



Royal Canadian Legion  **Port Elgin Branch 340**

Branch Line

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Inside this issue you will find.... what is happening this month... Committee Reports.... general information and a wee bit of humor too. We welcome your articles and will be more than glad to insert them in future issues. Thanks to those who have submitted in the past. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Branch Line, please submit your articles to branch340newsletter@gmail.com

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all. Enjoy yourself with family, friends and loved ones.

Plan to join us for our Friday Night Dinner on March 27th. Details inside.

All the events happening at the Branch are open to the public so please bring your friends and join in the comradeship.

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President's Report



February has been a great month for weather. Most of the ground hogs are predicting an early spring. Personally I make my prediction about the weather, each day I look out the window.

February is traditionally a slow month at the Branch as a lot of the members are Snowbirds. With March here it will be nice to see our friends coming home.

We have tried a couple of Friday night dinners this winter with moderate success. We are planning at least two more on the last Friday in March and April. The success of these dinners is up to you so I hope you can attend for a great meal, a few laughs and comradeship.

We were going to have a Leadership Development Seminar at the Branch on Saturday, February 29th. But, this was postponed to mid-March due to the inclement weather. This will be a good opportunity for the Branch Executive and members to get an idea of our direction forward as planning for the future is key.

As Elections will be coming up in April we will be looking for 2 extra Executive members for the upcoming term as we would normally have a slate of 6 Executive members. If you have some time and would like to help please consider letting your name stand for next year's Executive. It is a very rewarding experience.

I will be attending the Zone Convention in Warton in March and District Convention in Goderich in April. Both of these events are great opportunities to learn more and bring the information back to the Branch membership.

Branch events for Bingo, Cards and Meat Draws continue to do well. We thank the Conveners for all their help on a continuous basis.

If you are in the area please drop in for social time.

Hope to see you at the Branch soon.

President Robert (Bob) Harrison
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Bursary



Bursary applications are coming in across Ontario as we can verify second semester attendance. So far we have 217 received across Ontario of these 26 from District C and 60-70% are from students applying on-line.

The first District Bursary Meeting will take place in the middle of March so we can start to get funds out to the students.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Cde Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
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"Think of your family today and every day thereafter, don't let the busy world of today keep you from showing how much you love and appreciate your family." – Josiah



Hall Rental



Rental of our spacious, air conditioned hall with its beautiful hardwood floor, ideal for dancing is available for both public and private use. We can cater for a wide variety of uses including meetings, anniversaries, weddings, birthdays, Stag and Does, etc.

Our facility includes a wheelchair accessible washroom and a baby change station and is conveniently located in the building for access by both males and females.

Our hall rates vary for each occasion and Legion Bar Staff is provided by the Branch. The Ladies Auxiliary is available to cater selected menus to your event.

Special consideration is given to the fee schedule when renting to non-profit organizations.

Please contact Norma Dudgeon at the Legion phone number (519) 389-9917 or email: branch340@eastlink.ca



**A warm smile is the
universal language
of kindness.**

William Arthur Ward



Honours and Awards



Recognizing valued members for their contributions at our Legion is an important part of the Honours & Awards Chair.

When you nominate volunteer members, based on their efforts of ensuring our Branch functions continue, we build strong and continuous relationships, and we build a stronger Branch.

If you know anyone whom you feel should be shown appreciation, please contact me with this members particulars and confidentially the H&A Committee will evaluate the nomination.

Cde Tom Jacques
Honours & Awards Chair
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Leadership Development *Emergency Preparedness Guide*



Many Ontarians with disabilities and seniors are particularly vulnerable in emergency situations. The Information and Communications and Employment Standards Development Committees have identified emergency preparedness as an area of focus for people with disabilities. It is important to plan for an emergency according to one's specific needs.

The Emergency Preparedness Guide, developed by the Government of Ontario, is a helpful resource, particularly for human resource professionals and employers who create company wide emergency plans. Additionally, this resource may be useful to support persons for people with disabilities and seniors so that they can be prepared in case of emergency.

To access the Emergency Preparedness Guide, please see the following link: [Emergency Preparedness Guide](#).

Cde Robert Harrison
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Membership



Membership enrollment is a roller coaster ride with people renewing memberships, people transferring in and out, people not renewing their membership and new members coming into the Branch. It is nice to see Branch 340 maintaining over 400 members on an annual basis. Our membership number is important as it will determine how many votes we get at Dominion Convention this August in Saskatchewan.

Our dues remain at \$55 as they have been for the past 3 years. We have a strong membership. Let's keep it strong by renewing your membership.

Cde Dan Kelly
Membership Chairman
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Last Post



Larry Carr Associate
Marg Esplen Ladies Auxiliary

***THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD,
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN,
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.***





Poppy



While Poppy is a year around endeavour to help our Veterans at home and abroad in their time of need. **Our March General Meeting to be held on Tuesday March 3rd is critical as we need you to attend so that we have a quorum to approve 8 different donations totaling over \$20,000.00 to help our Veterans!**

If any member is aware of any veteran, whether a Legion member or not, who may need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mike Hobson, our Branch Service Officer, who can contact the veteran directly to assess any support that may be required.

Poppy also supports the children and grandchildren of our Veterans through our Branch Bursary program. For more information, please contact me or our Bursary Chairman, Robert Harrison for further information and application forms.

The needs of our Veterans are not limited to October/November when we have our Poppy Fund Drive. We appreciate any donations made throughout the year. Each year we have Veterans and projects that need assistance.

We look forward to seeing every one of you, our members and friends, participating in events over upcoming year as we continue to strive to assist and comfort our Veterans who have served us so well!

Lest We Forget

In Comradeship,

Cde Alex Taylor
Poppy Chairman
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Seniors Seniors' Literary Program



Seniors have amassed considerable knowledge in their journeys through life and have a lot of experience under their belts. All have stories to tell.

There is an enormous amount of untapped talent out there. This is an opportunity for seniors to showcase their skills, share their experiences, imaginations and knowledge.

The Contest is open to Seniors aged 55 years and over. There are four (4) Categories Poetry, Short Story, Essay, and Memoir (includes biographies, autobiographies and travel writing), a little something to please everyone.

Some seniors might wish to enter the contest though have difficulty with the physical act of writing, in which case perhaps a Branch could provide a volunteer to take their dictation. Not all seniors have access to a computer, a Branch could approach the local high school for student volunteers requiring community hours to assist with transcribing.

To access Lottery Funds, the Contest must be open to all seniors, not simply Legion members who are seniors. It is hoped that seniors in Long-Term-Care Facilities and particularly those facilities in which Veterans reside, will be encouraged to participate in the Program.

Prizes are not eligible for Lottery Funds, however, paper, pens, technology, etc. are eligible if required. The judging should be in May. An award ceremony held in June 'Seniors Month' in Ontario, with a light Luncheon or Tea for Seniors, reasonable cost could be covered by Lottery Funds. Prizes could be flowers for ladies and gift cards for men, along with bragging rights, rather than a monetary prize - or one that requires dusting.

The program will bring seniors into Branches and new members into the organization. There are a great many seniors more interested in the arts than in sports. In time the scope of the Contest could be easily broadened to include amateur art and photography.

This is an opportunity for seniors to flex their creative muscles, unleash their imagination, tickle our funny bones, share their talents, meet other seniors and perhaps, join our organization if not already Legion members.

In comradeship, Jackie Walter
Past Prov'l Seniors Chairman (2017 – 2019)
Past Zone F-4 Commander Past District "F" VSS Chairman
Committee Members: Zone F-4 Cmdr Linda Battams
Zone F-4 Poppy Chairman Arlene Colman



SENIORS' LITERARY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

LITERARY CATEGORY: Please check

- () Poetry (maximum 32 lines)
- () Short Story (word count maximum 4,000)
- () Essay (word count maximum 1,000)
- () Memoir (includes biographies, autobiographies and travel writing (word count maximum 5000))

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Please print in block letters

First and Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City Province Postal Code

Telephone Number: () _____

Email: _____

Is assistance needed for writing or typing your submission? Circle Y / N

AUTHOR CONSENT AND DECLARATION:

I give The Royal Canadian Legion permission to reproduce my entry for the sole purpose of promoting this program and the Legion for the current contest year. The Royal Canadian Legion does not rent or sell names of applicants to any organization or advertiser, and any personal information collected is strictly for the purposes of the contest.

I declare that I have read and understand the Contest Rules, I am 55 years of age or better and my work has been written by me and previously unpublished.

Author's Signature X _____

SEE REVERSE FOR RULES AND FURTHER INFORMATION

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CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION

RULES FOR THE COMPETITION:

1. This contest is open to all seniors under the jurisdiction of Ontario Command who are **aged 55 and over**.
2. Contestants must complete an official Registration Form and attach it to each of their contest entries.
3. Entries must be original, written by the contestant, and be unpublished.
4. Entries must be submitted in either English or French.
5. Entries must not exceed the line or word limits specified.
6. Entries must be typed and double spaced, using one side of each page.
7. Contestants may enter work in more than one category but may only submit one entry in each category.
8. Entries must include a cover page which includes the title, the author's name, and the word count of the entry.
9. Biographies that are submitted must include written consent of the subject, if living.

Note: By submitting your entry, you are agreeing to all contest rules.

TIMELINES:

Mar 01 Entry Forms for the Seniors Literary Contest will be available at Royal Canadian Legion Branches of Ontario Command participating in the program.

May 01 **All entries must be received by 6 p.m.** at your local Royal Canadian Legion Branch of Ontario Command participating in the program. Entries must be clearly marked "**Literary Contest for Seniors**". **No exceptions.**

JUDGING:

- All entries will be judged on the basis of originality of thought, expression, presentation, grammar and spelling.
- Judging will be done by volunteers and take place at the community level.
- The decision made by the judges will be final.

PRIZES:

At the discretion of the judges, prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category.

We expect prizes to be awarded at a special ceremony sometime during June, which is Seniors Month.

Questions - Please contact: RCL Branch _____
Seniors Chairman _____
Telephone _____
Email _____

Cde Mike Hobson
Veteran Service Officer
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International Women's Day which is commonly referred to as IWD is celebrated on March 8th with the global campaign continuing all year long. IWD has been recognized and celebrated globally on March 8th since 1917.

The IWD themes always celebrate a goal for Equality. The United Nations theme for 2020 is Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step it Up for Gender Equality. Canada's theme this year is #EachforEqual. The Government of Canada has launched #BecauseOfYou campaign to honour trailblazers in women's rights.

An equal world is an enabled world. As an individual each of us is responsible for our own thoughts and actions to challenge stereotypes and gender bias. Collectively together women and men will have a greater impact. Be part of the change to create a gender equal world for today's and future generations. Reference www.internationalwomensday.com

There are events scheduled in Bruce Grey to celebrate IWD. Gather with friends to CELEBRATE the past and the present achievements for a gender EQUAL future.



Ways & Means



Our Ways & Means program continues to have great support from all of you. We have seen a steady backing for all our events. Thank you again.

These events will continue each month: The Ladies Tuesday Card Group continues to meet in the upstairs hall at 1:30 PM; Bingo will be held each Wednesday starting at 7:30 PM; Thursday Euchre continues weekly starting at 7:30 PM in the Clubroom; Saturday Euchre continues weekly in the Clubroom at 1:30 PM.

Meat Draws will be held on Saturday, **March 14 & 28** and start at 4:00 PM. Wouldn't it be great if you could join us?

Cde Tom Jacques
Ways & Means Chair
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This is a familiar story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.



**OPPORTUNITY DANCES
WITH THOSE WHO ARE
ALREADY ON THE DANCE
FLOOR.**

Six Little Stories with Lots of Meaning

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.
That is faith.

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them.
That is trust.

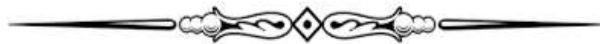
Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up.
That is hope.

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.
That is confidence.

We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children.
That is love.

On old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience."
That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories.
Remember – Good friends are the rare jewels of life,
difficult to find and impossible to replace!!



An Englishman, a Scotsman and an Irishman all entered a 26 mile long swimming race. After 12 miles the Scottish man gets tired and drops out. Then after 16 miles the English man gets tired and drops out. After 25 miles the Irish man decides he can't finish the race, so he turns around and swims back to the start.

“
For each petal on the
shamrock, this brings
a wish your way: Good
health, good **luck**, and
happiness for today and
every day.
×
IRISH BLESSING
”



Veteran Services



The Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Provincial Command Service Bureau
**** **NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT** ****
Rebecca Hyndman (Calder)
Provincial Service Officer

ATTENTION: ALL VETERANS

The Provincial Service Officer will be visiting BRANCH 6 - OWEN SOUND
LEGION during the week of April 22nd – 24th, 2020

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If you require a visit, kindly advise the Branch Service Officer no later than April 3rd, 2020.

Cde Mike Hobson
Veteran Service Officer
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How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?
He's Dublin over with laughter!



Youth Education



The Youth Education Public Speaking Branch level competition has been completed for 2020. We had twenty-seven students participate in our Branch Competition which was held on February 9th. The participation number is lower this year. Quite honestly I was not sure if we would even have participants as this has been a challenging school year. The students proudly came to showcase their rehearsed speeches. Family and friends filled the upstairs hall in support of the speakers.

My congratulations are extended to all of the students who competed. The courage to stand before a crowd to public speak is an achievement in itself.

The following are the speakers who placed in each division:

Primary Division (Grades 1-3)

First Place	Noelle Gallagher	Northport Elementary School
Second Place	Ava Downey	Northport Elementary School
Third Place	Clark Frampton	Northport Elementary School

Junior Division (Grades 4-6)

First Place	Vendant Sheel	Northport Elementary School
Second Place	Alexander Martinko	Port Elgin Saugeen-Central School
Third Place	Mykah Harris	Port Elgin Saugeen-Central School

Intermediate Division (Grades 7-9)

First Place	Julia Trelford	St. Joseph's School
Second Place	Abhi Shankar	Saugeen District Senior School
Third Place	Allie McMeeken	Saugeen District Senior School

Senior Division Grades (Grades 10-12)

No Participants

The speakers who placed first have been invited to participate in the R.C.L. Zone C-4 Public Speaking Competition. This event will be held on March 7th at the Hepworth/Shallow Lake Branch #586.

In closing, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to those who volunteered as this day would not have been possible without you!

Cde Patty Kelly
 Youth Education Chairperson
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Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



Greetings from Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary.

It is with much sadness that I have to report that our friend and comrade, Margaret Esplen has passed away. She was a special lady, always on the go and getting things done. She will be missed. Rest in Peace, Margaret.

Our menu is always changing, we've added more choices and we are always willing to listen to you and accommodate whenever we can. So, think of us when you want to have an event, we can accommodate up to 150 and have a menu that can be tweaked to whatever your tastes desire. We have several bookings on our calendar for 2020 so book yours soon to be guaranteed the date you wish.

As we are a volunteer organization all monies raised from the events we cater to are given back to our local community charities including but not limited to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 340, The Poppy Fund, Veterans, local hospitals and to the Bursary Program.

Our meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM. **So please mark your calendars to attend.**

It will soon be time for election of Officers and Executive. If you have an interest in standing for any position on our Executive please let us know.

International Women's Day is March 8th, go out and celebrate ladies.

It's snowing here In Port Elgin as I am writing this but Spring is just around the corner. Have faith, the snow will all be gone soon.

Cde Vicky Taylor
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Hours of Operation Change Sunday Clubroom Hours

Starting in April the Clubroom will be closed Sundays until September 13th



Military Service Recognition Book



Ontario Command is very pleased and proud to publish the Military Service Recognition Book. A book that will assist us in identifying and recognizing many of our Veterans within the Province of Ontario, while at the same time assist us in our job as the "Keepers of Remembrance".

We invite Legion members and the general public to visit their local Legion Branch to obtain more information regarding this Remembrance program and more importantly, to submit a story and photo of a Veteran. We cannot expect those who have served or are still serving to write their own stories for publication. So we are asking members of The Legion and the general public to accept the responsibility and fulfil our mandate to do this on their behalf.

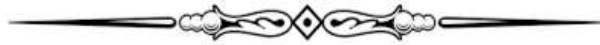
This annual publication will help identify and recognize many of the Veterans of Ontario who served their country extremely well. As "Keepers of Remembrance", the Royal Canadian Legion strives to perpetuate the sacrifices that our soldiers and their families sacrificed for our freedom. This Military Service Recognition Book will serve as a reminder for generations to come, of the contributions made towards the creation of our nation and the continuance of Canada as a protector of freedom.

Although this program is all about Remembrance and the history of our Veterans, funds will be raised for the Legion through a telephone appeal to the general public and businesses through advertising sales for the book. The book publisher, Fenety Marketing, is currently conducting a Telephone Appeal on our behalf to private citizens and the business community throughout the Province of Ontario. The funds raised through the program will assist and support many Legion initiatives and to assist branches to remain a viable partner in their communities.

We invite you to submit stories of Veterans who have touched your life through your local Legion Branch. Recognition for our Veterans both past and present should be very important to us all. Please show your support to our Veterans.

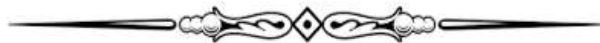
The submission form is downloadable at <http://www.on.legion.ca>

~ Military Service Recognition Book Committee



Driving my friend Steve and his girlfriend to the airport, we passed a billboard showing a bikini-clad beauty holding a can of beer. Steve's girlfriend glanced up at it and announced, "I suppose if I drank a six-pack of that brand, I'd look like her."

"No," Steve corrected. "If I drank a six-pack, you'd look like her."



"I married an Irishman on St. Patrick's Day."

"Oh, really?"

"No, O'Reilly!"



Padre's Corner On Finding our WWII Veterans



May 8, 2020 is the 75th Anniversary of the end of the war in Europe and is known as VE Day. There was great rejoicing in Canada and around the world when WWII ended.

Branch 340 is planning to recognize the importance of that day by having a short service at the Cenotaph on **Saturday, May 9**, then returning to the Legion for lunch. All veterans will be invited and we will honour this special group of WWII veterans at that time.

We have only seven WWII veterans who are members of the Legion, and we know of six or seven, all in their mid 90's, who are residents of Elgin Lodge and Hampton Court. They are the last of those men and women who went to war and changed the course of world history.

It is important to find any other veterans in the community whom we don't presently know about, so that we can extend an invitation for lunch on that day. We will honour their service to our country along with the others.

You can help. If you know of a WWII veteran that should be with us on that day, please call us. We will visit them and make sure that they are invited.

Call:	Rev. Chuck Beaton (Chaplain)	519-797-5586
Or Call:	Norma Dudgeon	519-832-2903

Lest we forget.

Chuck Beaton, Chaplain



Late on one Saturday night, the Garda spotted O'Callaghan driving very erratically through the streets of Dungarvan, County Waterford. The policeman pulled him over and asked O'Callaghan if he had been drinking that evening.

'Aye, so I have. 'Tis Saturday, you know, so me and the lads stopped by the pub where I had six or seven pints,' chattered the inebriated O'Callaghan. 'Then there was something called "Happy Hour" and they served these mar-gar-itos which are quite good. I had four or five o' those. Then I had to drive me friend O'Reilly home and o' course I had to go in for a couple of Guinness - couldn't be rude, ye know. Then I stopped on the way home to get another bottle for later ...,' and O'Callaghan fumbled around in his coat until he located his bottle of whiskey, which he held up for inspection.

The Garda Officer sighed and said, 'Sir, I'm afraid I'll need you to step out of the car and take a breathalyser test.'

Indignantly, O'Callaghan replied, 'Why? Don't ye believe me?'





Branch 340 "Communications"



Branch 340 has started a project to remind members of imminent activities at our Legion.

Several times in the past year, the monthly General Meeting has been cancelled because there were too few members present. A minimum number (quorum) is required before business can be conducted. This endeavour is intended to alleviate this problem.

Text messages are being sent as reminders on the day of the event. Although these memos are aimed at cell-phones, those with landlines will get a computerized voice message.

There is a small added cost for the landline messages, so this is a request to contact Branch 340 to have your contact number changed to your cell phone number.

Please e-mail branch340@eastlink.ca or call 519-832-2903 to have your number changed or added to the program. If you do not wish to receive these texts, please let us know.

In the future, this venture can hopefully be expanded to include Friday BBQs and Meat Raffles, etc.




The Wearin' O' the Green


Today is the day fer the wearin' o' the green.
Today is the day when the little people are seen.
Today is St. Patrick's Day, so if ye'r Irish me lad,
Join the celebratin' fer the grandest time ta' be had.

Ya' put yer hand up in the air, the other hand on your hip.
Ya' tap yer toe, ya' tap yer heel, ya' bounce yer knee a wee bit.
Ya' prance 'n dance around the room, n' circle one two three.
The saints be praised, I must admit, ya' all look Irish ta' me.



**PORT ELGIN LEGION – BRANCH 340
2020 - MEAT DRAWS and BBQ/DINNER DATES**

Statutory Holidays 

Meat Draws 

BBQ/Dinners 

JANUARY 2020							FEBRUARY 2020							MARCH 2020						
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* Pumpkinfest Weekend Breakfast



Royal Canadian Legion
Port Elgin Branch 340
630 Green Street, Port Elgin
519-389-9917



Friday Night Dinner

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Ribs & Sausage, Vegetable,
Potato Salad & Dessert**

Friday, March 27

**Mark your calendars and join us for a
delicious meal and social time**

Tickets will be available on the day of the event.

Adults / \$10

Child 12 & Under / \$6

Child 3 & Under - Free























Everyone Welcome

Brian Henderson, Hoof 'n It, is our host for this evening
Enjoy the ribs and sausage



March 2020



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1	2 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM 	3 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	4 BINGO 7:30 PM 	5 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	6 DANCE CLUB 7:30 PM 	7 EUCHRE 1:30 PM 
8	9 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM 	10 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM LA GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	11 BINGO 7:30 PM 	12 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	13 DANCE CLUB 7:30 PM 	14 EUCHRE 1:30 PM MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
15	16 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM 	17 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM 	18 BINGO 7:30 PM 	19 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	20 DANCE CLUB 7:30 PM 	21 EUCHRE 1:30 PM 
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29	30 DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM 	31 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM				

🎲 Please join us for our various events 🎲
 🎲 Event Times and Dates Subject to Change 🎲