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9-1-1 is for emergencies

Most individuals are fortunate and never have the need to contact the police to report a crime in progress or need to contact EMS and the Fire Department to request assistance for a medical emergency or a fire. As a result of not requiring emergency service, some people are unfamiliar with the correct use of the 9-1-1 phone system.

9-1-1 is a telephone number that will connect the caller to Police, Ambulance and Fire in the event of an emergency. This system should be used for emergencies such as (but not limited to) traffic collisions where injuries have occurred, crimes in progress, medical emergencies and fires.

Most people would be surprised to know that this life saving 9-1-1 system has been taken advantage of in the past whereby people would call 9-1-1 to request directions and road conditions or traffic reports. This is clearly a blatant misuse of 9-1-1 that ties up a phone line, thus such a misuse could jeopardize the life or safety of someone attempting to call an emergency service. It is important to remember that seconds count and sometimes it could be the difference between life and death or a criminal being apprehended or escaping.

This article is a reminder to individuals that may not be familiar with the appropriate use of 9-1-1. If your life or safety is threatened, or if you are reporting a crime in progress, please call 9-1-1. Conversely, if you require police advice or if you are reporting a crime, but the offenders are no longer in the area or not known, please call the local police number at 905-878-5511.

If anyone has a question about the issue that was explored or if you have an idea/topic you would like me to explore, please e-mail me at rob.felske@hrps.ca, or call me at 905-878-5511 ext. 2105.

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BRANCH No. 197 **LEGION NEWS**
By James Hayes P.R.O.

Comrades,
The Branch mourns the passing of our comrade, Jim Milne, on Thursday, January 26.

Jim served with the Lorne Scots Regiment in Europe during WW11, and on his return to Canada became involved in many facets of community service. A past president of Branch 197, he was in charge of the Rockwood Poppy Drive for the past 50 years. Last year he was awarded a Life Membership in the Royal Canadian Legion for his Legion and Community Service.

A Legion Tribute was held at the Blue Springs Funeral Home on Saturday, January 28. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family at this most distressing time.

*At the going down of the Sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.*

At the Initiation ceremony held last Friday night 11 new members were welcomed into Branch 197. During this process new and old members are reminded of the obligations of Legion membership to our comrades and the community.

This past week The New Tanner has run an ad inviting senior citizens who may qualify to apply for a grant from the Legion to help with their winter heating costs. Actions such as these are part of our responsibility to

our community.

Coming events:
Sunday, February 19 Winterfest, starts at 1p.m. The first 30 accompanied children get a grab bag; there will be all kinds of games and good stuff to do. Don't miss it.

On February 25 we will be holding our third annual Chili Cook-Off, so dust off the crock pot and get out granny's recipe; you know it will be a fun afternoon.

Yours in comradeship,

Legion Ladies' Auxiliary:
Ladies, remember tonight is the LA General Meeting at 7:30.

Saturday, February 4 is the LA Appreciation Dinner put on by the Branch. This dinner is a thank you from the Branch for all the hard work you have done over 2005. Cocktails will be 6-7 with dinner following. At 9p.m. the entertainment will start.

Congratulations to Norma Titus and Betty Green who came in second at cribbage a couple of weeks ago. Also to the dart team of Sue Poulsen, Norma Titus, Gail Gibson and Peggy Harris who won 4th in their division for darts as well 10th place overall out of 22 teams.

Zone Euchre February 11 - Georgetown.
Zone Darts February 18 - Port Credit.

*Yours in Comradeship,
Peggy Harris,
Br. 197 LA President*

Local woodworker at London show

Hendrik Varju runs a woodworking business, Passion for Wood, in Erin, on the Fifth Line, just outside of Acton. A fine furniture designer/craftsman he also teaches the art of fine woodworking while simultaneously taking on private furniture commissions.

Varju is a contributing editor to Canadian Home Workshop and Canadian Woodworking magazines, and has also been published in the prestigious American magazine called Fine Woodworking.

He's appearing at the London Woodworking Show to be held from February 10 to 12 in London, Ontario. He will be in attendance on all three days offering seminars at the main stage on a variety of woodworking related topics. Topics include, "Staining Different Woods," "Sanding and Scraping" and "Setting Up a Home Workshop."

On Friday and Saturday, he will also present an extra-long 1 1/2 hour seminar entitled, "The Perfect Polyurethane Finish".

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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Feb 5: FOR GOD'S PLEASURE (Psalm 149:1-5, Revelation 4)
Feb 12: MAKING GOD SMILE? (Numbers 6:22-26)
Feb 19: HEART OF WORSHIP (Romans 6:8-14)
Feb 26: BEST FRIENDS WITH GOD (Romans 5:9-11)

