

BRANCH
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LEGION NEWS

By Wayne Young
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A wonderful time was had by all who braved the beautiful weather and enjoyed fresh corn on the cob and BBQ hamburgers on the Patio last Friday night. Thanks a-plenty go out to Comrades John Wagg for helping me BBQ all night and also to George Forest and Tammy Whyte for keeping the bonfire going and boiling the corn. A special thank you to the beautiful ladies who shucked the corn.

Coming this Sunday, August 27 is our annual Family Fun Day. Bev Mattocks has a whole afternoon of fun planned for both kids and adults alike. There will be games, prizes, and food with a fishing derby for the kids run by John Wagg. Please bring your own poles if you have them.

If you see your picture on the wall from last year, please feel free to take it home with you. All this and more will run from 1-4p.m. The Branch will be open

from 12-6p.m.

Looking for that special gift, the Branch 197, 75th anniversary book is available at the bar and also at these local businesses: the Tanner office, Blooms Away and McNabb Graphics. These books are a steal at \$15.

If you only visit the Branch a couple times of the year, please make sure one of those dates is Sunday, September 10 as the Veterans from Sunnybrook Hospital pay their annual visit to the Acton Legion. These wonderful men and women are part of the reasons why we are allowed to complain about everyone and everything without fear of reprisals. Come and thank these Veterans from 11a.m. to 1p.m. on Sunday, September 10.

Do not forget that tomorrow is "Wear red on Fridays to support our Canadian troops." Help make Acton a sea of red each and every Friday.



CELEBRATING SERVICE: Not a lot of employees stick to their jobs for 25 years. When Christine Cole reached the mark as garden centre manager at Tuitman's Garden Centre her employers decided to throw a party to celebrate the occasion. Seen cutting the cake Sunday are from the left: Katie, Elly, Natalie and Len Tuitman and the guest of honour, Christine Cole. — Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Low income farm families get help from federal govt.

Following up on commitments made in Budget 2006, our government has announced an innovative

new program to help lower-income farm families. The Canadian Farm Families Options Program (Options)

will provide short-term income support while helping farm families explore options to raise their income

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for the future.

Options is open to farm families or individual farmers who have a total income of less than \$25,000 or less than \$15,000 respectively, in all provinces and ter-

ritories. Applications will be accepted until October 31, 2006. Payments will be made to farmers this fall.

Options is a pilot program, with a federal commitment of \$550 million over two years. This program also offers additional business and technical assistance for which the federal government is covering the cost.

Application forms and full program details are now available on the program web site www.agr.gc.ca/options or by calling toll free 1-866-367-8506.

This program announcement is another step in the process of helping the agricultural community, not only here in Wellington-

Halton Hills but all across this country.

I would like to remind everyone to support our agricultural community. Remember to, when possible, shop Canadian, shop Ontario and shop locally. When we put local food on our tables, everyone benefits. Not only do we get the freshest best tasting food to be eaten with pride, our local farms and food producers flourish.

I would also like to remind everyone to support our local fall fairs. Over the coming weeks there will be fall fairs organized by the agricultural societies all over the region. They are educational and fun. I hope to see you there.

If you require additional information about the Options Program or if you need any other assistance the constituency offices will be pleased to assist you.

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