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## LEGION WEEK IS COMING!

**Sunday, September 17 to Saturday, September 23, 2017**

Comrades, it's time for Legion Week already. Do you know someone, a friend or relative, who you think could be interested in what the Legion does? Someone who's not sure about what these Legion folks do, other than marching around with flags once a year on Remembrance Day?

Bring them in so we can show what we do and what we have to offer at the Coldwater Branch during our annual Legion Week from Sunday, September 17 to Saturday, September 23. Legion Week across the country is a time when members invite friends, neighbours, business partners and civic leaders to visit local Legions to learn more about what we do in the community.

In addition to inviting non-members to join in our regular activities such as darts, shuffleboard, pool, cribbage and euchre, the branch will host a spaghetti dinner on Tuesday the 19th, starting at 5 p.m. The week will wrap-up with a special Fall Fair Breakfast on Saturday the 23rd served by our Ladies Auxiliary out of our canteen, followed by music entertainment in the club room with Wendy Whelan & The Rubber Band.

So, why not bring a neighbour, friend or relative to the Coldwater Legion during Legion Week, and show them what we do year round for Veterans and for the community.

For more information about the Coldwater Legion, please email [branch270@rogers.com](mailto:branch270@rogers.com) or call (705) 686-3388, or visit our website at [www.coldwaterlegion.com](http://www.coldwaterlegion.com), and Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/coldwaterlegion](http://www.facebook.com/coldwaterlegion).

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## FROM THE BOARD

Greetings Comrades

The month of September has arrived and with it activities will soon be re-starting and the branch will become more active again. It also is the start of the Early Bird Membership drive and a chance to save a couple of dollars on your membership dues by paying your 2018 membership dues from September 1- November 30, 2017. Last year your branch had received a Certificate from Ontario Command for 65% membership renewal during the Early Bird Period. I would like to point out that the 65% figure was arrived at by paid up membership that was received by Dominion Command membership by the Early Bird deadline. I would also like to point out to our members that due to circumstances at this branch, that brought the Board of Management here, there were a number of Early Bird memberships that were paid by the members during the campaign that this branch did not get credit for because they were submitted after the Early Bird deadline. That was a very unfortunate incident because the records by last year's Membership Chair, who worked very hard on this, show more than 85% had paid during the Early Bird period. We can all see that things are going better at the Branch these days I would like to challenge all members to take advantage of the Early Bird and surpass last year's effort. I can guarantee you this year all dues will be submitted before the deadline and your branch will get the credit for every Early Bird. I would like to thank all members whose support has never wavered.

Please attend the September General Meeting and pay attention to the Treasurer's report. The Branch had an excellent summer and we are in good shape going into the fall where we are certain to see even better numbers.

There were three members from this branch as well as myself who attended the Warrior's Day Parade in Toronto this year and I would like to thank them for supporting this very important event. It was a great day, a great parade and a good time was had by all.

We had four members, as well as myself, attend the District E Seminars on August 26. Everyone learned something and commented about the great learning experience. These seminars are a chance for any member to learn how the Legion works and are open to all members. Another round of Seminars put on by District E is coming up in



## GENERAL MEETINGS

Please take note that our regular monthly General Meetings will resume in September. Branch General Meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month, from September to June, in the upstairs hall, starting at 6:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 27.

October. Watch for the flyer for date and time and plan on attending.

Thanks go out to our Volunteer Bar Stewards again. Without your efforts this branch would not be where it is today. Please welcome our new Volunteers who have come forward when we really needed them.

Yours in Comradeship

**Bob Ladouceur**, Board of Management Chairman

## MEMBERSHIP

*Submitted by Comrade Wayne Tutt, Membership Chairperson*

We have seven completed membership applications this month, three of which are from Veterans of the Canadian Forces. Hopefully many of them will be initiated at the September General Meeting.

Early Bird membership renewal (at \$55) begins on September 1 and runs through to November 30. We are planning a membership drive during Legion Week, September 17-23, with games of the "spin & win" type where members who renew early can win prizes. Watch our bulletin board for announcements.

## THE MAPLE LEAF

*The Maple Leaf* is the newsletter of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater, published each month in the first week of the month. It is primarily an internal communication tool through which the Branch Executive and Committee Chairpersons disseminate information and report to the membership on their respective activities. Opinions expressed in feature articles are those of the writers and do not imply endorsement by the Branch or the Legion.

Committee reports and pre-arranged article submissions must be received no later than the 21st of each month in order to be published in the following month's issue. Please submit by email addressed to: Branch PRO – Maple Leaf at [branch270@rogers.com](mailto:branch270@rogers.com).



### COMRADE JOHN "JOCK" MCLEAN (1927-2017)

Comrade John "Jock" McLean passed away in Orillia on August 1, at the age of 90. Jock was a well-known and highly respected member of the Legion community, particularly here at the Coldwater Branch where he was awarded a Life Membership in recognition for his contributions to Legion activities. A proud Veteran, he served with the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment as part of the British Army of occupation in the aftermath of the Second World War. He also took pride in his Scottish heritage and volunteered as the Branch piper for many years, providing musical support to annual events such as Remembrance Day parades, Decoration Day services, and numerous Legion dinners and community events. Thank you for your service, Jock. We will remember you.

### YOUTH EDUCATION

*Submitted by Comrade Debbie Robitaille, Youth Education Chairperson*

I had the opportunity to present to some young kids at the library. The main focus was the history of the legion and the history of the Coldwater Legion. I had the honour of Mr. John Lister attending this presentation with me. The kids and adults did enjoy the presentation and loved the little gift bags containing our legion ribbon, a small Canadian flag pin, legion business card and a few Canada tattoos. The presentation board is available to view in the clubroom downstairs.

Starting the end of this month I will be getting ready for the Remembrance Day poem and poster contest. I will be attending the school assembly in October and making a

presentation about Remembrance Day. There are a few members already joining me at the school but if anyone else would be interested in attending with me it will be very welcome.

If anyone is interested in being part of my committee, please let me know. Any help so that my work load will be less will be appreciated. You may contact me by email at [debjavjor@hotmail.com](mailto:debjavjor@hotmail.com)

### ENTERTAINMENT

*Submitted by Comrade Maggie Murphy, Entertainment Chairperson*

As your new Entertainment Chairperson, I first want to thank Michele Russel who, in addition to managing her canteen and cooking us some wonderful meals, took care of the Entertainment side of our branch for the past several months. Thank you Michele!

Our monthly entertainment will resume in September with Wendy Whelan and the Rubber Band on Saturday, September 23, in the afternoon. See you then.

### SERVICE OFFICER

*Submitted by Comrade Randy Rice, Service Officer*

If you know of any Veteran or members of their family who have questions or need information please contact me. I can be contacted via the Coldwater Branch office or my home phone (705) 739-0062 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., or by email at [ricerandolph@gmail.com](mailto:ricerandolph@gmail.com)

### TREASURER

*Submitted by Comrade Betty-Jean Murray, Treasurer*

Although the month of August looked like it was going to be fairly quiet around the branch, I am pleased to say we had a very nice Steampunk Saturday on August 12, with many members, guests and tourists visiting our branch. We managed to hand out a couple of new membership applications, too.

Not as Treasurer, but as a member, I joined Bob Ladouceur and Bob Gourlie to travel to Toronto to march in the Warriors' Day Parade I was part of the Colour Party and carried a banner that almost carried me off with the high winds blowing off the lake. I enjoyed a very emotional day with many Legionnaires, thrilled by the Pipes and Drums of several bands. What a delightful experience and especially so considering it was the 150th Anniversary of Canada. I am already looking forward to next year's parade. Hopefully we can rebuild our presence to our former strength for such an occasion.



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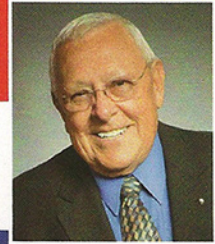
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## SPORTS

*Submitted by Comrade Bob Gourlie, Sports Officer*

Comrades,

Believe it or not the summer is coming to a close!! However, things are starting to ramp up here at the Legion. The Wednesday Night Dart League will be starting up again. September 13 is registration night. All are welcome. If you haven't played before that is OK. We can teach you. This is a fun league for all ages so come out and join us. Don't forget that we still have Poker pool and Cribbage on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. and Shuffleboard Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. If you have any questions about or ideas for new activities for our sports, please call or email me. Bob Gourlie, Sports Officer, (705) 715-2368 [robertgourlie@gmail.com](mailto:robertgourlie@gmail.com)

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

*Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer*

**STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL:** Even though there weren't any special festivities or public event at the branch during August, the month was anything but boring, especially with the annual Coldwater Steampunk Festival that keeps growing in popularity and brings thousands of visitors to the village. In addition to serving dozens of thirsty and hungry visitors who came through the Legion during the event, some of our members took part as street vendors, dressed-up participants, and even in a local boutique fashion show (see article on page 10).

**MAPLE LEAF:** The number of black-and-white copies of *The Maple Leaf* left behind at the branch at the end of the month is increasing. Does this mean that members are losing interest in the newsletter, or that more people are now looking at the colour version in our in-house binders, or the digital version on-line or through email? We certainly hope it's the latter, but please give us some feedback on what you think of the format, content, or whatever aspect of *The Maple Leaf* you wish to comment on.

### *Quote of the Month*

"We wish nothing more, but we will accept nothing less. Masters in our own house we must be, but our house is the whole of Canada."

– *Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada 1968-1979 and 1980-1984.*



*The original Memorial Plaque honouring Private Charles Orr, a bronze medallion often referred to as "Dead Man's Penny".*

## COLLECTION MANAGER

*Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Collection Manager*

Last month we honoured two of our First World War fallen soldiers from Coldwater, Private Charles Orr and Private James Langley, by lowering our flags to half-mast and posting a short biography on the day of the 100th anniversary of their passing. But in my previous Collection Manager report I neglected to mention that we have in our collection a significant piece that relates to Private Orr. Indeed, displayed as part of the Coldwater Collection is the original Memorial Plaque, a bronze medallion often referred to as "Dead Man's Penny"; that was sent to Charles' mother Marion four years after his death. Memorial Plaques were issued starting in 1921 to the next-of-kin (mother, father, spouse, etc.) of all British Empire soldiers, sailors and airmen who were killed as a result of the war. The bronze medallions were engraved with the name of military personnel, intentionally without mention of the rank to underline the fact that there was no distinction between sacrifices made by individuals of different ranks.

## SICK & VISITING

*Submitted on behalf of Comrade Eleanor Schull, Sick & Visiting Chairperson*

Our best wishes of speedy recovery go to Linda Tucker who recently had surgery and is now recovering back at home. We offer our condolences to John "Jock" McLean's wife, Minnie (Jock passed away in August, see tribute on page 4) and to Terry Anderson, whose wife Sharon passed away in July. Sharon was a long time member of the Orillia Branch and moved to Coldwater a few years ago.



Event coordinator Comrade Rosalie Pratt (left) enjoys her "For no reason whatsoever" luncheon with Comrade Heather Gable. We thank Rosalie for organizing this wonderful event, which was entirely her own initiative. THANK YOU Rosalie!!

## "NO REASON WHATSOEVER" LUNCHEON RECAP

Submitted by Comrade Rosalie J. Pratt

This event was well-advertised in the August issue of our newsletter and within our Branch. The unwritten goal was to attract 30 persons. We had 29 pre-registered participants for the special luncheon menu prepared by our Canteen Operator. At the last minute we had a hand-full of absences due to members who were ill and some who forgot to circle August 29th on their calendar. Nonetheless, the savory aroma of the Lasagna soon enticed non-registered participants and all servings were sold.

The plans were:

- Upon entry to the Club Room, everyone participating in this event was invited to complete a ballot with their name;
- To start with lunch at 13:00;
- Allow time for Comrades to converse and get to know each other, better;
- Around 14:30 move from the Club Room to the Sports Room and meet the 'tutors' Dianne S. for Darts; Cathy L. for Pool, Maggie M. for Shuffleboard;
- Draw for the 2 prizes donated by Perennials in Waubaushene;
- Draw the ballot names for the many surprise Grab Bags donated by Comrades Betty-Anne B., Dorothy G., Jo-anne P., Maggie M., Michele R., and Rosalie P.
- Include our male Comrades in our various 'draws';

- Offer our complimentary Community Dessert Table to all persons in our Branch. A special thanks is extended to Comrades who did not attend but who offered their sweets donation for everyone to enjoy;
- By 16:00, leave a 'spick and span' (original set-up) Sports and Club Room;
- To create a 'Cheers' atmosphere 'where everybody knows your name'. Lovely!

This was our first such event. We could probably have done some things differently. What a great learning opportunity to work on the do's and don'ts for 2018. If you saw a problem, don't be shy. Make the time and be kind... share your thoughts, and possible solutions. Let us know if you believe we should/should not re-visit this No Reason Whatsoever Luncheon in 2018.

This event cost our Branch nothing. Hopefully we attracted new members to join us for our Darts, Pool, Shuffleboard, and other activities. Or, best of all, to become a member of our Branch.



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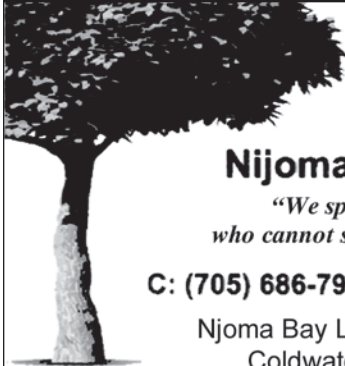
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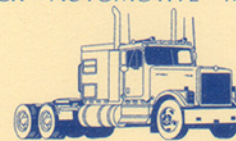
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## LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT



Greetings Comrades:

September is here and let's hope that summer weather continues throughout this month. Hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer.

**Membership Dues of \$20.00 for 2018** can be paid at our next general meeting. The Legion bar stewards do not have L/A receipts or membership cards. If you cannot attend a meeting to pay your dues, please contact Brenda Yule (Membership Chair) at 705-792-8211 and she will make arrangements with you.

**The Ladies Auxiliary Appreciation Luncheon & Honours & Awards** is on Sunday September 10, from 1 to 4 .p.m. in the Legion clubroom. I look forward to seeing many members attend to honor your fellow comrades and also socialize and have a good time!! Please try to attend!! Each member may bring a guest and dress is casual – no uniforms.

We will again be doing a Fall Fair Breakfast on Saturday September 23 from 8 to 11 a.m. Breakfast will be served out of the canteen and we wish to thank Michele Russell for her assistance and allowing us to use the canteen. Help will be needed on Thursday September 21 to do some prep and again help on the 23rd to do the breakfast. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the L/A bulletin board. Please volunteer!! Last year's breakfast was a success and we hope to do better this year!

Coldwater Ladies Auxiliary will host the Zone E4 Singles & Doubles L/A Dart Tournament on Saturday September 30.

Our next meeting is on Thursday September 21 with a Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m. followed by our meeting. If you need a ride to attend, please contact me and we will make arrangements.

Wishes of good health go out to members who are ill. You are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Yours in comradeship, **Donna Packer, President**

## LADIES AUXILIARY

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1-4 pm

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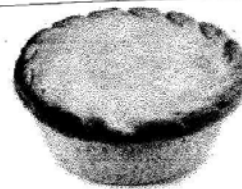
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*Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer*

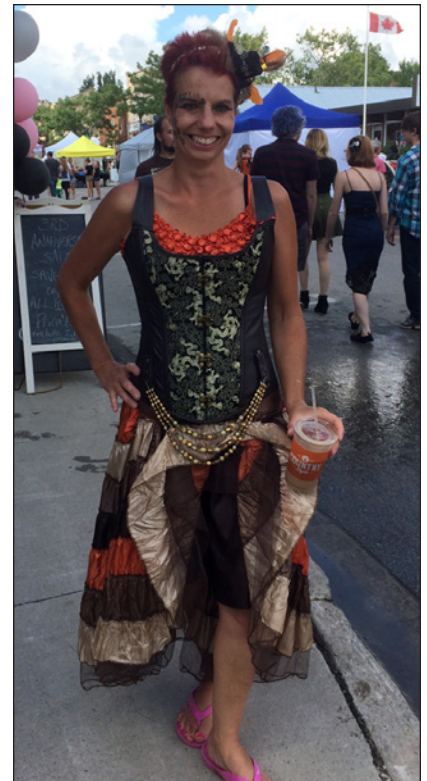


*Steampunk for the whole family.*



*Terry Henry's Barber Shop porch couldn't escape the steampunk invasion.*

From August 10 to 12, 2017, thousands of people landed in the village of Coldwater to take part in the 7th annual Coldwater Steampunk Festival. Steampunk enthusiasts walked the streets dressed for the occasion in Victorian era costumes, often adorned with strange contraptions worthy of the era's "cabinets of curiosity". Taking place over the three day period were a classic car show, artisan demonstrations in iron forging, spinning, leather working, painting, glass blowing, 3-D printing, paper & metal stamping, steam power engines, and even teapot racing. This year's main event day contests included Arts & Crafts competitions, a live Costume Contest, Scavenger Hunt and a Photography Contest. In addition to serving dozens of thirsty and hungry visitors who came through the Legion during the event, some of our members took part as street vendors, dressed-up participants, and even in a local boutique fashion show.



*Branch 270 member Debbie Robitaille dressed for the occasion at the Coldwater Steampunk Festival.*

## The INVICTUS GAMES are finally here, September 23 – 30.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Dominion Command is one of the sponsors of these games. Ticket prices are reasonable and some of the events are even free. So please take the time to check out the schedule and perhaps make a trip down to see some of the events. There is a website where you can find all the information on scheduling, event locations and ticket prices (see [invictusgames2017.com/tickets](http://invictusgames2017.com/tickets) ).

The Golfing event is being held at St. George's Golf Club in Islington/Toronto (one of the loveliest courses you will ever walk) and it is one of the FREE events.

Please support these Veteran athletes who are struggling against illness and injury to re-establish their place in life.

*"Be moved. Be inspired. Be there."*

## VETS CLEAR PERIMETER OF BRANCH 270

*Submitted by Comrade Rosalie J. Pratt*

A couple of old soldiers were enjoying each other's company and the conversation led to 'first impressions'. Veterans Dean and Roger went to task the first week of August and with Round-up and a whipper-snipper in hand cleared the perimeter of Branch 270.

The weeds had no chance...these two Comrades were more deadly than Agent Orange and with military precision quickly neutralized any obstructing vegetation which was detrimental to our Branch offering a proud presence.

There will be future opportunities for others to participate to ensure our Branch presents a neat, clean building environment. An inviting façade shows we care about being an integral part of our beautiful community.

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 Sunshine – Bev Richards

**August 8**

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 Ladies Lone Hands – Ann Stock  
 Ladies Low Hand – Angela Stewart  
 Men's High Hand – Larry Hutchison  
 Men's Lone Hands – Bev Richards  
 Men's Low Hand – Lloyd Sibley  
 Sunshine – Joe Barron

**August 15**

Ladies High Hand – Vicky Scott  
 Ladies Lone Hands – Georgie Waterson  
 Ladies Low Hand – Ann Stock  
 Men's High Hand – Ted Baker  
 Men's Lone Hands – Brian Strong  
 Men's Low Hand – Bill Stock  
 Sunshine – Elva Laughlin

**August 22**

Ladies High Hand – Diane Reid  
 Ladies Lone Hands – Nancy Barron  
 Ladies Low Hand – Vicki Watson  
 Men's High Hand – Bill Stock  
 Men's Lone Hands – Ted Baker  
 Men's Low Hand – Lloyd Sibley  
 Sunshine – Lloyd Sibley

**THURSDAY SHUFFLEBOARD****August 3**

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 Second – Ellen & Betty Anne  
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 Sunshine – Dean

**August 10**

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 Second – Heather & Brian  
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**August 17**

First – Brian  
 Second – Maggie  
 Third – Roger  
 Sunshine – Rosalie

**August 24**

First – Maggie & Brian  
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 Sunshine – Diane

**TUESDAY NIGHT CRIBBAGE****August 1**

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 2. Debbie Robitaille  
 3. Gary Hamilton  
 4. Marie Kinnear  
 Sunshine – Robert Carter

**August 8**

1. Janet Hamilton  
 2. Diane Emo  
 3. Gary Hamilton  
 4. Marcia Leblanc  
 Sunshine – Tom Dearman

**August 15**

1. Robert Carter  
 2. Marie Kinnear  
 3. Maggie Maynard  
 4. Robert Hogeant  
 Sunshine – Larry Hutchinson

**August 22**

1. Jackie Lennox  
 2. Robert Hogeant  
 3. Marie Kinnear  
 4. Diane Emo  
 Sunshine – Maggie Maynard

**TUESDAY NIGHT POOL****August 1 (wins)**

Larry Hutchinson (3)  
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 Ron Simkin (3)  
 Dorothy Gerrard (1)

**August 8 (wins)**

Ron Simkin (3)  
 Louise Dearman (2)  
 Tom Dearman (2)  
 Dorothy Gerrard (2)  
 Larry Hutchinson (1)

**August 15 (wins)**

Ron Simkin (3)  
 Tom Dearman (2)  
 Larry Hutchinson (2)  
 Dorothy Gerrard (1)  
 Louise Dearman (1)  
 Maggie Murphy (1)

**August 22 (wins)**

Ron Simkin (5)  
 Louise Dearman (2)  
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 Larry Hutchinson (1)  
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**FRIDAY NIGHT STEAK DARTS****August 4**

1. Tess  
 2. Lee  
 3. Debbie R.  
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 5. Courtney  
 6. Grace  
 Sunshine – Don

**August 11**

1. Brian  
 2. Gene  
 3. Larry  
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 6. Gene  
 Sunshine – Gill

**August 18**

1. Gene  
 2. Chris  
 3. Chris  
 4. Mike  
 5. Lorne  
 6. Chris  
 Sunshine – Sheley

**August 25**

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 3. Lee  
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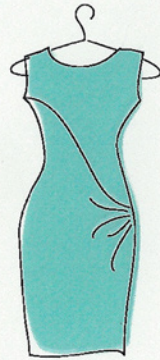
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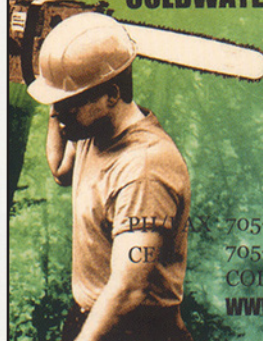


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					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
CLOSED	CLOSED	Euchre 1:30 T.O.P.S. 6:00 Cribbage 7:00 Pool 7:00	Branch Executive Meeting 7:00 Fun Darts 7:00	Shuffleboard 1:00	Steak Darts 6:00	Zone E-4 Convention 1:00 - 4:00 Meat Draw 3:00
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Ladies Auxiliary Appreciation Day 1:00 - 4:00	CLOSED	Euchre 1:30 T.O.P.S. 6:00 Cribbage 7:00 Pool 7:00	Fun Darts 7:00	Shuffleboard 1:00	Steak Darts 6:00	Jammin' 2:00 - ?
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Legion Week: Sep 17-23</b> CLOSED	CLOSED	Euchre 1:30 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 - 7:00 T.O.P.S. 6:00 Cribbage 7:00 Pool 7:00	Fun Darts 7:00	Shuffleboard 1:00 LA Pot Luck Dinner & Meeting 6:00	Steak Darts 6:00	Fall Fair Breakfast 8:00 - 11:00 am Entertainment by Wendy Whelan & the Rubber Band 1:00 - 6:00 pm
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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