

Honour a veteran

Today and throughout this weekend there will be numerous ceremonies and services held in Halton to mark Remembrance Day.

It is the one time of the year we make a conscious effort to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have fought for our freedom in wars both past and present.

Observing a moment's silence, attending a Remembrance Day service or buying a poppy are all respectful ways to thank our veterans. However, in the grand scheme of things, these tributes never seem enough when compared to the great sacrifices our fighting and peacekeeping forces have made over the decades.

One other way to commemorate the sacrifice of Canadian Second World War veterans is to purchase a "brick", at the Juno Beach Centre in France. For \$250, an engraved plaque will be placed in the kiosk wall at the site. The veterans' bricks will include the person's rank, name, decorations, unit, dates of service, as well as a comment regarding the veteran's service, such as "Italian Campaign", "Battle of the Atlantic" or "D-Day Veteran".

The donors' bricks, will include the donor's name, other descriptive information, town and province of residence. All bricks will be on kiosks outside the Centre near the front entrance. A directory inside will assist visitors in finding specific bricks on the various kiosks.

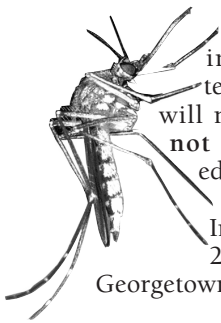
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Juno Beach Centre,
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For an additional \$25, an authentic replica wooden brick with the Juno Beach logo will be sent to the donor recognizing the purchase of a veteran or donor brick to show that a "brick" will be installed in the Centre in his/her name. The replica wooden brick is only available to those purchasing a brick.

We will never truly be able to thank our veterans for the freedoms they provided to us and future generations, but buying a brick simply provides us with another way to show them how grateful we are and that we, too, will never forget.

Something bugging you?

Send us a letter!



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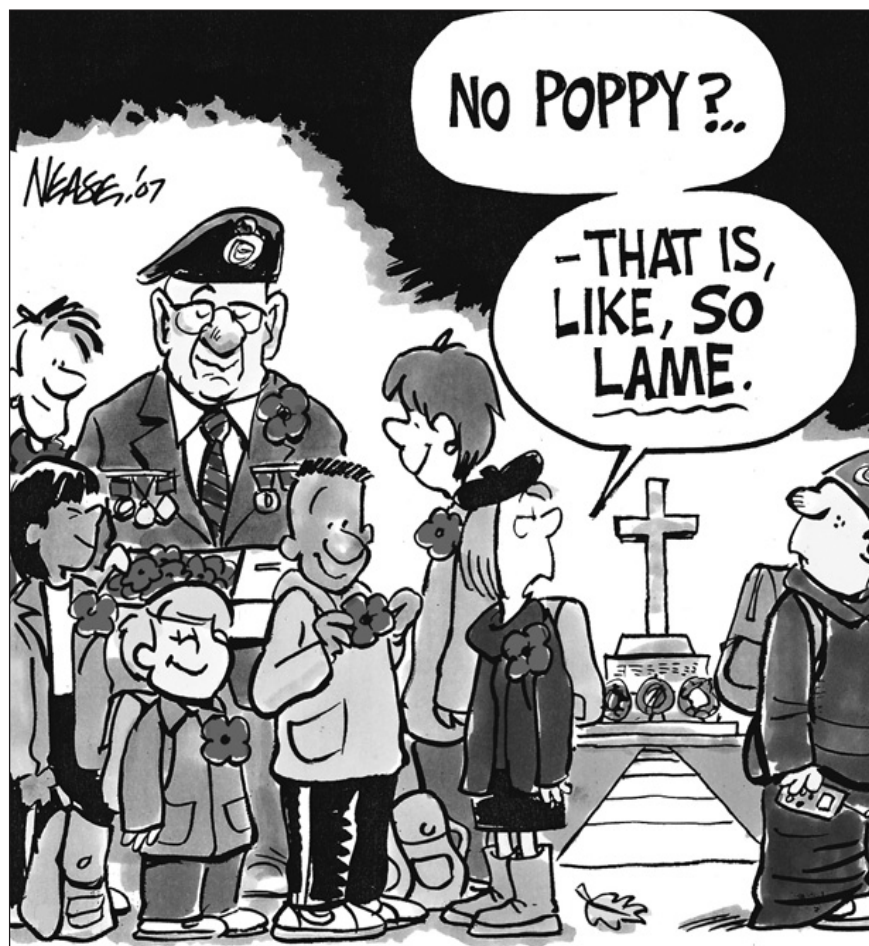
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Complaining readers need reality check

Dear editor,

For the past few weeks I have been reading your "letters to the editor" and must say that a few of your readers need a reality check.

"Dogs at the market, licking children's faces", Oh please! Come on, now.

Try volunteering at a sick kid's hospital or a long-term nursing home.

Pay attention to the faces of children and elderly as they light up with delight as they receive a big wet kiss from one of the dogs brought in for therapeutic use.

Any parent of a sick child or child of an elderly parent would trade, in a

Battery disposal bins would help environment

Dear editor,

Your Nov. 2 article regarding changing of batteries in smoke alarms brings to mind how to dispose of used batteries.

I suggest rather than throwing them in the regular garbage that ends up in landfill, could we not have some bins near grocery stores or similar locations where we would be able to dispose of the old batteries and then have them picked up by the Region of Halton Hills for further disposal the proper way?

It is a small effort to contribute to a clean environment.

Ellen Van Liefland,
Georgetown

heartbeat, their loved one's health for that of a sloppy kiss.

As for the complaints of roaming cats, they would love to watch their loved ones chuckle at a cat chasing a butterfly or chipmunk, after all (what is a little poop between friends).

Re: The recent letter complaining about living near a quarry.

Washing a dirty car with a loved one (as the result of driving the quarry road) can be a very bonding experience.

MPP stresses need for local CT scanners

(This was an open letter sent to Ontario Health Minister George Smitherman. A copy was made available for publication.)

Dear Minister,

Congratulations on your re-election to the Ontario Legislature in the riding of Toronto Centre.

Supporting improvements to health care in Wellington-Halton Hills continues to be amongst my highest priorities. I am aware that both the Georgetown Hospital and the Groves Memorial Community Hospital in Fergus have ambitious plans to acquire Computed Tomography (CT) scanners.

As you will recall, I have previously written to you in support of the Groves' CT scanner proposal. Now that the election has concluded, I am writing to you again to request that you grant the necessary approval for the Groves' CT scanner without

further delay.

In addition, I understand that the Georgetown Hospital CT scanner proposal will be going forward to the Ministry of Health for consideration very soon. I would likewise ask that the ministry review of this proposal be expedited.

Your immediate response will ensure that our caring hospital staff members in Wellington-Halton Hills have the diagnostic imaging equipment they need to better serve our local patients.

Please reply to our Wellington-Halton Hills provincial riding office with your assurance that these CT scanner proposals will be approved expeditiously.

Lorraine Golden, Georgetown

Ted Arnott, MPP
Wellington-Halton Hills

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