



# The Neebing News

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**March  
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presents Tracy  
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### Lotsa Dots Mandala Art

Lisa Dampier is the owner of Lotsa Dots Mandala Art. She is a mandala artist and educator who loves mandala painting and turned her passion into a hobby and part-time small business.  
Lisa designs and hand-paints her items using high-quality materials. Lisa then cures and protects the items to ensure durability and endurance.  
You can contact Lisa at:  
[LotsaDotsByLisa@gmail.com](mailto:LotsaDotsByLisa@gmail.com)  
Phone (807)626-3722 and view her work on Facebook or on her webpage [www.lotsadotsbylisa.ca](http://www.lotsadotsbylisa.ca)



## THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING NOTICE LOAD RESTRICTION

Road users are requested to take notice that Load Restrictions were applied to all municipal roads within Neebing, effective Monday, March 24, 2025 at 12:01 a.m. and will continue until further notice.  
Check with the municipal office or check Neebing's website and Facebook page for updates.  
Barry Livingston  
Public Works Foreman



# When to Contact the OPP

## When to Call 911

If someone’s health, immediate safety or property is threatened, call 911. When calling 911, be specific about what services(s) you need, ie: Police, Fire and/or Ambulance and provide as much detail as possible.

## When to Call the Non-Emergency Line

For non-emergency events or minor crimes you can either:

- Call the 24-hour toll-free number at 1-888-310-1122;
- Call the detachment at 807-683-4200; or
- File a report online at <https://www.opp.ca/index.php?id=132>

## The following can be reported online:

- Theft Under \$5,000
- Mischief / Damage to Property Under \$5,000
- Mischief / Damage to Vehicle Under \$5,000
- Theft from Vehicle Under \$5,000
- Lost / Missing Property Under \$5,000 including a license plate(s) or validation sticker(s)
- Theft of any type of gasoline from a gas station
- Driving Complaints

## The following should be reported in-person by calling the toll-free or detachment numbers:

- the occurrence happened outside of OPP jurisdiction
- there are any identifiable suspects
- someone was injured
- the occurrence involves a weapon
- the occurrence involves any damage to a motor vehicle due to an actual or apparent collision, including fail to remain collisions
- the occurrence involves a break and enter (e.g. unlawful entry and theft from a house, a building or a structure)
- the occurrence involves drugs or gambling (including lottery tickets)
- the occurrence involves a passport

The OPP use the data from calls to track patterns and create operational plans for patrolling and staffing. Residents are encouraged to report non-emergency events to help the detachment plan for where the resources are most needed.

## How is the municipality billed for OPP Services?

The municipality is not billed on a per call basis. The majority of the cost for OPP services is based on the number of occupied properties within the municipality. There is an annual flat rate charge for each household and business. The rest of the cost is based on a percentage of municipal calls for service across the entire province and accounts for a small portion of the annual bill. If you would like more details about the cost for policing, please contact the municipal office.

**VOLLEYBALL DROP-IN CO-ED 18+ FUN LEAGUE**



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**WHEN:** Thursday nights from 7pm - 9pm (except during school holidays)

**WHERE:** Valley Central School gym

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# DIY Metal Art Class

Sunday April 6th, 2025 1 to 3 pm, Blake Hall, 71 Blake Hall Road  
\$65/person

Join us for a delightful afternoon of creativity at our DIY metal class. Your group will have the opportunity to craft the afternoon away. As promised, you will have the choice of either a pine tree or sleeping giant. All Materials provided. Trees and sleeping giants are pre-cut. Hosted by Pickled Pike Crafts. Call or text Katherine @ 807-631-1869 by



April 1st, 2025. Snacks and Refreshments provided  
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## Contact Us - Municipality of Neebing

**Complaints, Concerns, or Questions:** Want action on a problem? Want answers to your Municipal questions? Get accurate information right from the source: [www.neebing.org](http://www.neebing.org) or call the office at 807-474-5331. Report your concern, voice your complaint, or get answers to your Municipal questions with the click of a mouse or a phone call.

**Emergency Road Condition Reporting:** If you encounter an emergency road condition such as a washout, a sinkhole, etc., please call the Municipal Office direct 474-5331 even if you are calling outside of regular office hours (Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm). Leave us a detailed voice message as the municipal voice mailbox is monitored to help us act quickly when such emergency issues occur.

Municipal complaints or concerns posted on social media forums or website pages not maintained by the Municipality are not monitored or recorded. Please, contact the Municipal Office direct - we are here to help!

## 2005 Neebing Burning Permits

Fire Permits are required for all open air burning in Neebing during the fire season beginning April 1st through to October 31st. Permits are available during the Fire Season 24 hours a day on our website: [www.neebing.org/firepermits](http://www.neebing.org/firepermits). The Fire Permit Portal opens at 12:01 a.m. on April 1, 2025.

## HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## 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. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the office.

## How to Contact the Neebing Municipal Office

Office hours: Monday – Friday (9:00am – 5:00pm)  
Phone: (807) 474 5331

Email: [Neebing@neebing.org](mailto:Neebing@neebing.org)

Website: [www.neebing.org](http://www.neebing.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/neebing](http://www.facebook.com/neebing)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/municipalityofneebing/](http://www.instagram.com/municipalityofneebing/)

# What’s Been Happening at Council Meetings

Since the March edition, there have been two regular meetings of Council on March 5 and 19, 2025 and one special meeting of Council on March 5, 2025.

At the special Council meeting on March 5, 2025, Council reviewed the second draft of the 2025 budget.

At the regular Council meeting on March 5th, the following matters were considered:

- Council authorized the purchase of wildland fire rated personal protective equipment.
- Council reviewed a request to purchase punch cards at the landfill sites. This service will be provided in the future when payment services can be provided at the landfill sites.
- Council supported resolutions from municipalities promoting buy local, buy Canadian campaigns.
- Council approved a sponsorship for the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation Motorcycle Ride for Dad.
- Council passed a by-law to update the rental fees for the Blake Hall property.

At the regular Council meeting on March 19th, the following matters were considered:

- Council passed a by-law to update building permit fees.
- Council passed a resolution to direct staff to support the local economy and to buy Canadian wherever possible.
- Council reviewed the first draft of a Facility Rental Usage Policy for the Blake Hall property.
- Council supported a resolution related to landlord tenant reforms.

The next Council meetings will be held on April 2 and 16, 2025. Regular Council meetings are normally scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month; however, there is only one meeting in January, July and August.

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. **The meetings are now being held at the Municipal Office, but there is the option to attend virtually as well. The links to login to the meetings are posted on our website in the calendar details.**

# Trash is Cash

Did you know that by diverting materials from the landfill sites, you can not only help protect the environment but put some cash in your pocket or save money?

*Here are some examples:*

- **Upcycling** – Repurpose unwanted items into products of higher value or quality, such as turning old furniture into unique pieces that can be sold or save you money on buying new furniture.
- **Scrap Metal** – Collect and sell scrap metal to one of the local metal recycling companies.
- **Bottle/Can Return** – Beer cans and liquor bottles can be returned to the Beer Store for cash. Pop cans can also be placed into the Neebing Fire Rescue Association bins at the landfill site to help them fundraise for equipment to support our emergency services.
- Participating in recycling and diversion programs, helps residents stay within their allotted bag limit and reduces the need to purchase additional punch cards.
- In the long-term, diverting materials from the landfill sites will extend the life of the landfill and provide more time for the municipality to save money for future closure and opening costs, which will decrease the burden on the taxpayers.



# Why Do Municipalities Put Limits on Waste Disposal at Landfill Sites?

**The answer is – we can’t afford a new one!** Landfills are a large burden on our municipal budget and therefore you the taxpayer! In an effort to minimize this burden, Neebing charges tipping fees and put bag limits in place to encourage minimizing the waste to extend the life of our landfills. There are different ways that you can manage waste, such as recycling, reusing, repurposing, rehoming, composting, or choosing products with less packaging.

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) regulates and monitors landfill site approvals and operation. In 2018, an MECP inspection determined that Scoble Landfill was at capacity and Sand Hill Landfill was nearing capacity but was also outside the approved boundaries. Neebing was ordered to take certain actions to address these findings, which would lead to either an expansion of the sites or the eventual closure. These orders lead to the completion of preliminary groundwater studies and landfill closure cost studies.

The studies estimated that it would cost the municipality \$435,000 to close the Scoble Landfill in 2018 and \$1,583,000 in 2029 to close the Sand Hill Landfill. We can assume the costs will be significantly higher than previously estimated.

Following the closure of a landfill site, municipalities are required to monitor the effluent leeching from the sites for 25 to 50 years. It is estimated that the cost of monitoring for two landfill sites will be about \$50,000 per year.

When these sites close, there is no guarantee that the province will approve a new site for a landfill and the municipality could be forced to truck waste to another landfill outside the municipality, which is more costly than running a landfill site. It can take ten or more years to select a site and obtain regulatory approvals for a new landfill site and the costs are more than our municipality can afford.

For these reasons, Council decided to apply to expand both landfill sites to add another 30 years of life. The work on the Scoble application was started first since it was already at capacity and once that was well underway, work began on the Sand Hill application. Since the MECP orders, it has **cost the municipality nearly \$350,000** on studies and well monitoring in preparation to submit the expansion applications and there is still more work to be done.

In a typical year, the revenues from landfill tipping fees can be anywhere from \$6,000 to \$12,000. This doesn’t come anywhere close to the annual operating costs for the landfill sites, which are nearly \$170,000.

Landfills are expensive, and we need to make them last as long as possible. Ideally, at least 100 years. To accomplish this, we need residents to be active participants in waste management. Bag limits encourage increased diversion which benefits the life of the landfill and the environment. Waste diversion puts materials back into the economy and supports jobs and most importantly will save tax dollars.

Please help extend the life of our landfill sites by minimizing waste and diverting materials where possible.

## NEEBING LANDFILL NEWS



### Summer Landfill Hours

A reminder that summer hours start at the landfill on April 1<sup>st</sup>

Saturdays: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sundays & Wednesdays: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm



### Garbage Punch Cards

Regular household garbage requires a punch on your Municipal Punch Card. Be sure to bring your punch card to the landfill each time. No punch card means you will not be permitted to dump your garbage.



### 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.

# Allergy Season is Upon Us: How to Prepare

By Meaghan Forneri, Deputy Chief of Medical Operations

As spring approaches, it's a reminder for those affected by seasonal allergies that allergy season is fast approaching. According to the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI), about one-quarter of Canadians suffer from seasonal allergies.

### What is an Allergy?

An allergy is a multifactorial condition influenced by both environmental and hereditary factors. It occurs when the immune system reacts to allergens (substances in the environment), resulting in an allergic reaction. The immune system produces an antibody called immunoglobulin E (IgE), which releases chemicals like histamine into the bloodstream. Histamine helps eliminate allergens, but also causes symptoms like sneezing, itching, hives, and watery eyes. While allergies can interfere with daily activities and cause frustration and fatigue, most cases are mild.

### Common Allergens:

- Pollen: A fine, powdery substance produced by trees, grass, and weeds. In Canada, tree pollen peaks in spring (late April to May), grass and weed pollen peak in summer (late May to mid-July) and fall (mid-August to October).
- Mould: A type of fungus caused by excess water and humidity, often found in poorly ventilated areas like bathrooms and basements.
- Pet Dander: Flecks of dead skin shed by pets with fur or feathers, like dogs, cats, and birds. These particles float in the air and are the primary cause of pet allergies.
- Dust Mites: Microscopic bugs that thrive in humid, dust-prone environments, such as pillows, mattresses, carpets, and stuffed toys.

### Allergy Symptoms:

Allergy symptoms can vary from person to person, and may develop within minutes or over several hours. Common symptoms include:

- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Itchy nose, eyes, and roof of mouth
- Red, watery eyes
- Nasal congestion, leading to headaches
- Pressure in the nose and cheeks
- Ear fullness and popping
- Postnasal drip

### Did You Know?

- Respiratory allergies, like allergic rhinitis, affect 1 in 5 Canadians.
- 80% of people with asthma also suffer from allergic rhinitis or sinusitis.
- Allergies can impact your quality of life at work, school, and play.
- Allergic rhinitis and sinusitis are linked to more severe or frequent asthma symptoms.
- 75% of asthma patients also have seasonal allergies.
- Allergies and asthma often overlap, as many of the same allergens trigger both conditions.
- Seasonal allergies can worsen asthma and may be a risk factor for its development.
- Proper management of allergies can reduce asthma symptoms and may even prevent the onset of asthma.

### Medications:

Common medications to help manage allergies include Claritin, Benadryl, Reactine, Allegra, and Alerius, among others. If you have asthma and seasonal allergies, be sure to carry both your asthma inhalers and allergy medication with you to ensure your safety.

ALLERGY



SYMPTOMS



RUNNY NOSE



RASH



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VOMITING



SWELLING



WATERING EYES

TREATMENT



DROPS



INHALATION



PILLS



INJECTION



# FireSmart

## Understanding the FireSmart Program: Protecting Your Home and Community

By Fawn Kellar, Public Information Officer

As wildfires become an increasing threat, the FireSmart program helps communities and homeowners reduce fire risks through education, planning, and physical changes to the environment. Whether you live in rural or urban areas, FireSmart provides tools to safeguard your property and ensure community safety.

### What is FireSmart?

FireSmart is a program designed to help homeowners and communities reduce wildfire risks by offering practical strategies and guidelines for fire prevention and emergency preparedness. It focuses on proactive steps to protect homes and infrastructure from potential wildfire damage.

### Why is FireSmart Important?

Wildfires can spread quickly, causing severe damage to homes, infrastructure, and the environment. In Canada, areas like British Columbia and Alberta are particularly vulnerable. FireSmart helps minimize these risks by encouraging property protection, vegetation management, and emergency readiness.

### Key Elements of FireSmart

1. **Home Assessments:** Evaluate your property's vulnerability to fire and develop a tailored risk reduction plan.
2. **Defensible Space:** Clear dry vegetation and create a buffer zone around your home to slow the spread of fire.
3. **Vegetation Management:** Use fire-resistant plants and regularly trim overgrown vegetation to limit fire risk.
4. **Building Materials:** Use fire-resistant materials for roofs, siding, and decks to protect your home.
5. **Emergency Preparedness:** Create an evacuation plan, assemble an emergency kit, and stay informed about local fire risks.
6. **Community Involvement:** Collaborate with neighbors and local authorities to improve fire resilience in your area.

### How to Get Involved

1. **Visit FireSmart Canada's Website:** Access resources and home assessment tools.
2. **Conduct a Home Assessment:** Identify areas of your property that need improvement.
3. **Create a FireSmart Plan:** Implement steps to reduce risk, such as removing combustibles and upgrading materials.
4. **Engage Your Community:** Encourage neighbors and local governments to take action together.
5. **Stay Informed:** Monitor wildfire risks and sign up for local alerts.

### Conclusion

FireSmart helps individuals and communities prepare for wildfires by offering practical solutions to reduce risks. By assessing your property, managing vegetation, and participating in community efforts, you can make your home and neighborhood safer from wildfires. Start today to protect your property and community.



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Or At the O'Conner Township Office  
807-476-1451  
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NFRA News  
Respectfully submitted: Joy Harris NFRA President



Welcome to April, Spring has sprung! The melting is happening quickly, even with the occasional snowfall adding a little back. You can feel Spring in the air.

Winning is also in the air! This week, as I write this, another NFRA 50/50 winner will be drawn and another person will get that 'Oh Wow' feeling. I hope it's you.

That also means our latest 50/50 is now live. Buy your tickets to have your name in the drawing for our NFRA 2025 Cash Raffle #2 Fundraiser.



Get your tickets now for our online 50/50 #2!  
Draw date: June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

What a fun summer a win would make it! Don't wait, we could be calling you!

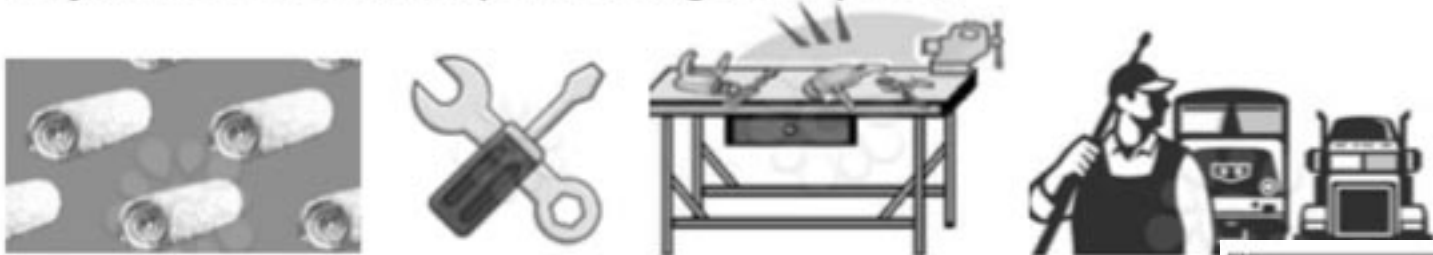
What has your support provided lately?

NFRA has just approved funding for two portable hose monitors and a hall-mounted pressure washer!

The pressure washer will be installed at Hall 5 on Highway 608. This is one of two halls with running water, and the only one with a hookup to a well.

**Coming this summer:** we'll be raising funds and having some great fundraising events to help outfit the new Decontamination Fire Bay being constructed at the Municipal Office location.

They'll need everything from Towels to Tools to Tables to a Truck Washer! We know you'll want to be part of this historic build. We'll let you know how, keep watching this space.



Help us outfit this new space 'to a T'!  
Thank you for your continued support.  
Be safe, be well and be kind.

Joy Harris  
NFRA – President

Questions/Comments?

Email us at [nfraevents@gmail.com](mailto:nfraevents@gmail.com).



Chinook Frontier Portable Monitor

'These ground-mounted hose nozzles allow us to set up a line to spray water or firefighting foam onto a fire and have it unmanned. This allows members to attend to other duties.'

These purchases are all because of your contributions, involvement and 50/50 ticket sales! Look how much we've raised in our 50/50 since 2023! And half went to the winners, way to go! Thank you!



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# Chix in the Stix

## Kudos to Cindy!

To the editor,

I read with interest, and not a little dismay, Cindy Harasen's final Chix In the Stix column ("Bittersweet" -- Neebing News, March 2025). We moved to Cloud Bay 30 years ago and I am startled to realize I have enjoyed "Chix" for all but five of them. Time does fly.

It has always been a joy to read Cindy's observations of life in rural Neebing. She has the ability to turn everyday things into interesting observations that anyone can relate to. She has been good enough to share that ability with readers for a quarter-century.

I retired from newspaper writing after 50 years thinking I might dabble in the art periodically. I soon realized that I missed it and returned to writing a weekly column. I am hoping that the following observation in her "last" column, suggests that we haven't read the last of Cindy's musings: "I am a writer and I will never stop writing and hopefully, I will be lucky enough to have you all on the writing end of things again one day."

Thanks for a remarkable run of Chix In the Stix. It's been a treat.

Ian Pattison  
Cloud Bay

*As I read your recent article today, I really felt a sense of loss. You have been our voice for country living for a generation. You will be missed. Best thoughts and wishes to you and your family. I hope our paths cross again soon!*  
~Maxine

Hello Cindy,

As I opened the Neebing News this morning to read your column, (I only picked up our mail yesterday) my heart sank a bit by the title. I enjoy your stories so much and will miss them terribly, but I am happy for you to be moving on to life's next chapter. It sounds exciting!

I really wanted to reach out to you especially after reading last month's edition but I could not find any information in the publication. I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated, and always looked forward to, your heartfelt and humorous messages. You write so very openly and honestly. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to contact you.

I have only lived in Neebing for seven years, and love it, but was born and raised in South Gillies where my mother still lives. I can relate to your affinity with rural living and all it has to offer.

I look forward to someday reading more Chix in the Stix, or whatever you create.

All the very best to you and your family,  
Bonnie Anderson from Cloud Lake Road



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submitted by  
LRCA Staff

Warmer weather means more people will be out visiting our Conservation Areas and exploring nature. Please be mindful of trail conditions and the weather. Trails may be slippery due to wet, muddy, icy, and snowy conditions, so be prepared for your visit and wear appropriate footwear. Additionally, LRCA staff do not monitor ice conditions, so proceed with caution and at your own risk.

The LRCA is glad to be hosting several public events during 2025, including our second annual Little Trout Bay Fishing Derby and the Dorion Birding Festival! Keep an eye on our website for more information about upcoming events and registration openings.

Tickets are now on sale for our annual Wine Tasting & Dinner at Whitewater fundraising event. It is being held on Friday, May 9, 2025, at Whitewater Golf Club. Tickets are \$125 each, include a tasting of six wine varieties and a five-course meal as well as a silent auction. Tickets can be purchased through our webstore or over the phone/in-person at our office.

The Tree Seedling Program returns in 2025, in partnership with Hill's Greenhouses! Orders will open on Friday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m. and will be accepted online only. Bundles of 25 one-year-old seedlings are available at a cost of \$12 per bundle. Species for 2025 include Jack Pine, White Spruce and Black Spruce. Visit [www.store.lakeheadca.com](http://www.store.lakeheadca.com) on April 11th to place your order! All proceeds from the sale of tree seedlings are in support of the LRCA's environmental education program.

The 2025 Explore Card Parking Pass is now on-sale! Explore Card Parking Passes permit day-use/parking at our ten Conservation Areas for one calendar year. Visit as often as you like. Enjoy one calendar year of recreation activities! For the low price of \$40.00 +HST, it's convenient for frequent users. All Explore Card revenue goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Conservation Areas.

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# Kakabeka Legion Events

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KAKABEKA FALLS LEGION BRANCH 225 EVENTS

April 1- 4th	Legion closed for renovations	
Saturday, April 5th	Dance with Quest	7 pm to 10 pm
Tuesday, April 8th	International Auction	8 am to 5 pm
Saturday, April 12th	Executive Meeting	2 pm
Saturday, April 12th	General Meeting	3 pm
Sunday, April 13th	Breakfast 8:30 to 11:30 am	
Saturday, April 26th	Trappers Event 10 am to 5 pm	
Saturday, April 26th	Dance with Quest	7 pm - 10 pm
Sunday, April 27th	Sunday Music - Just 4 You 2 pm - 4 pm	

The Legion is still looking for more volunteers – if you can give even 1 hour, that would be so appreciated. Many hands will make the projects much easier to complete.

To book an event  
please call Alice at 807-629-2409



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**Deadline for the MAY 2025 issue of  
The Neebing News is APRIL 23!**

**Get your info off your desk and onto MINE! :)  
(Early submissions are always very welcome!)**

Submissions and photos of community events and articles of interest are welcome!

Send to Chris Vaclav at [designhouse@tbaytel.net](mailto:designhouse@tbaytel.net) 807-628-7271

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

**Coffee Cafe has returned!**  
Come out and enjoy a coffee, snacks and fellowship on Thursday, April 3 at 10 AM  
Thursday April 17 ham and perogies 11:30 AM  
Volunteers are also welcome (and needed)  
For more information about Cafe del Soul, please visit [www.pinegroveuc.org/cafe-del-soul/](http://www.pinegroveuc.org/cafe-del-soul/)





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Monday	- Carving	- 10 to 3
	- Disking	- 1 to 3
Tuesday	- Weaving	-10 to 3
	- Knitting	-10 to 3
	- Choir	- 1 to 2:30
Wednesday	- Beginners Carving	- 10 to 3
	- Quilting	- 10 to 3
	- Cribbage	- 1 to 3
Thursday	- Weaving	- 10 to 3
	- Knitting	- 10 to 3
	-Yoga – 10 - 11	starting Thursday February 6th

**Craft Room open Monday to Friday - 10 – 3**

The Rural Dementia Café is a monthly gathering for people impacted with a memory problem or dementia. Designed to help support families, care givers and friends to create a sense of belonging and community in a warm and safe welcoming environment. Come out and enjoy music, games, snacks in a relaxing atmosphere. There is no fee and no eligibility criteria to attend our rural café.  
Dates are Friday February 28, Friday March 28, Friday April 25, Friday May 28, Friday June 27 and Friday July 25.  
Time is 1-3 pm and the location is Rural 60 Plus 5 Pineview Road Kakabeka Falls.  
Contact Shaun or Elaine for more information at 807-473-5528.

**Rural Family Centre**

**"Learning Through Play, Exploration & Inquiry"**  
**Connect with other Families!**  
(for children 0-6 years)

Our Calendar of events can be viewed at:  
<https://www.keyon.ca/en/Events/ViewEvents>  
\* EarlyON Child and Family Centre - Murillo  
(Pre-registration on KeyON is required)

For more info. please:  
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**Rosslyn Library**  
Tuesday 10 – 8:00 pm  
Thursday 10 to 8:00 pm  
Saturday 1 - 4:00  
939-2312

Join the Rural Family Centre-EarlyOn staff on Monday, April 7th For Drop-in Gym Time from 1 to 1:30. for ages 0 – 6 years.



Please bring indoor shoes and water and register as a member at [www.earlyon.ca](http://www.earlyon.ca). Please call the Rural Family Centre at 935-3009 for more information

Free exercise class for all ages and abilities.



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

No Registration necessary.  
We still have room for anyone wishing to keep active and join others in fun, laughter and conversation.  
These activities are open to anyone interested in getting out of the house and meeting new people.  
Call Rosslyn Library for more information 807-939-2312



Oliver Paipoonge Library  
2025

ONTARIO  
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Planning a day trip to one of our local provincial parks? Use your library card to borrow a free day pass!

Spring Fever? The outdoor courts will be bare soon. Oliver Paipoonge Library has tennis and pickleball equipment available for you to borrow using your library card!






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One People, One Planet, One Justice  
Call For Art

An exhibition open to local artists  
Submission Deadline August 29, 2025

**Show Date**  
Public October 18 & 19, 2025, 11 am to 3 pm  
Schools October 17, 2025, 11 am to 2 pm

**Submission Details**

- Submit 1 or 2 entries of 2D or 3D visual art
- Music, drama, film submissions welcome
- Submissions will be reviewed for theme alignment by the committee and artists will be contacted by September 5, 2025

**Location**  
Blake Community Hall, Neebing  
71 Blake Hall Road, Neebing

**Benefits of Your Submission**

- Advance the conversation
- Meet people and other artists
- Promote your art
- Opportunity to receive a community award

\*Transportation of art to and from the hall is the responsibility of the artist.

**Background**  
In October 2022, the Baha'i Community of Thunder Bay held a conference called The Gathering, at Fort William Historical Park, where a diverse group of people met to discuss the characteristics and needs of the community and how it can flourish. The conversations were positive and uplifting. Arts played a part that day in communicating the thoughts discussed, whether it was 2D, music or drama.  
  
To keep this important conversation going, and to widen participation, the theme One People, One Planet, One Justice was arrived at.

**One People, One Planet, One Justice** assumes the inherent nobility of all human beings and the respect that each one of us deserves as we each contribute to an ever-advancing community. It goes beyond labels.


**Some Questions**

- What is community? How can we support each other in meaningful ways?
- What does unity look like regardless of gender, religion, social status, wealth, and race?
- What does justice look like regardless of gender, religion, social status, wealth, and race?

Today we have a planet with climate issues, extremes of wealth and poverty, a need for universal education, and the need for equality. These are just a few of the obstacles to a more just world. We are also left with the thought that we have a deep need for connection with one another, and the thought – what is next?


**What does all this look like to you?**  
We invite you to join an ongoing conversation by submitting your response to this question through your art.


**Contact**  
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