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COLDWATER LEGION "CLAN" AT SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

By Comrade Norm Marion

"Today, we are all Scottish in Orillia," proclaimed City of Orillia Mayor Steve Clark, in front of a large crowd gathered at the city's Couchiching Beach Park on Saturday July 21. The gathering marked both the end of an impressive parade of Pipes and Drums bands and Legion Colour Parties that had just marched through the city, and the launch of a variety of games and festivities all along Scottish traditional themes. And yes, the Coldwater Branch Colour Party (our "clan", as we decided to title ourselves for the day) was front and center at the event. And I mean literally; we ended up right in front of the stage.

Sponsored by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 34 Orillia, the Orillia Scottish Festival is an annual event celebrating Scottish culture & heritage in Orillia. As this year's 41st festival was built around the theme of Honouring First Responders, special events included a tug o' war contest between the Orillia Fire Department and the Orillia OPP Detachment – the Fire Department won!

Although some of us may have felt a little tired at the end of the parade, the event was enjoyed by all. All that was needed to make us forget our sore feet and legs was a nice

Our "clan" after parading through Orillia. Left to right: Randy Rice; Cathy Larkins; Wayne Tutt; Betty-Jean Murray; Norm Marion; Bob Gourlie; and Gil Baird.

cold beverage at the Orillia Branch after the march, surrounded by the sounds of various Pipes and Drums performing throughout the day. Thank you to all those who represented our branch at the event, and particularly to Randy Rice, our Service Officer, who coordinated our participation in the parade. Well done, Coldwater Legion Clan!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Comrades,

What a lovely summer we have had and there is more to come. Hurray!!!

Thank you to all those who turned out to 'appreciate' the Ladies Auxiliary on its 70th Anniversary. It was a lovely



afternoon. Thank you to all the ladies who had a hand in making it such a successful event.

Our LA ladies are no longer suffering heat exhaustion in their kitchen as our stalwarts, Norm and Wayne, have installed a new portable air conditioner for them. Thank you guys! Where would we be without you two.

On July 7 we enjoyed the company of 13 retired Navy Veterans from throughout Ontario and one from Alberta. It was a truly FUN afternoon and our branch was the grateful recipient of a \$1,560 donation to our Poppy Fund. Thank you Rosalie Pratt for picking up on the opportunity for the branch to provide an afternoon of Coldwater camaraderie, pizza, wings and, of course, dark rum. What a terrific day and they have committed to return next year. Looking forward to that visit, too.

Our new Ontario Premier hasn't stopped our LED upgrade project. We have been approved and are now awaiting the work to begin.

Our little gardens are crying out for help. We need a small committee to take on the loving care of these tiny gardens. How is it that weeds grow so much faster and thicker than the flowers you plant?

Our FIFA World Cup Sunday was a great success and another one of those fund raising days for the branch's Armistice 100 plaque Remembrance project.

On Saturday July 21 a branch Colour Party marched in the Orillia Scottish Festival Parade. Exhilarating and exhausting at the same time. Love those Pipes and Drums! Funds raised through the effort of these devoted members are being donated to our plaque Remembrance project. And speaking of parades, anyone interested in attending the Warriors' Day Parade at the Exhibition grounds may be interested in riding the bus from Aurora Branch. Coldwater Branch again will be entering a Colour Party. If you would like to march with us, please let Randy Rice know. Randy is filling in temporarily as Sgt-at-Arms for Dave Robitaille.

And I'm happy to say fund raising for our Armistice 100 plaque Remembrance project is moving along but slowly. If you see the jar on the counter, please dip in your pocket for some extra change to help grow the plaque fund.

If you need some Legion supplies, remember our sales cabinet near the elevator, filled with logoed items to promote the Legion. Someone having a birthday soon — maybe there is something there to wrap for them.

Legion Week, a time when we should be introducing the community to our Branch, begins September 16 and wraps up with the Johnny Cash event upstairs at the Branch on September 22. Watch for signs around the area to tell you about Legion Week and encourage your neighbours to buy tickets to the Johnny Cash *Ring of Fire* concert on Saturday, September 22.

Nothing special happening at the Branch this holiday long weekend, so I will just wish you a lovely, sunny and safe weekend, and, hopefully, see you at the Branch soon after.

Yours in Comradeship, Betty-Jean Murray, President



Our branch received \$1,560 in donation to our Poppy Fund from a Navy group that visited us in July. Two Navy Veterans, Hart Watt (left) and Don Ramsey (right) made the presentation to branch president Betty-Jean Murray.

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday September 26, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Branch General Meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month, from September to June, in the upstairs hall, starting at 6:30 n.m.

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.

MEMBERSHIP/BURSARY REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Wayne Tutt, Membership/Bursary Chairperson

Hello comrades,

As of today, we are still at 280 members. I am very pleased to announce, that we have a new 55 inch smart television. I hope to have it all set up and running for Legion Week in mid-September. We, (and when I state "we", I mean Comrade Norm) are working on a slide show on a loop to be displayed on the T.V. I would be lost without his I.T knowledge. I just mastered operating my VCR!! See you at the branch.

BAR MANAGER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Maggie Murphy, Bar Manager We continue to look for volunteers for the bar. The busy season will be upon us before we know it. Once again, we will help you receive your Smart Serve certificate in return for a few volunteer hours with us at the bar. Thank you all for your continuous support.

TREASURER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Annie McArthur, Treasurer
Hope everyone is having a great summer so far. As of July
31, 2018 the General Account has \$16,875.29, Nevada
Account \$440.11, Poppy \$7,353.02, and the Building

Account has \$8,131.09. Enjoy the beautiful weather, and thank you all for supporting the branch fundraising activities.

WAYS & MEANS / ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

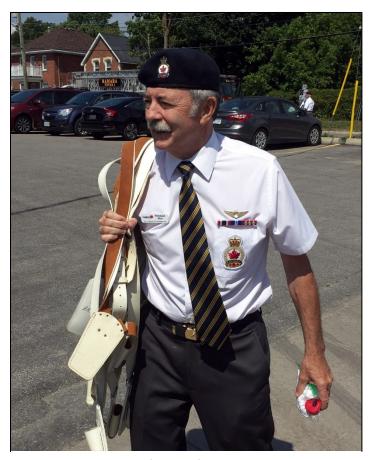
Submitted by Comrade Carol Baird, Entertainment/Ways & Means Chairperson

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and the great The Ladies Auxiliary lunch for their 70th anniversary was lots of fun. Wendy Laurier and Salvadore did a great job providing the entertainment. The finger foods were great. It was nice not to have sandwiches. Great turnout. Thanks to everybody who pitched in to help. After the LA party we all stayed and had an impromptu dart tournament. Lots of fun. This month we are going to have Len Murphy in the clubroom for Steampunk Saturday on the 11th, from 2 to 6 p.m. On Steampunk Sunday we will be having an Open Dart Tournament. There will be a \$5 entry fee, and we have lots of prizes. Everyone is welcome. Registration is at 1 p.m. We will have our regular Jammin' at the Legion on Saturday the 18th, and on the 25th of the month we are Celebrating the Blues with Wayne Buttery. He is a great player and singer. He used to play for Wilson Pickett. Also from 2 to 6. Everyone is welcome. Please don't forget about Johnny Cash on September 22. This group is excellent. They sent us a video ahead of time. They are playing just for the ticket sales. This is not costing the branch a dime. I would like to see everybody support them. Tickets are \$20 and you can get them at the bar, the office or from me.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Dave Robitaille, Sergeant-at-Arms For those of you interested in participating in the Warriors' Day parade in Toronto on Saturday, August 18, please contact our Service Officer, Randy Rice, or our president Betty-Jean Murray. If you wish to take part in our regular branch parades, whether with the Colour Party or as a marcher, please let me know: (705) 241-6415.



Comrade Randy Rice filled-in for Dave Robitaille as Acting Sgt-at-Arms and coordinated the branch's participation in the Orillia Scottish Festival in July.

SICK & VISITING REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Betty-Anne Burnie, Sick and Visiting Chairperson

We are very pleased to see Dave Robitaille and George Sinclair back with us. Nice to see you recovering so well. Trying to stay in touch with those I know aren't well. If there are any issues that require my attention please let me know. Home phone (705) 686-3270 or email bburnie6@hotmail.com.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer

At the last General Meeting I asked for a volunteer to take over the administrative job of dealing with renewals of advertisement in the Maple Leaf. Our Comrade Rosalie Pratt came forward right away, and I thank her very much for her support. But, as I mentioned to Rosalie, I think this job would be ideal for someone who is not already involved in a committee or on the Branch/LA Executive — as Rosalie is. This job is very limited in scope and only demands on average a day or two a month, ideal for someone who doesn't have the time for a more serious commitment. The job includes keeping track of businesses that come up for renewal, sending or delivering renewal notices/invoices, and collecting payments. Please contact PRO if interested.

Photos of Betty-Jean Murray making a presentation to Rev Moon, and Anne McArthur presenting awards to a student were published in the latest issue of the Legion Magazine.



THIS MONTH WE REMEMBER:

DIEPPE

On August 19, 1942, a force of more than 6,000 Allied troops, including almost 5,000 Canadians, raid the port of Dieppe, France. The Germans are prepared for the attack, and the raid is a complete failure, resulting in 1,946 Canadians taken prisoner and 907 killed. Sadly, it would prove to be the bloodiest single day for Canada's military in the entire Second World War.

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Len Murphy at the Legion

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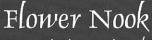
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SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Randy Rice, Service Officer

If you're a Veteran and experience health or financial difficulties or just have questions on availability of services for Veterans, maybe the Legion can help. To discuss or to make an appointment please contact the Branch Service Officer, Randy Rice, at (705) 756-2901 or email at ricerandolph@gmail.com, or contact the branch office at (705) 686-3388, email branch270@rogers.com. All correspondence is strictly confidential.

BRANCH HISTORIAN REPORT

Submitted by Norm Marion, Branch Historian

A second quote was received for the Armistice 100 brass plaque with the names of the 23 soldiers from Coldwater killed in action during the First World War. Work continues to finalize details (names, dimensions, etc). Fundraising has already begun with our Canada Day dunk tank and our FIFA World Cup Sunday. Letters will be sent to local businesses in the next week or so.

On page 11 you can read about fallen Coldwater soldier Private Herbert James Duddy, who was paid tribute by the branch on July 26. Our next tribute will be on August 27 for Lance Corporal William Metcalfe Newlove, who was killed in action in France on August 27, 1918. Flags at the branch will be lowered and a short biography will be published on the day of the 100th anniversary of his passing.

SPORTS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Bob Gourlie, Sports Officer



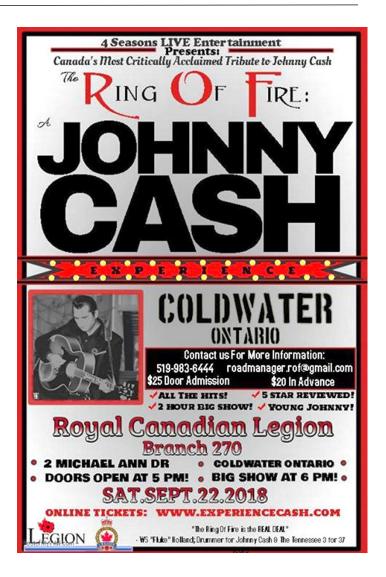
Comrades,

Summer is in full swing and I am sure most of you aren't even thinking about September yet...But... It's not far away. Mark your calendar for **Wednesday September 5. That is** sign-up day for the Wednesday Night Dart League. Everyone is welcome for

a season of league darts that is fun and challenging!!

Don't forget that our Sports room is always open for your entertainment!!

If you have any questions about our sports feel free to contact me anytime. We are always looking for input from our members. You can reach me at (705) 715-2368 robertgourlie@gmail.com



POPPY REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Betty-Jean Murray, President
Poppy time is approaching and it is a big job on its own,
however, if we could recruit a few helpers, it would be a lot
easier. If you are interested in providing a little bit of time
each week, beginning early September, please let me know.
At this time, we have a couple of support workers so you
won't be the one and only. Please support your Veterans
by helping out with the Poppy Campaign.

YOUTH EDUCATION REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Betty-Jean Murray, President Kids and teachers are on summer break, however, this is the time when Youth Ed begins. Time to order in the supplies to promote the Poster, Poems and Literary Competition, soon followed by the Public Speaking Competition. Could you spare some time to help out with these projects? If so, please let me know.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Submitted by Comrade Anne McArthur, President of the Ladies Auxiliary Branch 270



Greetings Comrades:

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. It has been a busy July and thank you to all who have helped with the Celebrations of Lives we have had over the last month.

Thank you to the Branch for hosting the Ladies Auxiliary's 70th Anniversary. I hope all the ladies

who attended had a great time. Thank you to our federal, provincial and local politicians for attending.

Another reminder that our September meeting will be a Potluck at 6 p.m., followed by a meeting. We will be having a vote on a day change of the General Meeting to Tuesdays. I hope as many of you can attend to make your vote count. Thank you to Comrade Rosalie for organizing the kitchen. There is less clutter now and it makes it easier to work with all the room on the counters.

We hope you continue to have a great August

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless" Sherry Anderson

Yours in Comradeship Anne McArthur, LA President Branch 270



It was full house in the Club Room for the Ladies Auxiliary 70th Anniversary Banquet. Several local dignitaries attended, including MP Bruce Stanton, MPP Jill Dunlop, and Mayor Mike Burkett. Senior Legion and LA officers also took part in the event.

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COLDWATER REMEMBERS PRIVATE HERBERT JAMES DUDDY

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Branch Historian

On July 26, 2018, the Coldwater Legion lowered its flags to honour Private Herbert James Duddy of Creighton, near Coldwater, who was killed in action 100 years ago while serving on the front lines in France.

Herbert James Duddy was born on May 25, 1886, in Creighton, Ont., approximately 10 km south of Coldwater. He was the son of John and Margaret Jane (Hawke) Duddy. By the beginning of the First World War, Herbert had moved out west while his parents stayed near Coldwater.

On April 3, 1916, he enlisted in Estevan, Saskatchewan, with the 152nd Overseas Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He was 29 years old and single. On his Attestation Form he is described as 5 feet 8 inches tall, with brown eyes and brown hair. He identified his religious denomination as Methodist, and his trade as farmer, with no previous military experience.

Following a period of training at Camp Hughes near Carberry, Manitoba, Private Herbert Duddy, regimental number 925603, sailed to England on the S.S. Missanabie, arriving in Liverpool on October 13, 1916. He landed in France on November 28 and soon after joined his front line unit, the 5th Canadian Infantry Battalion (Western Canadian Cavalry), part of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade, 1st Canadian Division. Along with the rest of the 1st Canadian Division, Private Duddy and his unit fought in France through the rest of the war. He was awarded his first Good Conduct Badge in the field on April 3, 1918.

On July 26, 1918, during a raid on enemy positions at the Broken Mill, east of Arras, Herbert, employed as a scout, successfully guided the battalion raiders to their objective. During the operation he was hit in the chest and leg by pieces of shrapnel from an enemy shell. He was killed instantly.

Four years later, Herbert's parents would have received the awards their son was entitled to: the 1914-1918 British War Medal; the Inter Allied Victory Medal; a Memorial Plague (a bronze medallion often referred to as "Dead Man's Penny"); and a scroll from King George V. His mother would also have received a "Mother's Cross".

Private Herbert James Duddy is buried at Duisans British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, about 9 km from Arras, France.



Private Herbert James Duddy was serving with the 5th Canadian Infantry Battalion (Western Canadian Cavalry) when he was killed in action 100 years ago near Arras, France.

He is commemorated on page 400 of the First World War Book of Remembrance, located inside the Memorial Chamber in the Peace Tower in Ottawa. He is also commemorated on the Duddy family stone in the Coldwater Cemetery.

We will remember him.

HAPPENING AT THE LEGION

Summer hours May 1 to Sept 3

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Tues: Open 11:30 to 6 p.m.

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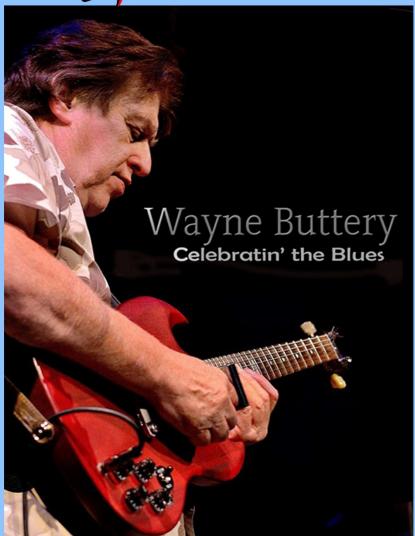
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INTRODUCING COMRADE PATRICIA FITZPATRICK

Submitted by Comrade Rosalie J. Pratt

Born in Guelph Comrade Patricia 'Pat' Fitzpatrick fondly recalls her childhood which includes her grandmother and Aunt Jean who were always there when she needed them. Growing up life was an open book full of future life challenges. Three events in her early years made an impression on Pat's life: the death of our King George VI; the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth and the Great Alberta Fire.

Pat's first job was working for the telephone company in Kitchener followed by a brief period working in an electrical factory. But her passion lay in her pursuit of work as a restaurateur albeit the hours were long and arduous. Her normal fourteen-hour days did not preclude the time needed to raise three children.

Pat is a proud member of Branch 270 the only Legion Branch she has joined. As a Life Member, Pat recounts she has served our Branch in every capacity except as Sports Officer. She particularly enjoyed her time as Chairman of Youth Education and Poppy as she stated, "this is what the Legion is all about." Pat has served three terms as Zone Commander and Membership Chairman plus as Chair at the District Level. In 2014 Pat was honoured as a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal.

Being part of the Legion and our Branch organization has provided Pat with many opportunities to be of service to any Comrade in need of assistance. She recalled the days when a person could/would come to our Branch and ask for help and someone would be available and help make life just a little easier. Pat is saddened by the passing of many of our Veterans and members but is equally happy that she is able to provide assistance to those who ask for her help based on her knowledge, experience and volunteer experiences.

Pat's three coins in a fountain are good health, being able to get out and about and spending more time with family and friends. She enjoys brief car trips and during her 'alone' time, Pat pursues her passion for jig-saw puzzles. Pat may be apt to doze off while watching a game show or animal documentary.

When asked what has changed or remain constant in her life, Pat was quick on the draw; she stated, 'good health and to be debt free'.

Pat fondly recalls the days when our Branch offered the occasional Day-Trippers when Comrades would travel together for events such as the Colour Festival. As an aside during the interview, Pat wondered if these types of activities could be revisited.

Pat is happy with the manner in which her life has unfolded. She has worked hard; raised a family and offered countless



Comrade Pat Fitzpatrick, a Life Member and a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, is seen here receiving an award from then Zone Commander Bob Ladouceur.

hours in the service of others. She stated that 'life goes by fast', and in a perfect world, 'life should be lived in harmony, peace and without problems.' If she had the power, war would be obsolete.

Pat, we thank you for your many years of service to our Branch and to the Legion.





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SPORTS AT BRANCH 270

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July 3

Ladies' High Hand – Joyce Witmer Ladies' Lone Hands – Nancy Moore Ladies' Low Hand – Betty-Anne Burnie Men's High Hand – Elva Laughlin Men's Lone Hands – Brian Strong Men's Low Hand – Fred Reid Prize – Nancy Moore

July 10

Ladies' High Hand – Jean Carson Ladies' Lone Hands – Marg Marchant Ladies' Low Hand – Angela Stewart Men's High Hand – Bill Stock Men's Lone Hands – Bev Richards Men's Low Hand – Joyce Witmer Prize – Ann Stock

July 17

Ladies' High Hand – Angela Stewart Ladies' Lone Hands – Marg Marchant Ladies' Low Hand – Jean Carson Men's High Hand – Brian Strong Men's Lone Hands – Joe Barron Men's Low Hand – Fred Reid Prize – Bey Richards

July 24

Ladies' High Hand – Georgie Waterson Ladies' Lone Hands – Bev Richards Ladies' Low Hand – Nancy Barron Men's High Hand – Jean Carson Men's Lone Hands – Joe Barron Men's Low Hand – Fred Reid Prize – Bill Stock

July 31

Ladies' High Hand – Diane Reid Ladies' Lone Hand – Betty-Ann Burnie Ladies' Low Hand – Shirley Giles Men's High Hand – Lloyd Sibley Men's Lone Hands – Brian Strong Men's Low Hand – Joe Barron Prize – Jean Carson

THURSDAY SHUFFLEBOARD

July 5

First – Lloyd & Brian Second – Diane & Betty-Anne Third – Vicki & Fred Sunshine – Lloyd

July 19

First – Maggie & Brian Second – Heather & Fred Third – Ellen & Diane Sunshine – Maggie

July 26

First – Heather & Lloyd Second – Betty-Anne & Brian Third – Vicki & Magda Sunshine – Vicki

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July 6

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- 2. Monica
- 3. Grace
- 4. Bob
- 5. Rick
- 6. John

Sunshine - Angie

July 13

- 1. Kari
- 2. Rick
- 3. Kathy
- 4. Dianne
- 5. Kari
- 6. Gaetanne Sunshine – Dianne

July 20

- 1. Ånne
- 2. Frank
- 3. Ellen
- 4. Dean
- 5. Cathy
- 6. Frank

Sunshine - Grace

July 27

- 1. Frank
- 2. Marie
- 3. Frank
- 4. Marie
- 5. Dianne
- 6. Gene

Sunshine – Anne

Mark your calendar for
Wednesday
September 5
That is sign-up day for
Wednesday Night

Wednesday Night Dart League

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AUG	Friday	3 Steak Darts 6 pm	Steak Darts 6 pm S	Steak Darts 6 pm	Steak Darts 6 pm L	31 Steak Darts 6 pm
<u> </u>	Thursday	Shuffleboard 1 pm	9 Shuffleboard 1 pm	16 Shuffleboard 1 pm	23 Shuffleboard 1 pm	30 Shuffleboard 1 pm
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater • www.coldwaterlegion.com	Wednesday	7	Branch Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	15	22	29
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Royal Canadia	Sunday		CLOSED	Open Dart Tournament 1 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED 2