

The Flyer

December 2023 Edition

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The deadline for receiving items for the **January Flyer** is **Wednesday, December 27 at 4 pm** with delivery coming on Wednesday January 3rd, 2024.

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New Ross Regional Development Society

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Joy Meister

All is New Again Frenchy's

New Ross Legion

Sanders Tree Farm

New Ross Historical Society

Thank you all for your continued support!



30TH
NEW ROSS

CHRISTMAS
FESTIVAL



Friday to Sunday December 1st - 3rd, 2023

Friday Tree Lighting 6:30 pm

Bandstand at 7 Forties Road, New Ross

Christmas Craft Fairs
Christmas Tree U-Picks
NEW! Art Show
Festival Concert
NEW! Twig's Chalet



NEW ROSS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

4691 Highway 12, PO Box 106, New Ross
(902) 689-2414

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<https://www.facebook.com/nrfrc/>

OFFICE HOURS: M-Th 9-4, Fridays by chance.

Executive Director: Lindsay Lenihan,
nrfrcdirector@gmail.com

Office Administrator: Laura Broome,
nrfrcclaura@gmail.com

Family & After School Program Co-ordinator: Janice Cornelius, nrfrcjanice@gmail.com



ON SITE BLOOD COLLECTION every second THURSDAY.

You must **call Colleen Hull at 624-0406 to book your appointment!**

BLOOD COLLECTION FEE \$15 For in Centre Collection.

Upcoming Dates: December 7th & 21st January 4th & 18th February 1st, 15th & 29th

These dates are subject to change pending weather conditions or lack of appointments. If you have an appointment and the clinic is cancelled, you will be notified by Colleen and it will be posted on the Resource Centre Facebook page.

New Ross Family Resource Centre

Programming:

Play Group: Free. Every Tuesday 10 – 11:30 am when there is school. For families with children from birth to age 5. Includes free play, art activities, reading, music, a healthy snack, and an opportunity for the adults to connect.



Parent Support Group: Free. Wednesdays 10 am – 12 noon starting September 20. Come join Lindsay for refreshments and conversation with others about the joys and trials of parenthood. Confidentiality is required. Drop-ins are welcome! Childcare available.

New Ross After School Program: Monday – Friday, 2:25 – 6:00 pm throughout the school year. Contact Janice at 902-277-1823 or NRFRCJanice@gmail.com for more information and availability.

At Home Learning Kits: Free. A learning/play kit which includes activities for children (ages 1-5 years old), family activities (such as cooking) or an online component (such as a read-aloud book). These are prepared monthly and pre-

registration is required. Call 902-689-2414 or email NRFRCJanice@gmail.com to register!

Community Cupboard: Free. Donated goods welcome for anyone to take during our regular business hours. Take what you need or leave what you can.

Slow Cooker Program & Hot Meal Program: I know many of you have been waiting anxiously for the Slow Cooker Program and I apologize it has taken so long to pull together. This will be rolled out in the New Year along with another Hot Meal Program. Stay tuned for the January Flyer to learn more!

Food Box: Thank you for a wonderful Food Box 2023 year! The Food Box Program is finished for this year with the next round starting in April 2023. Stay tuned for more info!

More Programs in Partnership:

Free Meals for Families: Free. A partnership with the Forties Community Centre and their monthly suppers to help support all families with children under 19 (living at home) to share in having a local, nutritious, home-cooked meal provided to them for free. Simply come to the Centre and let us know who in your household would like a free meal, present the coupons at the food of the supper, sit down and enjoy your meal, or take it home and enjoy it in your own home. Next supper is the Traditional Christmas Dinner on December 2 & 3 at 12 – 2 pm & 3 – 4:30 both days. This will be the last month for this partnership until a new funding opportunity is found.

Nicole Robinson with Avalon Centre: Nicole is a Community Trauma Therapist - who comes to the Centre every second Thursday to provide services. If you think you could benefit from speaking with Nicole please contact 902-817-3821 or email intake@avaloncentre.ca to begin the process.

Yoga with Mona: \$120 per 10-week session. Yoga with Mona has been so popular that we are booking a second evening! Beginner Yoga will start on Tuesday, January 9th and Experienced Yoga will begin on Wednesday, January 10th. Both class times are 6:30-7:45. Call 902-689-2414 or email NRFRCJanice@gmail.com to register.

Combo Dance Classes: Autumn Dance's last class is December 1st and the Recital date is December 10th at the New Ross Consolidated School at 1pm. Winter classes will begin January 15th. Send us a message on Facebook if you're interested and we will let you know when registration is open!

Families are like branches on a tree. We grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one.

With Thanks



Milton Grant Hiltz – 94, of the Forties, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at home

Milton started working as a young man at his grandfather’s mill. Being a jack of all trades, he went onto work with a surveying crew, as a carpenter, and mail driver, as well as for the Department of Highways, and Kirk Company Tree Yard. He loved the outdoors and raising

animals. He had a small herd of cattle, a horse, dog, and cats that were always well loved and cared for. He enjoyed camping at Fox Mountain Camping Park and going to the fairs. He would travel all over the province to see the horse and oxen pulls. His witty humour and deep love for his family and community will be dearly missed.

The family of the late Milton Hiltz would like to thank the following; family, friends and neighbours for calls, visits, food and donations in memory to the various organizations.

The family would also like to thank Dr. Waddon, Valley Regional Hospital, Palliative Care Team, Home support, VON, Jamie Weagle Physiotherapist, Katie Westaver Occupational Therapist, Family First Medical and Red Cross who made it possible for Milton to stay at home.



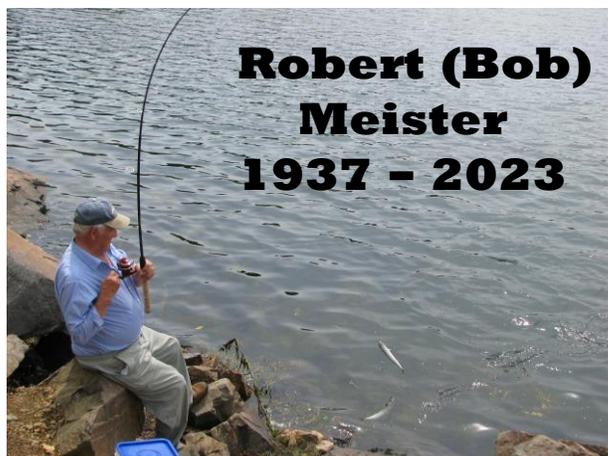
To the White Family Funeral Home and to Rustin Broome, special thanks for such a touching service. To all that attended the service, a big Thank-You.

Joyce, Cynthia & Craig
Byron & Cyndie
Kaitlyn & Sasha
Kelsey & Marc

A big Thank-You to my family for all the help. The doggie visits were a big hit.

Love, Mum & Grannie





**Robert (Bob)
Meister
1937 - 2023**

“Bob” Meister – 86, lifelong resident of the Forties passed away November 1st. Prior to retirement, Bob worked as a well driller, furnace installer and custodian for the New Ross School. He rounded off his career driving the bus from New Ross to Bridgewater Vocational School and later, to



the Kingstec Campus, where he also delivered supplies for the Schoolboard. He was an avid outdoorsman, and enjoyed hunting, fishing

and maintaining the family Christmas tree farm. Bob also took great pride in his vegetable garden, often sharing the bounty with family and friends.



The family of the late Robert (Bob) Meister would like to thank everyone for their online messages of condolence, sympathy cards, memorial donations and phone calls received during our family's recent loss. We would also like to thank all those who were able to attend the service and reception to provide support, share memories and stories. A huge thank you to the ladies who offered assistance at the Community Centre, proof of community support to others which was greatly appreciated. One last personal thank you comes from his boys and goes out to the

community members who took time to check in on Mom & Dad periodically over the last few years and will more than likely continue to check in on Mom occasionally.



~ Joy, Jeff, Gary, Mark & families



Thank You

We want to thank all the citizens of New Ross and surrounding areas for their patience and faith in us over the last year. We had some big changes over the last year and for a while, we weren't sure where the Resource Centre would be in the end. We feel like we have a team that is committed to serving you including staff and volunteers, and a growing Board of Directors that are invested in the best interests of our community. We look forward to continuing to serve you in 2024!



On behalf of Our Health Centre Association,

I would like to thank the OHC Foundation for a very generous contribution toward the financial sustainability of health care in our community.

Every year the Foundation, which is the fundraising arm of OHC, contributes funds for a variety of things which include programs, equipment, and the upkeep of our facilities.



This year the Foundation gave \$50,000 toward those priorities but also added another \$40,000 which will allow us to pay off a bank loan. That loan was part of the financing for constructing the OHC building. Now that it's paid off, the interest payments we had been making can be directed to other projects.

The OHC Association Board wholeheartedly thanks the Foundation, and the donors whose contributions continue to have meaningful impacts.

~ Gord Tate, Chair, on behalf of the OHC Association Board.

Community Spotlight

This month's community spotlight is dedicated to Diane Webber, who many have come to know as the heart and soul of the New Ross Family Resource Centre.



Diane grew up in New Ross and upon graduating from NRCS, she went on to obtain her degree in Early Childhood Education. She then moved to the valley and worked as an ECE for years. She married the man of her dreams and has 2 wonderful sons. Diane's heart always lied in the Community of New Ross and she moved back home where she became an active volunteer.

The Family Resource Centre was blessed to have her onboard starting in 2003. Her vision for the Community and her passion and love for children, families and the Community as a whole has laid the foundation for the Centre what it is today. Not only was she the Executive Director but also began working as the preschool teacher here at the Centre. Over the years many children and parents have come to know and love "Miss Webber", and now there is a new generation of children getting to know her through her work at the daycare.

Over the years Diane has sat on several boards and volunteered with many organizations. She was the one who was able to secure funding for the centre and brought many other grants to the resource centre for programs and events. She sat on the committee that brought the idea of a gym at the centre to fruition which ran for many years and was widely used. She built strong partnerships with the school, other resource centres, recreation, schools plus, DCS, etc. She also got the dance program going and the music program that Jamie Jungler led called Plug into Music. She organized Christmas activities at the centre for the festival and activities at the Fair for children including the children's parade, fishpond, sucker pull and face painting. There are just so many things she has done in the 20 plus years she was with the centre and if anyone needs any knowledge of the things that went through the centre or even places to contact, she is the "go to person". She is a wealth of information and support. Her guidance, input and support has been immersible! Diane is very much loved and respected in the community!



Diane has been and still is a very dedicated volunteer. She has been a huge asset in making the Resource Centre what it is today. Many countless hours above and beyond, donating her time



and her husband Ashton’s time. Without hesitation Diane is always there whenever help is needed, always giving more than 100%. A very compassionate, kind and caring soul. She has worked hard over the years and puts her whole heart and soul in everything she does or has done.

Diane was a talented basketball and volleyball player. She enjoys sports and ran the family gym night for many years. She was a talented teacher of tole painting, and everyone learned valuable skills with her direction. Her home has always been open to friends, and you could stop in for a tea or a glass of wine anytime and have a great chat. Diane is also a wonderful cook and gardener. She and Ashton have spent many hours volunteering for the food box program through the Centre. Caring for others comes naturally to Diane. She stepped down as Executive Director for the Centre in 2020 but has continued to be busy with volunteering and working at the daycare. Her visits at the Centre since her retirement are much welcomed! She loves her yoga classes, walking, dancing and playing cards just to name a few. She recently has taken up pickleball which is a great sport to meet people and be active and has a nasty left swing and competitive spirit!!

Diane you underestimate how wonderful you are and how much you do for everyone. We truly are grateful to have you as part of our Community! Thank you!

Community News



The New Ross Community Care Centre Society will have a table at the Festival Craft and Gift Fair at the New Ross School on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 am – 3 pm. Stop by to find out more about the planned housing project, and purchase a ‘Home in the heart of New Ross’ mug. At \$15 each they make great gifts! The mugs can also be purchased at All Is New Again Frenchy’s (45 Forties Road) from now until Christmas.

The NRCCC Board is working hard behind the scenes to advance the housing project that our community so desperately needs. The site plan approval process with the Municipality is underway, preliminary requests for cost estimates are issued, and we are assembling the information required for a funding application to Housing Nova Scotia. We anticipate that this part of the process will be completed by February 2024. At that point, the Board plans to host another community meeting where we’ll explain our progress in more detail, discuss the community support needed (both financial and in-kind) and try to answer any questions you may have about the community housing development.

With sincere wishes for a wonderful holiday season,

The NRCCC Board



JOIN US FOR A
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT

**HOT
CHOCOLATE**

HOT APPLE CIDER

FEATURING:
MOMENT'S NOTICE
GATES FAMILY
RICKY & CHEYENNE NAUGLER AND
DENNIS JONES

DECEMBER 2, 2023
7:00

CHRIST CHURCH, NEW ROSS

***** FREE WILL OFFERING *****

SPONSORED BY: HERITAGE CANADA

Walk-in “With Appointment” Clinic Schedule for DECEMBER 2023

902-273-2098

Call 1-902-273-2098 starting **30 MINUTES** before each shift to make a same day appointment pre-booking is no longer available.

You must have an appointment to come to the 2nd floor walk-in clinic.

You must wear a mask - please bring one with you

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CLOSED	2 9am to 1pm
5 5pm to 9pm	6 5pm to 9pm	7 9:30 am to 1pm 5pm to 9pm	8 CLOSED	9 9am to 1pm
12 5pm to 9pm	13 5pm to 9pm	14 9:30 am to 1pm 5pm to 9pm	15 CLOSED	16 9am to 1pm
19 5pm to 9pm	20 5pm to 9pm	21 9:30 am to 1pm 5pm to 9pm	22 CLOSED	23 9am to 1pm
26 CLOSED	27 5pm to 9pm	28 5pm to 9pm	29 CLOSED	30 9am to 1pm
<p>Admin office 902-275-3847 Walk-in clinic 902-273-2098 Address: 3769 Hwy #3 PO Box 74 Chester NS B0J 1J0</p>				

New Ross Historical Society

The new Historical Society calendars are now available for purchase! Be sure to grab yours before they sell out!

The New Ross historical Society has quarters at The Learning Centre, Ross Farm Museum. Microfilms, genealogies, historical publications, Maps and folders containing historical information pertaining to New Ross and beyond are housed there. The Historical Society meets monthly at 7pm on the 4th Wednesday of every month at the Ross Farm Museum.

Everyone is Welcome!!

Here’s how you can contact this great organization:

PO Box 35

New Ross, NS Canada B0J 2M0

newrosshistorical@gmail.com or Follow us on Facebook!

OHC Foundation Announces Dr. Joy Calkin Award Winners

When medical student Ross Porter learned that he was one of two successful applicants selected to receive a \$5000 student award from Our Health Centre Foundation, several things came to mind. "I felt honored that my community recognized the hard work I've been doing. And it was so special having known Joy Calkin—what a wonderful person she was and how much she did to get the health centre going. She's left a great legacy."



The application process was open to students entering their second year of studies in a medical, nurse practitioner, or a nursing program at a Nova Scotia post-secondary institution. Preference was given to students demonstrating a strong connection to the Lunenburg County area. Porter, who is from Chester, is studying medicine and hopes to be an anesthesiologist.

MacKenzie Connors, from New Ross, also received a \$5000 award. He's in the nursing program at St. Francis Xavier University. His interest in nursing formed at a young age. "My grandmother died of cancer when I was 11. I saw the nurses helping her, comforting and caring for her. I decided that's what I wanted to provide."

There were 11 candidates for the awards, from Dalhousie and Cape Breton Universities, St. Francis Xavier, and the Nova Scotia Community College.

Jeff Somerville is vice-chair of the OHC Foundation and led the selection committee. "It was refreshing. These are bright people, enthusiastic about their chosen profession. They know the challenges of the health care system and are dedicated to their craft and improving the system."

Roger Bower is the Executive Director of OHC. "Recognizing local community members who are starting a career in healthcare is one of the ways we can work towards building relationships with healthcare practitioners. I'm pleased that this year's awards are going to Ross and MacKenzie to recognize their dedication to their communities and healthcare."

The awards were presented at OHC on November 28th.

HOW DO YOU MOVE?

We welcome your **FEEDBACK**

Take a brief survey on your physical activity levels and preferences, and you can be entered to win one of two \$100 grocery cards. Responses are confidential.

mysurveys.pro/chester



Your input will inform our strategies to promote physical activity and active, healthy lifestyles

Please complete our survey at mysurveys.pro/chester

For more information, please contact:

Community Development
& Recreation Services
ATTN: Gord Tate
ggate@chester.ca
902-275-3490



This survey is being conducted by the NS Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage on behalf of the Municipality of Chester.

Update from Tina Connors Councillor – New Ross (District 6)



The 2023 Annual Conference of the Federation of Nova Scotia Municipalities took place November 7 - 10, in Halifax. Municipal Councillors and senior staff from across Nova Scotia came together for discussion, to learn from each other and from subject matter experts. This opportunity gives participants a way to expand their knowledge about a variety of matters to improve representation for constituents.

Municipal Tax Exemption: Do you qualify for a property tax exemption? You may IF: the total income from all persons who have an interest in your property (listed as owners or co-owners or who contributes to household expenses) was less than \$30,803 in the 2022 calendar year; the property is your principal dwelling (the principal dwelling of one of the listed owners). The exemption is based on total income, and applies to the residential and waste collection portion of your property tax.

The deadline to apply ('received' at the municipal office), for the current taxation year, is March 28, 2024. Contact me with any questions.

2022-2023 Committees: Annual Council appointments, for me, include: RCMP Advisory Board; Audit Committee; Community Use of Schools Committee: Aspotogan Community Elementary School and Forest Heights Community School; Building Code & Unsightly Premises; Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee; Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Advisory Partnership; South Shore Regional Library Board; and Sherbrooke Lake Park Advisory Committee.

Don't Forget: Nova Scotia EMO - Emergency Management Office - and the Red Cross recommend that you keep a disaster preparedness kit in your home with enough supplies to meet your family's needs for at least 72 hours. Being ready for any type of disaster makes good sense. A basic kit would include such items as: non-perishable food; manual can opener; water; crank or battery-operated radio; flashlights; batteries; extra keys (house and vehicles); first-aid supplies; medication for everyone for 3 days; a plan for pets (as well as food & medications); and make sure to have some cash in smaller bills.

Municipal Awareness Week - November 6 to 12, 2023 - This public awareness week aims to "shine the light on" municipal government in Nova Scotia. The idea or intention of *Municipal Awareness Week* is to: promote the importance of municipal government in peoples' daily lives; encourage citizens to participate in municipal government; and increase voter turnout rates during municipal elections.

There are 49 municipalities in Nova Scotia, ranging in land size/geographic coverage and population, including Towns (25), Counties (9), Regions (4), and Districts (11). The District of Chester is 1,120.61 km², and based on the nos. from the 2021 census our population is 10,693!

Lastly, the Council meeting scheduled for November 30 will take place at Forest Heights Community School at 9:15 a.m. As always, these regularly-scheduled meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend.

See you soon,

Tina C.

STRAW HAT BRAIDING AT ROSS

A LASTING & PRESERVED HERITAGE SKILL

INFLUENCES

In a book about Nova Scotian Craftspersons, the tradition of braided hats makes a shining appearance in the force of Jane Hiltz. She states that she had always heard the older residents of the area speaking about braiding hats, and decided she wanted to learn. Little did she know at the time it would become such a passion for herself.

Taught by one Mrs. Laura Veinot, Jane had started with straw hats; first learning how to grow the oats, then how to harvest, prepare, and make sure nothing went to waste. Next she learned rush hats, which she had said dries to a more lacy type of effect, making them look different to the straw hats. Lastly, the wood sheen hats, which she made by having her husband cut her long strips of yellow birch - also known as sheens - which were then braided into hats. Many of the staff at Ross Farm Museum learned how to braid such hats from Jane before she passed away.

CARRYING ON TRADITION

Monique Veinot, one of our on-site heritage interpreters, generally does the demonstrations for this heritage craft during special weekend events, showing how the skill can be carried on despite how long ago it was introduced to society. This was, after all, one of the many zero-waste handicrafts that still has its use today!

"When I was two, or two and a half, I was just the height of my mother when she was sitting down in church and I was standing up on the pew, and I used to stand there with my arm around her neck and watch the ladies ahead of me with flowers and bows on their hats"

Jane Hiltz
The Forties, Lunenburg County, N.S.



FARM

WOVEN HATS HISTORY IN NEW ROSS

Many of the older residents of New Ross Remember when hand-braided hats were common in the community. According to Vincent Walker:

“The women used to make the straw hats - wheat straw, barley straw, braided. They'd flatten it out some way and braid it, you know, and then they'd sew it together to make straw hats. They'd be right wide with a rim onto it, and then the wind would catch it, you'd have to tie a string onto them.

Oh, we'd have a lot of fun, in them days, everyone would be wearing a straw hat, and we'd be haying, and the wind would catch it and take it half way across the field or down the fence!”



MATERIALS

There are two main materials in making woven straw hats: straw, usually from rye, but also from wheat, barley, and oat; and yellow birch sheens, which were strips of yellow birch, produced by a process called “sheening.”



MAKING THE HAT

The hat is sewn with the beginning of the braid as the center of the crown. The braid is stitched in an ever-increasing circle, overlapping and sewing through the two layers. Traditionally, the women used flax thread that they grew and spun themselves. Today, a heavy weight of beige polyester or cotton thread is used.

The braid itself is elastic and can be pushed together or “fulled in,” to differing degrees before stitching in order to create either a rounded or flat crown. Similarly, the braid can be stretched to create the bend from the top to the sides of the crown, and from the crown to the rim.

Usually the rim is doubled because it receives the most wear. As well, a band of material is sewn inside the hat at the base of the crown so that the hat doesn't stick to the wearers head.



Sources:

Barss, P., & Gordon, J. (1980). Jane Hiltz. In *Older ways: Traditional nova scotian craftsmen* (pp. 93-95). essay, Van Nostrand Reinhold.
Gordon, J. (1981). *Info: Woven Hats*. Halifax, NS; The Nova Scotia Museum, Department of Education.





Legion Events

Guests must be signed in by a Member. Under aged guests must be accompanied by a guardian. Membership is easy and inexpensive. Come take a look! Open Monday, Thursday & Friday at 4pm



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE STARTS AT 8:30pm

Bring your Dancing Shoes!!

Cover charge: \$5.00 Member

\$7.00 Non-member

DEC 1: No Live Music

DEC 8: Great Big Johnson

DEC 15: Danny Banfield – “Wear Your Ugly Christmas Sweater”

DEC 22: No Live Music

Coffee Social: Every Monday 9-11AM Join us for coffee, tea, baked goods and good conversation. Everyone Welcome to attend. Free will offering.

2024 Membership dues are now being accepted at New Ross Legion Branch 79. The renewal fee is \$45.00 and may be either paid online at www.Legion.ca or at the bar. All branch 79 members whose 2024 dues are paid prior to December 31st will have their names entered for a free 2025 Branch 79 membership. The draw will be held at the Levee.

General Meeting: Wednesday, December 20 at 7:30pm All Members encouraged to attend.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL EVENTS AT THE LEGION:

Community Christmas Festival Supper: Friday Dec 1, 4:30-6:00 pm. Ham, scallop potatoes, baked beans, brown bread roll and coconut cream or lemon pie. Adults \$17.00 children 5-12 \$8.00. Eat in or take-out. Call Janet 902-275-8585 before Nov 28 to order.

Christmas Festival Craft Fair at Legion: Saturday Dec 2 10:00-3:00. Lots of baked goods, jewelry, homemade wreaths, jams, jellies, quilts, woodworking and much more.

Christmas Festival Dance with” Hal Bruce”- Saturday Dec 2 9:00-1200. **SOLD OUT**

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY- 9:00-1:00 with **DJ DONNIE** Tickets \$10.00 pp. and can be purchased at Gina’s or Legion. Bring a finger food to Share. Let’s ring in the New Year at the Legion!

NEW YEAR’S LEVEE- 1:00 Music from 2-5 with **“CROSSOVER BAND”** No cover charge. Celebrate the New Year with music, food and good conversation.



Remembrance Day 2023:

On behalf of our Legion, Veterans and our membership we would like to thank everyone who made a donation, purchased a wreath or cross during this year's Poppy Campaign. It was truly inspiring to see the support the Legion received from our community and businesses.

Our little community stood tall to ensure that we honoured our Fallen and to show our appreciation to the men and women in uniform during our Remembrance Day ceremony. There are so many people who made this year's ceremony a success, but first and foremost is you, the community. Our community has a long standing history of military service in times of war and that history was in the forefront during these times of uncertainty of what the future will hold for us all. Nevertheless, like so many of our fallen men and women in uniform our community demonstrated determination and valour, ensuring that we upheld the Legion's motto "Lest We Forget" proving they are more than just words, rather they are heart felt and hold true value to all Canadians young and old.

New Ross Heritage Matters Weekly Social



Welcoming all fibre artists including knitters and crocheters, quilters, rug hookers, and felters to join the **new** Wednesday afternoon social group at the New Ross Royal Legion. Enjoy coffee, tea and treats and great conversation.

Cost \$5 weekly facility fee. Starting Wednesday, Jan 24 to June 26, 2023; 1-4 pm

To register: please contact Ellen Tancock 902-222-9133, gogirl665@gmail.com
OR Cathy Michael 416-347-0550, camichael2622gmail.com.

Beginner Rug Hooking Workshop
Wednesday, Jan 24 and January 31st, 1-4 pm



Come join us for an interesting, fun filled class exploring the wonders of beautiful wool. We will be rug hooking with the flowing tendrils of sheep fleece for the pictorial of this beautiful Ross Farm. What will we learn? We will discuss, the history of rug hooking, equipment required, types of backings, discuss the various forms of wool, patterns, and how to hook many beautiful pictures. Each student will be provided with a complete kit, with all wool that is required all cut up and ready to use, a pattern ready on backing, the instruction sheet, as well as a hook and hoop.

Cost \$120 includes the kit, hoop and hook, 2x 3-hour sessions of instruction with a certified instructor from the Rug Hooking Guild of Nova Scotia, PLUS \$5 weekly facility fee.

So, come on out and let's have a wonderful time learning rug hooking together, here at the Royal Legion.

Please note, once the class is finished Jan 31, continue to come each Wednesday 1-4 pm to the New Ross Heritage Matters, our new weekly fibre group here at the New Ross Royal Legion.

To register: please contact Ellen Tancock 902-222-9133, gogirl665@gmail.com OR Cathy Michael 416-347-0550, camichael262@gmail.com .



The Parish of New Ross Service and Event Schedule

Anglican Church of Canada

December 03, 2023: Advent 1

11AM: Ecumenical Service at the Baptist Church, New Ross

December 10, 2023: Advent 2

9AM: St. Augustines, The Forties: Service of Morning Prayer

11AM: Christ Church, New Ross: Service of Morning Prayer

2PM: St. Cyprian's, East Dalhousie: Service of Morning Prayer

Thursday, December 14, 2023 @ 7:00PM

Special: Christ Church, New Ross

Music Jam - Free will offering

(proceeds shared with Christ Church and the local).

December 17, 2023 - Advent 3

9AM: St. Augustines, The Forties: Service of Morning Prayer

11AM: Christ Church, New Ross: Service of Morning Prayer

2PM: St. Cyprian's, East Dalhousie: Service of Morning Prayer

Thursday, December 21, 2023 - 7PM: Advent 4

6:30PM: Christ Church, New Ross: Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2023 - Christmas Eve Services

2PM: St. Cyprian's, East Dalhousie - Service of Holy Communion

4PM: St. Augustine's of Hippo, The Forties - Service of Holy Communion

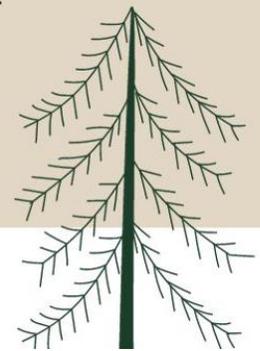
7PM: Christ Church, New Ross - Service of Holy Communion

December 31, 2023 - First Sunday After Christmas

11AM: St. Cyprian's, East Dalhousie - Service of Holy Eucharist: The Reverend Dawn-Lea

*****Potluck to follow at Dalhousie Community Hall*****

All Welcome!



Advent 2023

To the Parish of New Ross,

Christmas is a magical and joyous time of the year. The Spirit of Advent runs through the roads of New Ross, quite clearly. The decorations are up including the two realistic looking carollers on the doorstep of Christ Church. Soon a tree will illuminate the porch of the Rectory and share the hope that it brings. I also recognize that this time of the year can be a struggle for many. It is my prayer for you that you will find hope and peace during this season.

Advent is the start of a new Church year and a time of new beginnings. This is my first Advent Season with you and I am elated! I have learned many things since August. I didn't know there was such a thing as a "Treeing" season, I do now! As I stood on the doorstep to Christ Church, I watched multiple trucks loaded with Christmas trees travelling down Porcupine Hill. Trees to be prepared for shipment to various corners of the world. A tree that represents the Holy Spirit, a symbol of birth and resurrection of Jesus Christ, a tree that simply stands for hope, peace and grace. A tree that this Parish has nurtured for years and is sharing with the world. This does not surprise me as I have grown to know this community. I have not quite seen a community like this Parish, a parish who whole heartedly shows up and supports one another. It is my hope that you will allow me to do the same for you.

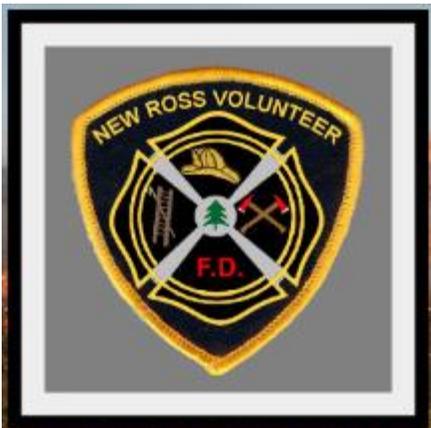


As your new Priest-In-Charge of the Parish of New Ross, I look forward to exploring and sharing the mysteries of the season with you all. It is my hopes that I will see you and experience the gifts of the season. May every blessing of the season be with you and yours!



Merry Christmas,
The Reverend Dawn-Lea Greer

Email: reverend.dawnleagreer@gmail.com
Call/Text: 902-471-0852



We would like to say a Big Thank You to the wonderful volunteers who helped us with our functions this year. Also, we have another one coming soon, the Christmas Festival Breakfast on December 2nd. It is great to know you always there to give us a helping hand! Secondly, we would also like to say a Big Thank You to our Community and the surrounding areas who supported us by attending our events, purchasing the 50/50 Fire Department Tickets, and giving monetary donations! We greatly appreciate your continuous support! In saying this we would like to take this time to wish everyone a Joyous Holiday Season! May the year 2024 bring you good Health and Happiness!!

~ New Ross Volunteer Fire Department and Committee

A Message From Your Community Development Coordinator

Holiday Greetings!

As I write this I am watching the first snowfall of the season come down and I feel excited about winter...outdoors, I love snowshoeing, sledding, snowball fights, and building snow sculptures. Indoors, I love reading, cooking, making art, and training my dogs!

What do YOU love about winter? If you send me a photo with a quote of what you love for us to post online, you can be entered in a draw to win some municipal swag! Photos and quotes can be sent by e-mail to Nadine Hackney—nhackney@chester.ca. Looking forward to seeing all the winter fun!

If you need some inspiration for activities this season, check out the Explore Life Brochure which hits mailboxes January 9th!

Indoor Walking in various locations

Common Grounds meet-up for folks who identify as neurodivergent

Lots of Pickleball

Hiking, Outdoor Adventures

Yoga, Fitness Classes, and so much more!

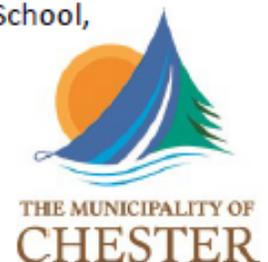
Community Schools are OPEN!

Yes, even on days there is no school! Even on CLT days, early dismissals, and storm days. Storm cancellation decisions for evening programs are made by 3:00pm.

Interested in booking space for a meeting, activity, birthday party or event?

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For Aspotogan Consolidated Elementary School and Forest Heights contact Jody Conrad at jconrad@chester.ca or (902)275-2712



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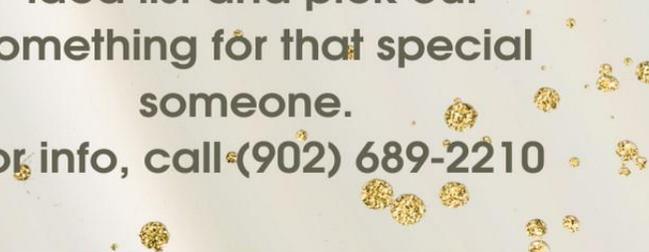
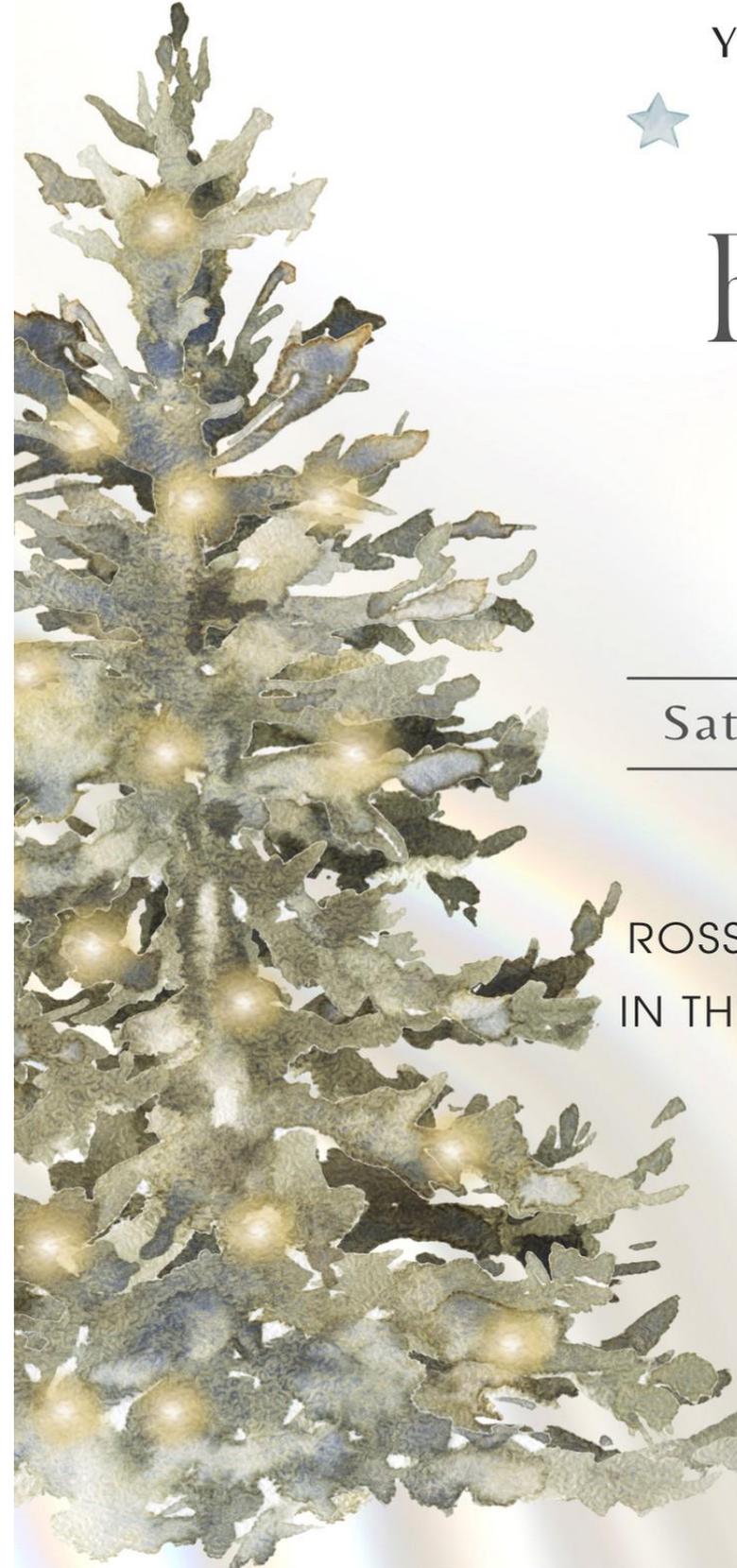
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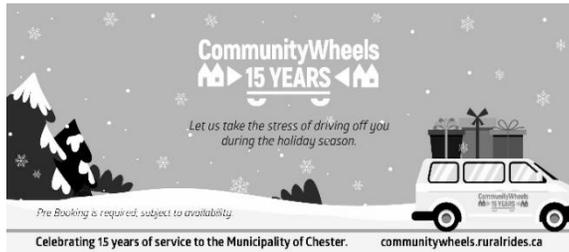
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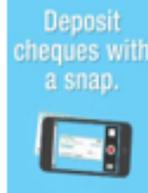
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