



HONOURING VETERANS: Members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197 marched to the Acton Cenotaph for a Remembrance Day service on Saturday. - Ted Tyler photo

BRANCH No. 197 **LEGION NEWS**
By Sharon Graham P.R.O.

Comrades,
The Remembrance Day Parade on Saturday was just beautiful. The weather was a bit cold, but the rain held off for us. A special thank you to our Poppy Convener Mike Mattocks, our Sergeant-At-Arms Wes Kutasienski, President John Wagg and all members of the Legion and Ladies Auxiliary for a wonderful day. Ladies, your roast beef lunch was delicious.

A very special thank you to Acton District High, McKenzie-Smith Bennett, Robert Little School and St. Joseph Catholic School, and to the community, for coming to our Remembrance Day service on Monday.

The Legion would like to thank the community and stores for your donation to the Poppy Campaign for the veterans.

A special thank you to all of the students of all the schools in Acton for your Poppy posters, poems and essays. Your work, as always is amazing and I wish I could give something to all of the

students, also to their principals, teachers and staff.

To all of the judges who came out to review all of the work, thank you so much.

Just a reminder that the Branch and LA Children's Christmas Party signup sheet is now up at the Legion. If your children are nine years or under, please sign the list in order for your child to receive a gift.

The parent must be a member in good standing (dues paid) in order to sign their child up. Deadline for sign up is November 23, and the Christmas Party is Sunday, December 8 at 1 p.m.

Please remember to mark November 30 on your calendars. The Branch will host a fundraiser for Bev Boisvenue (nee Dunn) in the Gord McCutcheon Hall from 8 till 12 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Here is just a bit of history on Bev who has been hospitalized for approximately one year following complications of surgery. As a result, she has suffered a stroke and has lost most of her

speech.

Bev has been known for her great singing voice over the years. In the past she has sung the National Anthem at our arena for hockey games and at the Back to Acton Days. One of her greatest accomplishments was being chosen ten years ago to sing the National Anthem at the Blue Jays game in Toronto. Bev is a lifelong resident of Acton, who is married to Andre. They have three children Alyssa, Ryan and Austin. The beauty of living in a small town is that everyone joins together to help those in need. All are welcome to attend this event. Tickets are available at the bar or at 519-853-0910.

We are asking for donations from businesses to help us raise funds for the Boisvenue family and appreciate any donations that we receive.

Our turkey roll will be on December 14 from 2 to 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome, so come out and you have a chance to win your Christmas turkey. We will be serving roast beef on a bun with fries. We will let you know the cost sooner to the date. There are lots of activities on this date, so come out and have a good time.

Municipal Assistance program budget includes proposed 16.9 per cent increase for approved appliants

Increased requests for municipal money to help pay for sports tournaments, food bank fundraising, neighbourhood street parties and expanded re-occurring events mean a proposed 16.9 per cent increase, to \$115,100, in the Town's Municipal Assistance Program budget.

The fund provides grants to eligible community members, organizations and businesses that promote and enhance a healthy, safe and active community.

This year's increases include For 2014, the committee is making a

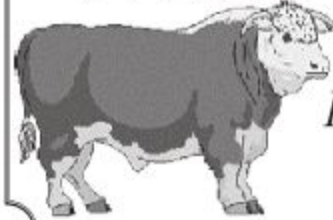
number of recommendations to the budget committee including a 16.9 per cent budget increase which includes increasing to \$50,000 from \$43,000 to cover waivers of municipal fees based on last year's actual, an additional \$25,000 to \$10,000 for marketing and promotion requests, an additional 5,000 to \$15,000 for special projects and start-up applications, and a decrease to \$28,300 from \$39,300 based on current partnership agreements.

The Town's \$13,600 share of the cost to help fund the Nurse Practitioner

at the Acton Medical Clinic will now be included in the Economic Development committee budget and not come from Municipal Assistance Program funding.

Some of the Municipal Assistance Program funding requests for 2014 include \$10,020 from the Acton Agricultural Society in fee waivers and marketing and promotion costs, \$4,836 from the Acton BIA for marketing and promotion of the Farmers' Market, Canada Day and Leather-town Festival, which also asked for fee waivers for that event.

What's Your Beef?



Put it in a letter to the Editor!
It's better than just chewing your cud!

Deadline is Tuesday at noon.

Come & Have Your Child's Photo Taken With Santa

Before the Santa Claus Parade
(photos to be picked up after the parade)



Photos are free, compliments of the Acton BIA

Saturday, November 16

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

At
Roxy Coffee
6 Mill St. E.
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Hot apple cider along the parade route compliments of MacMillan's Frozen Foods and the Acton BIA

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