benefits while minimizing risk.

If you got the AstraZeneca vaccine, you did the RIGHT THING! You reduced your risk for contracting severe COVID-19 virus and reducing the risk of transmission to those around you. Getting your first dose of ANY vaccine was important for your protection and others.

Getting your second dose? That's the next important part! NACI (Na-

tional Advisory Committee on Immunization) has updated their guidance on second dose vaccinations; If AstraZeneca was your first dose then NACI is now recommending that your second dose be an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna). The mixing of AstraZeneca followed by an mRNA vaccine has proven to produce a stronger immune response to the COVID-19 virus than two doses of AstraZeneca. The emerging Delta variant, amongst other variants, is highly transmissible and poses high risk of hospitalization. Fortunately, none of the variants have demonstrated the ability to evade the strong immune response of fully vaccinated persons. Being FULLY vaccinated is the most important thing you can do!

If you got AstraZeneca for your first dose, the most important vaccine is the one you can get soonest! If you have a choice then your second dose should be Pfizer or Moderna. If you can't get Pfizer or Moderna, but you can get AstraZeneca soon then AstraZeneca will still improve your protection immensely. The risk of a severe blood clotting disorder with a 2nd AstraZeneca dose is 1 in 600,000.

If you got Pfizer or Moderna for your first dose, then a second dose if of Pfizer or Moderna is preferred. Again, the theme is to get whichever dose you can get first, even if it means mixing doses. If you have a choice, then it is recommended to stick with the same dose of vaccine. Canada has a large supply of Moderna (at the time of this writing) and delays in Pfizer

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With any second dose of vaccine, there is the possibility for more, the same or less side effects than you experienced with your first dose. These side effects are usually limited to 1 or 2 days and can improve with appropriate rest, fluids and acetaminophen.

And remember, the body builds immunity for approximately two weeks post-vaccination so be sure to continue safe lifestyle practices!

As of June 28th, all Ontarians ages 18+ who received mRNA for their first dose can book their second dose, with at least 28 days between doses. Anybody who received AstraZeneca for the first dose can mix with an mRNA and receive their second dose 8 weeks following their first dose. Childrens aged 12-17 are able to book appointments for the Pfizer vaccine regimen. Thanks to everyone who completed the Norwest survey last month in efforts to continue to grow and recruit

more health services in our rural community. With our continued support and success, we strive to improve quality and accessible health services in our community. Can't be done without the incredible support we continue to receive from the community!

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