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COMING UP

Sideman steps out for fundraiser

Memories of mother have Lawlor singing

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Dave Lawlor has always played the supporting role. But now, he will step out from the shadows and into the spotlight to raise money for Parkinson's disease.

The idea to stage *Feels Like The First Time*, which takes place Nov. 20, came to Mr. Lawlor after seeing the inside of the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park.

"It's a nice theatre. I'd like to do something here," he said. "Maybe this would be a great time to sing in the spotlight in front of friends and raise money for Parkinson's disease."

Mr. Lawlor, 42, is raising money for Parkinson Society Canada because his mother Joan died from a form of the disease - multiple systems atrophy - in 2009, after living with it for about 15 years.

"It was just brutal," Mr. Lawlor said of the disease's effect on his mother.

Mr. Lawlor started playing guitar when he was about 16 years old and at age 20 he hit the

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SALUTED IN STOUFFVILLE



STAFF PHOTO/SUSIE KOCKERSCHIEDT

Jim Lyon of the Royal Canadian Legion salutes during a remembrance service at the Stouffville Cemetery Sunday. More photos, pages 19 and 23.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2010

Ladies have served veterans, town for 70 years

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Thanks to a local man, Stouffville's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 459's ladies auxiliary was formed.

During the Second World War, local resident and First World War veteran Bert Lickorish created the Comfort Fund, which provided care packages to the Whitchurch-Stouffville men and women serving

overseas.

As more service men and women were deployed, demand for care packages increased and Mr. Lickorish appealed to the community to help raise funds and continue what he started.

A group of local women came together and formed the Service-men's Wives and Mothers Club, which held card parties, bazaars and bingos to help raise funds for

the care packages.

As a result of the Comfort Fund, the legion created the ladies auxiliary in February 1953.

It has been about 70 years since those first card parties and bazaars were held, but the legion ladies remain just as supportive of the veterans as they did back then.

"Over the years, it has been the ladies auxiliary that has kept (the legion) going in many of the com-

munities," said Marjorie Smith, former president and life member of the auxiliary.

Mrs. Smith along with Aldene Sinclair, Aurelia Smith and Elsie Saunders are the only remaining auxiliary charter members.

At one time, the legion hall, thanks to the ladies auxiliary, was the entertainment centre of

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