



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION FRED GIES BRANCH 50

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THE DUGOUT

November/December/January



**LEST WE FORGET
REMEMBER!**

**IT'S NOT WHAT YOU
PAY TO BE A MEMBER.**

**IT'S WHAT THEY PAID
TO LET YOU.**

REGULAR HOURS

Monday 12:00 pm to closing
Tuesday 12:00 pm to closing
Wednesday 12:00 pm to closing
Thursday 12:00 pm to closing
Friday 12:00 pm to closing
Saturday 12:00 pm to closing
Sunday Closed

(Except for special occasions)

**General Meetings are held
the 4th Sunday of every
month at 2:00 p.m.**

BRANCH 50 EXECUTIVE

President / Constitution & Laws
1st Vice President – Security
2nd Vice President – Bar Chair
Treasurer
Branch Secretary
Past President / Leadership/
Cadet Liaison
Membership
Poppy Chair
House & Grounds
Youth Education
Sports
Veterans Services
Ways and Means
Entertainment
Sick & Visiting
Bursary / Seniors
Public Relations / Honours & Awards
Sgt. At Arms
Dugout

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Chris Mayhew
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Cecile Knipfel
Lee Ewart
John Mac Dougall
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Kevin Maguire
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Cathy Kalte
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Irene Blanchard
Beth Wheatley
Rob Knipfel
Darcy Shaw
Sandra Mac Dougall

President & Constitution & Laws - Laurie Ryan

Welcome to fall. With beautiful colours surrounding us and exceptional weather we are all hopefully enjoying it.

Our Legion is back in full fall mode with activities and events on most days of the week.

Conferences, training, preparing for Remembrance Day and meetings have been going strong. Your executive is working very hard to make our Legion a welcome place to come. Many events are being planned so keep your eyes and ears open. If you have any suggestions, please use the suggestion box or contact one of the executives.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

1st Vice-President/Security/Youth Education – Carol Gabriel

Hi Comrades:

Vice President No report.

Youth Ed all is going great for Remembrance Day. The posters ,poems, and essays will start returning from the schools by Nov 8 /2024 which is the cut of date. Then things will get real busy.

Thank you Carol Gabriel

2nd Vice-President/Bar Chair - Chris Mayhew

Hello Comrades,

Hope everyone had a good summer. I would like to welcome back all Sports Teams for winter. New Draft Beer on tap. Waterloo Dark and Kronenbourg.

Thank you, Chris Mayhew

Treasurer – Rennie Brudnjak

I would like to thank Branch 50 for giving me the opportunity to work with others in the Executive to help the Legion support veterans, members and our community. As the Treasurer, I will do my best to use my knowledge and experience to help the Legion meet its objectives through good financial management practices and controls. I am also more than happy to do what I can to facilitate fundraising activities including grant applications.

Secretary – Gail Bourhill

Hello comrades. We've been in our executive position now for approximately 5 months. It's been great seeing our legion move forward. We have things going on every day and evenings. I have enjoyed meeting so many great people. Please volunteer, if you can. It's rewarding. Thank you.

Past President/Cadet Liaison – Ernie Bremner

No Report given.

Membership – Cecile Knipfel**Membership**

First, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season in 2024 and all the best for the coming year 2025. Just a reminder, to our members the Early Bird Draw is ending on November 30, 2024. The draw will be held in the first week of December 2024. I will be sending out confirmation letters to the three winners to inform them they are a winner of the free 2026 membership. Remember that coming January 1, 2025, our rate for the 2025 membership is going to be \$65.00 each. So, why not pay your dues now, and have a chance to win a free membership for 2026 year.

We are still getting return mail and emails. Please update your contact details with us so that the database can be current. This should be done by sending an email to membership.br50k@gmail.com so that we could update the database. This is also for any inquiries about membership information or any questions that may arise.

Poppy Chair – Lee Ewart**Poppy Report**

Good Day, Comrades, the Poppy Campaign is upon us. Campaign kickoff is Oct 25/24. Just a reminder, Poppies can not be displayed before Oct 25, 2024, and cannot be worn after close of day November 11th 2024. We could still accept drivers for the routes, if anyone is interested please sign appropriate sheet at the bar. Thanks to everyone who has offered their assistance.

Lee Ewart

Poppy Chair

House & Grounds – John Mac Dougall

Installed three Motion Outside Lights facing parking lot looking out towards the patio. These are being loaned until electrician gets prices for permanent ones. Requested by 1st Vice.

Outside Flood lights towards staff parking lot and towards the two dumpsters are not working properly. Purchased two new LED Flood Lights for replacement. Installed and shining brightly.

Many helping hands got shed ready for Lee Ewart poppy campaign.

Thanks again everyone that was part of the team to get it done. They also cleaned out the Electrical Room. New Toilet seat put on in lady washroom.

Replaced Ballast in Men's washroom and bulbs. Purchased a new ladder for the branch.

Two small Fire Extinguisher were installed. One in the kitchen and one near TV where the food is being served. Open flame there. Don't need a fire to start. Safety first.

**I am so pleased to welcome back Bid Euchre and Solo.
(Monday & Wednesday Bid Euchre & Friday is Solo)**

Sports – Kevin Maguire

No Report Given

Entertainment – Michelle Tardif

Greetings Comrades! As you are all aware November 11 is our Remembrance Day celebration. Please come out, show our veterans our support and that we do remember the ones that have left. Randy Kuhn will also be playing music for us starting at 4pm. On November 17 is our "Grey Cup Kick Off" starting with the Andy Parker band. The band will start at 1pm. There also will be a Chili cook off with prizes for first, second and third place. The price for this event is 10 dollars but if you bring in a pot of chili you get in free. The chili cook off will take place after the band and after the judging you will be able to buy a bowl of chili with a bun for \$5 dollars. So mark November 17 on your calendar come on out dance, eat and have some fun. We all are to well aware Christmas is just around the corner which means so is New Year's Eve. This year it is the Bottoms Up Band with a luncheon to be served around 10:30pm. This will be a ticket event with a limited amount of tickets available.

Ticket prices with be 35 dollars.

Sick/visiting, Bursary—Irene Blanchard

Welcome Comrades. Welcome Fall . I am keeping in touch Dennis Ledry and Fred Beecroft. Oct.21/2024. I find out J.P. Arnold is in K.W. Hospital and had surgery. Oct.23/2024 I visit with J.P. at K.W. Hospital on Oct 22/2024 I found out Sandra Mac Dougall had a fall at work. There are cards at Legion for Sandra and J.P.

Bursary; I spoke with a student from Resurrection Catholic High School for an application. Gail Bourhill will E-Mail the application to Resurrection Catholic High School. If any one. Knows any one who needs a call or visit please let me know Irene (226-989-6447) Thanks to everyone.

Ways and Means - Cathy Kalte

Meat Spin every Saturday tickets go on sale at 3:00 pm spin at 4:00 . 50/50 draw several days each week . There's a Christmas Craft Sale November 23rd at Branch 50 . All tables are sold out so it should be a great event. Senior/kids Christmas party on December 1st, pre register your kiddos at the Branch with the Bar Steward ages 10 and under. New Years Eve Dance .

Legion Seniors – Beth Wheatly

The seniors will be very busy in the next few months. In November, we will visit a senior apartment to find out how the Legion can support them. November 11 is the main event in the Legion. There are events every day. Dec.1st is the Christmas party for Seniors, Grandparents and Grandchildren. Sign-up sheets are at the Bar for children 10 and under to get a gift from Santa. Music, games, and Crafts. A light snack for everyone. Sign up early as we have 35 spaces for gifts from Santa only. January we are hoping to start an exercise program for seniors all are welcome. No cost for this event. If anyone has input please email Beth at moms2015@aol.com
Thanks, Beth Wheatley Seniors Executive.

Public Relations / Honours & Awards– Rob Knipfel**Public Relations**

First, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season 2024 and all the best for the coming year 2025.

I have been keeping up with the Facebook Group Page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3516942725302313>) with our daily events. We have events every day of the week from Monday through Saturday. Our branch will be having special events coming up and I will make sure everyone is updated with details. Our Group Page is growing fast, coming up to 700 members and would like to see it keep going. Please watch for postings for the upcoming events for the next few months we are planning a busy holiday season. Any new exciting news will be also posted on the legion website under the "NEWS" tab. (<https://www.rclkitchenerbr50.ca/>). I am also keeping the Information Center updated, with the special events, that are upcoming for the next few months.

Honours & Awards

I am going to start to plan the banquet for 2024/2025 year and will be looking for a catering company. If anyone would like to bring forward a company, please contact me via email rgcsk2016@hotmail.com with the information.

Veterans Service Officer - Peter Delaney

Plans are being finalized for our Veteran's Dinner. It will be held on November 3rd. We are hosting it at the Polish Legion. Any veteran who has yet to be contacted please reach out to me at 519 277 9970. Our goal is to extend an invitation for every veteran at our Branch to attend.

We are collaboratively working as a Branch with executives, members and others outside of our Branch to come alongside our veterans in need. The fruits for our actions come about through the efforts of many and not any one or two individuals. Some of our collective successes since my last report are as follows: a) we have supported a veteran from Nova Scotia. He reached out for assistance so he could come to Kitchener to visit his son. The young man was in Grand River Hospital for Cancer treatment, and this was his second time in treatment in three years. Our Branch was in a position to come alongside this veteran in need and he is eternally grateful for all of the support to him and his son. B) We have a veteran who recently became an amputee, losing one of his legs (which was not related to his service many years ago.) Our Branch worked towards equipping our veteran with a motorized wheelchair, getting his Mobility Plus and Veterans GRT pass in place. This man has gone from having little hope to a place where he now has something to look forward too! Other supports have been provided to come alongside our man and he is beyond grateful for knowing there is care and support available for him. Truly a life changing experience. C) Food that is collected by the Branch front entrance is regularly going to support some of our veterans when they have more month than groceries to deal with. It is distributed in a respectful and dignified manner, so as to be a support and not embarrass anyone for where they currently find themselves. D) Our Branch has come alongside a veteran who arrived in the Region without knowing anyone or where to turn for support. His parents, father also a veteran, were fearful of our man ending up in a shelter. After three nights stay at a hotel we managed the following: secured an apartment for the end of the month. Temporarily housed at no cost to our man. A job offer and now he is gainfully employed and looking forward to life's adventures. E) We have furniture in our sea container that will be provided to our veterans as we see them housed. This is a huge resource to have available and we are able to turn on a dime to come alongside with timely supports.

Region of Waterloo's Veteran Housing Program is still being working through the approval process. When further details and timing becomes available, we will hit the bricks running. I have my sights on as many as eight homeless veterans that potentially could be supported through this program.

Additional claims for our veterans have been submitted to Veterans Affairs. Disability claims are being approved and there are a number of supports available. We have seen successes in having previously denied claims appealed and are now approved. But we need to get the word out to have our veterans made aware of the benefits they are entitled too and that we will go toe to toe to provide supports as best as we can!

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns
below.

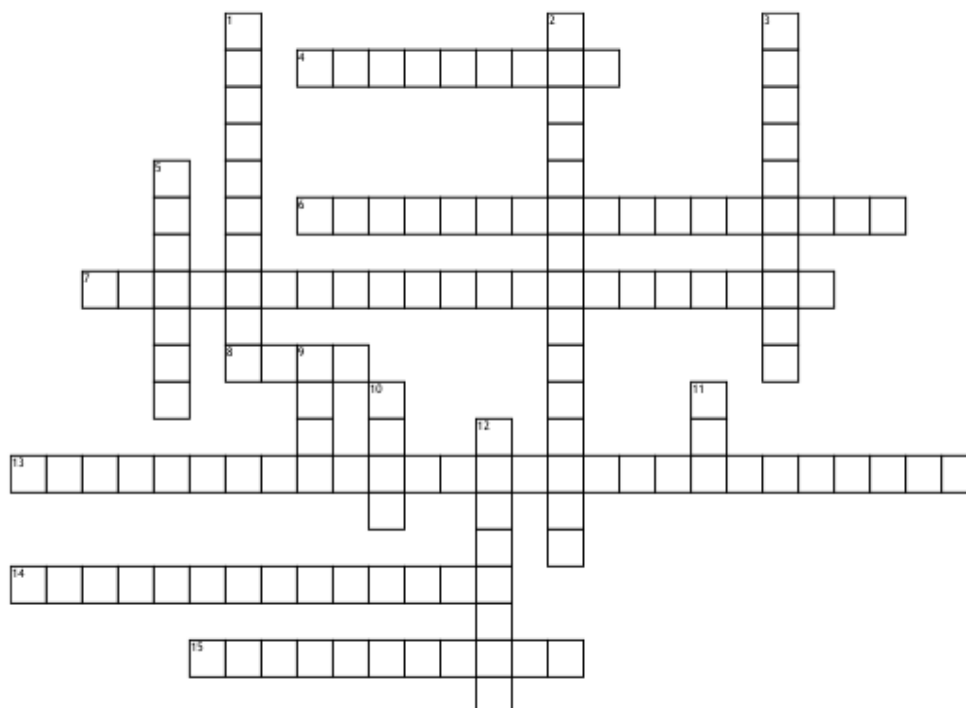
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
 though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

-John McCrae



Remembrance Day Crossword Puzzle



Across

4. The _____ and many more brave people helped fight in World War II
 6. Who was John McCrae?
 7. The Gulf War in Persia ended when the Coalition Forces...?
 8. When was the Remembrance Day poem published?

Word Bank

Poppy Day
 1945
 July 28, 1914 & November 11, 1918
 offered Iraq a ceasefire
 Canadians

13. World War I started and ended on?
 14. What does the symbol of the poppy mean?
 15. How many Canadians served Asia during the Second World War? (estimate)

Down

1. When is it Remembrance Day?
 2. What is the name of the Remembrance poem?

ten thousand
 1939
 November 11
 John McCrae
 1915

3. Who made the Remembrance Day Poem?
 5. More than 4000 Canadian Armed Forces members served in 1990-1991 during the _____.
 9. When did World War II start?
 10. When did World War II end?
 11. Canada tried to keep peace in Egypt and Israel from being controlled by other nations this almost lead to?
 12. Remembrance Day is also known as

Sacrifice & Duty
 Gulf War
 War
 In Flanders Field
 Canadian Physician

Christmas Word Search

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CANDY CANE
CAROLS
CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER
ELVES
GINGERBREAD
JINGLE

HOLLY
LIGHTS
MERRY
NORTH POLE
ORNAMENTS
PRESENTS
REINDEER

SANTA
SLEIGH
STOCKING
TREE
WINTER
WREATH



NEW YEARS WORD SCRAMBLE



UNSCRAMBLE THE NEW YEARS WORDS.

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November December January Trivia

November

1. What was Remembrance Day known as before being renamed in 1931?
2. Which Famous Clock marks the beginning of minute's of silence?
3. What does "Cenotaph" mean?
4. Why does Remembrance Day take place on November 11th?

Answer on
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December

1. Which country did Eggnog come from?
2. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas Tree?
3. According to the song. What did my true love give me on the eighth day of Christmas?
4. How many gifts in total were given in "The Twelve Days Of Christmas" song?

January

1. What is the flower symbol for January?
2. What famous Patent was granted on January 5, 1929?
3. What Beverage was first sold in a can starting January 24, 1935?
4. Who was the first Canadian Prime Minister of Canada and is celebrated on January 11th each year?



- **Novembers** full moon is called Beaver Moon because in the Colonial Era, this was the month to set Beaver Traps before the swamp froze.
- **Decembers** name derives from the Latin word decem (meaning ten) because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the calendar of Romulus c. 750 BC.
- **January** is named after the Roman God Janus. He had two faces so he could see the future and the past.



For entertainment, food preparation, cleanup for karaoke night, pool tournaments, and color party, House & Grounds, and for other help not mentioned.

Please drop us a note in the suggestion box or email cathykalte1108@gmail.com. Thank you



PLEASE SEND MY DUGOUT VIA E-MAIL

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Membership #: _____

Email address: _____

Royal Canadian Legion

Fred Gies (Branch 50) Ontario

Email: royalcanadianlegion1@bellnet.ca

Online: <http://kitchenerlegionbranch50.ca>

MEMBERS: Are you receiving mail from Branch 50? Has your address or phone number changed recently? Are you credited with your full years of service? Do you know of a member that has passed away?

PLEASE CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP

membership.br50k@gmail.com

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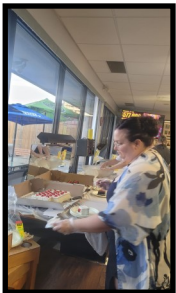
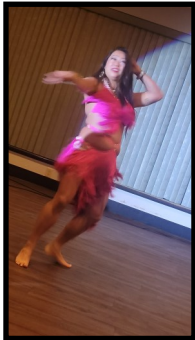
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Do you have any old yearly service pins?

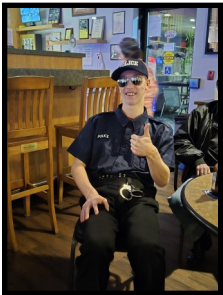
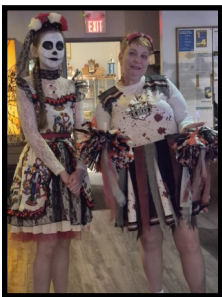
If you do not need them, please return them to the legion.

This can save us money. Thank you.

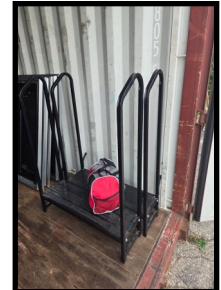
A Variety Show and Dinner
September 14/2024



Halloween Party with Highway 19
October 26/2024



Stage for Sale
8' X 12' , 4 sections of 4' X 6' , 2— Stairs and Skirting
\$4000.00



Dugout Information
Please send all Reports, Pictures and Inquiries to
Sandra Mac Dougall
tudadra@gmail.com

Reminder Recycle Information— YOU CAN HELP

We collect Pop cans, pop tabs, eye glasses, Canadian Tire money and toiletries for veterans at Sunnyside Nursing Home and Parkwood Hospital. Please remove the tabs from the pop cans before depositing them in the recycle bin and bring in the tabs in a separate container. The pop cans will be donated to the Waterloo Shriners Aluminum Can Recycling Program and the tabs will be sent to the Elora Legion for their Wheelchair Program.
Over 3,000 wheelchairs have been purchased through this program so far.



This bench was donated by Kelly Daly in memory of his dad, Charles. Charles was a member of Branch 609, Brampton where he was the official photographer, but his home was Kitchener. Kelly also lives in this area. I was very pleased to accept this wonderful gift for all to enjoy. Thank you Kelly

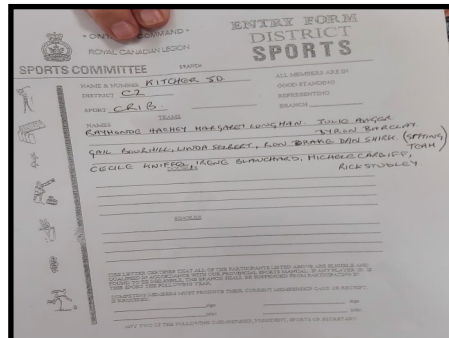
Members Michael & Gord, Father and son brought in 9 Kitty Litter containers full of pop tabs.
Family and friends save up every year and donate all their pop tabs.
Thank you



C2 Zone Cribbage St. Marys Legion Branch 236 October 5/2024

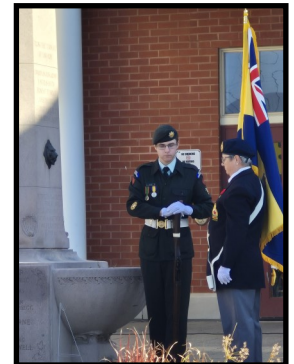
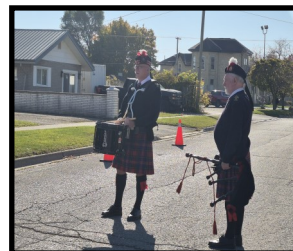
Congratulations to all 3 teams moving on to C2 District Cribbage In January/2025

A BIG Congrats to Dan, Linda, Gail and Ron for coming in 1ST Place

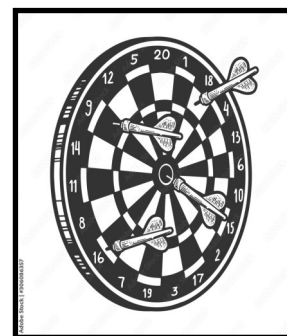


DISTRICT C FALL CONVENTION

October 20th at Branch 167 in Exeter



Please Join Us



Trivia Answers

November

1. Armistice Day
2. Big Ben
3. Empty Tomb
4. First world war ended on Nov 11th

December

1. England
2. Germany
3. Eight maids a-milking
4. 364

January

1. Carnation
2. Pop-up Toaster
3. Beer
4. Sir John A. Macdonald



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ANSWERS**



Word Scramble Answers

1. Party
2. Hat
3. January
4. New year
5. Mask
6. Midnight
7. Celebrate
8. Balloons

STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts	2 12pm Crib Tournament 3pm Meat Spin
3 6pm. Veteran's Dinner @ Polish Legion	4 1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8 Ball Pool 7:30pm KW Darts	5 6pm Karaoke with Randy Kuhn	6 1pm Bid Euchre 7:30pm KW Rec Pool League	7 1pm Euchre 7pm 9 Ball Pool	8 1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts	9 3pm Meat Spin
10 1pm 55+Club Solo Tournament	11 Remembrance Day 	12 6pm Karaoke with Randy Kuhn	13 1pm Bid Euchre 7:30pm KW Rec Pool League	14 1pm Euchre 7pm 9 Ball Pool	15 1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts	16 3pm Meat Spin
17 1pm "Grey Cup Kick Off" starting with the Andy Parker band. 4pm Chili cook off	18 1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8 Ball Pool 7:30pm KW Darts	19 6pm Karaoke with Randy Kuhn	20 1pm Bid Euchre 7:30pm KW Rec Pool League	21 1pm Euchre 7pm 9 Ball Pool	22 1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts	23 10am –3pm Christmas Craft Sale 3pm Meat Spin
24 2pm General Membership Meeting	25 1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8 Ball Pool 7:30pm KW Darts	26 6pm Karaoke with Randy Kuhn	27 1pm Bid Euchre 7:30pm KW Rec Pool League	28 1pm Euchre 7pm 9 Ball Pool	29 1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts	30 3pm Meat Spin



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Senior/kids Christmas party	1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8 Ball Pool 7:30pm KW Darts	6:00pm Karaoke with Randy Kuhn	1pm Bid Euchre 7:30pm KW Rec Pool League	1pm Euchre 7pm 9 Ball Pool	1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts Cancer	12pm Cribbage Tournament 3pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8 Ball Pool 7:30pm	Branch Open 1pm –5pm	Branch Closed 	Branch Open 1pm –5pm 	1pm Solo <u>No Darts</u>	3pm Meat Spin
29	30	31				
	1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8 Ball Pool 7:30pm KW Darts	New Years Dance Bottoms Up Band 				

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8 Ball Pool 7:30pm KW Darts	7 6:00pm Karaoke with Randy Kuhn	8 1pm Bid Euchre 7:30pm KW Rec Pool League	9 1pm Euchre 7pm 9 Ball Pool	10 1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts	11 3pm Meat Spin.
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