

OPINION

Never forget

Thousands of local residents will be purchasing a poppy this week from a veteran or a member from one of the local Royal Canadian Legions.

Many others will take part in one of three Remembrance Day ceremonies planned for Georgetown, Acton and Glen Williams (see page 2 of today's special Remembrance Day section for details).

Perhaps you may even take in the *Sing Out a Song for Peace* free one-hour concert to promote world peace on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Georetown Christian Reformed Church. Branch 120 (Georgetown) of the Canadian Legion will participate, along with the 100-voice Georgetown Choral Society and members of the Georgetown Children's Chorus.

If you're a youngster, very likely your school is holding a Remembrance service this week.

Perhaps if you meet a veteran a simple pat on the back or handshake, along with simple 'thank you' can be your tribute.

There are many ways we can honour the men and women who have served our country in times of war and as peacekeepers.

However, regardless of how we recognize and thank them for their efforts, there is no way we can ever repay them for their sacrifice and bravery.

They selflessly put country before themselves. They put their lives on the line to ensure ours were protected. They endured physical and mental hardship to protect our freedoms. Many made the greatest sacrifice. We must never forget.

WEB POLL RESULTS

(Go to www.theifp.ca)

Have recent political scandals (i.e. Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, Canadian senators) made you more distrustful of politicians?

- Yes (56%)
- My opinion hasn't changed (35%)
- No (9%)

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Letters to the editor

Shopping local can be frustrating

Dear editor,

We have had great experiences shopping in Georgetown, also some unfortunate experiences. We try to shop local and are willing to pay a bit more however...

Appliance store— We gave the associate our names, item numbers and after three visits and no calls or price, ordered from Sears.

Car— After three visits to our local dealer, neither the manager nor salesperson appeared familiar with the local newspaper advertisement and offered no breakdown on price. The cost did not appear to be discounted by the incentives. Frustrated, we contacted the Milton dealer, who provided a price breakdown with incentives in five minutes at \$10,000 cheaper.

Landscaping— The salesman took down our name and promised a contractor would call. After a week, the salesman called, lost the request and promised another call, which never came. From Mississauga, within a few

days work was completed.

Despite this we continue to try first to shop local. We thought perhaps these companies would recognize themselves and not take customers for granted. We still love Georgetown as a place to live. There are so many great, reputable places, like Glen Valley Restoration, Appleby, Sears, Hassell's Auto, Goodyear, Pro-lube, too many to list.

Mike & Judy Adam, Georgetown

Generous customer deserves recognition

Dear editor:

Recently I visited our local Beer Store. I quickly went in to find my favourite brew. As I was picking up a case, I overheard a conversation next to me.

An elderly couple seemed confused as to what they wanted. A young man searching for his own nearby asked if they needed help with their decision.

They appeared a little relieved and accepted. Then he asked if he could carry their purchase to the cashier. They seemed appreciative, but

slightly embarrassed by how much this guy was willing to do for them.

He paid for his first, and then waited for them to complete their purchase. Without hesitation, he grabbed his and their cases and asked where their car was located. He placed the beer in their car and quickly said goodbye before they could embarrass him over his generosity.

To add to the purity of his actions, he seemed confused when I asked him his name. I told him that I had witnessed his act of kindness and I'd like to find a way to let others know of his giving nature.

His name is Collin Docherty. Thanks Collin. You represent our great town well.

Dave Hassell, Georgetown

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