ESSEX COMMUNITY





PIN THE POPPY ON THE MAYOR -Wes Garrod, president of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 201, pins a poppy on Essex Mayor Ron McDermott during a kick-off ceremony for the campaign Oct. 27. Members of the local legion have distributed more than 10,000 poppies around the municipality. All proceeds will go to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign that works for the benefit of local war veterans.



Watson family shows support for Canadian troops

By Free Press Staff

Essex MP Jeff Watson and his family brought drop-boxes to five Royal Canadian Legions across the county Oct. 28, in an effort to raise goods for Canadian troops serving in Afghanistan.

Watson, along with his wife Sarah and children Sophie, Emma, Elijah and Thaddaeus, visited Royal Canadian Legions in Essex, Harrow, Belle River, LaSalle and Amherstburg.

The "Essex County Cares" campaign will be running until Remembrance Day, Nov. 11.

The Watsons are encouraging residents living near the Legions to drop off care packages containing soap, food, socks and vitamins that will be sent to troops before Christmas.

The campaign will not be

accepting cash donations. The Watsons suggest any financial contributions be

made to the Royal Canadian Poppy Fund. "Please join us to let our

men and women in uniform know how much we care about them," they said in a media release.

40 Years Community Service

Over the years John Garinger has been a key part of almost every major community project in Essex.

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