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REMEMBRANCE PROJECT LAUNCHED ON CANADA DAY

By Comrade Norm Marion

Summer is finally here, and by the time you read this, Canada Day celebrations will already be behind us. As we enjoy our favourite outdoor activities during those hot, sunny days, it may seem a bit premature to start talking about November 11 and Remembrance Day projects. And yet, that is exactly what we do at the Coldwater Legion.

This year will mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War - or "The Great War", as it was known until there was a Second World War. To mark this important milestone, the Coldwater Legion is making plans to have a bronze plaque cast with the names of the 23 soldiers from Coldwater who were killed in action or died as a result of wounds received in action during the First World War. The plaque will be unveiled during this year's Remembrance Day ceremony at the Coldwater Cenotaph.

Over the past few years, the Coldwater Legion has paid individual tributes to those fallen soldiers by posting short biographies and lowering the flags to half-mast on the day of the 100th anniversary of their passing. The bronze plaque will offer a more lasting tribute, accessible year round to visitors at the Cenotaph.

In the following months, members of the Legion will be involved in various fundraising activities in support of this project. The Canada Day Dunk Tank was the first event of the campaign. Anyone who wishes to contribute to, or has questions about the project, please contact the Coldwater Legion at 686-3388 or email branch270@rogers.com



The Canada Day Dunk Tank was the first event of the fundraising campaign. Ask Wayne "King" Tutt. Brrrrrrr!



Coldwater Roll of Honour First World War 1914-1918

Beckett, Gordon, Sept 29, 1916, Courcellette, France
Leatherdale, Arnot, Oct 2, 1916, the Somme, France
Lang, William, Oct 9, 1916, Pozieres, France
Williamson, Hilton, Oct 9, 1916, the Somme, France
Brush, Frank, Nov 9, 1916, the Somme, France
Durnford, Andrew, April 9, 1917, Vimy Ridge, France
Maracle, George, April 12, 1917, Vimy Ridge, France
Woods, George, May 3, 1917, Bethune, France
Prince, Albert, May 9, 1917, Vimy, France
Wyley, Thomas, May 20, 1917, Bethune, France
Waller, James, May 29, 1917, France
McKerrall, Charles, July 23, 1917, Bethune, France
Orr, Charles, Aug 19, 1917, Arras, France
Langley, James, Aug 29, 1917, Arras, France
Beach, George, Nov 6, 1917, Passchendaele, Belgium
Dunkin, Alexander, Nov 6, 1917, Passchendaele, Belgium
McDonald, Ronald, Nov 9, 1917, Passchendaele, Belgium
Morrison, Leonard, Mar 30, 1918, Bois de Moreuil, France
Duddy, Herbert, July 29, 1918, Arras, France
Newlove, William, Aug 27, 1918, Cambrai, France
Middleton, William, Sept 29, 1918, Cambrai, France
Borrow, Joseph, Sept 30, 1918, Tilloy, France
Caswell, William, Sept 30, 1918, Cambrai, France

Lest we Forget



The proposed bronze plaque will display the names of the 23 soldiers from Coldwater who were killed in action or died as a result of wounds received in action during the First World War.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Comrades,

WOW! Hello Summer!! What an incredible start for summer break for kids and teachers. Ideal weather for our Branch Dunk Tank. Thank you to everyone who took part in the Dunking, as well as those who bombarded the target in an attempt to hear the screams of those being dunked. What fun! A big thank-you goes to Richard and Kelly of Clelands Water Supply in Gravenhurst who made the trip to Coldwater to fill our tank (for free!) the morning of the event. The dunk tank was a successful start to help raise funds to put a bronze plaque on the cenotaph naming the Coldwater area residents who lost their life in the First World War. Thanks to Norm Marion, our Historian, for putting the information together to enable us to pay this tribute to those lost lives.

With the dunk tank keeping us busy all morning, it was a great relief to enjoy the A.C. in the Club room for an afternoon of swinging music by The Renaissance Band. We all hope they will return again later in the year. Thanks Carol Baird for booking such a great group and acquiring a couple of really decent gifts for our door prize.

A special thank you to George Sinclair for a great job as the MC for the service on Decoration Day at the Coldwater Cemetery, and thanks to the L.A. ladies for providing a very nice afternoon tea for those who returned to the branch after decorating the graves. Another lovely day, a good turnout and a job well done.

Thanks to Dorothy Gerrard and Jo-Anne Pellegrims for labouring in the hot sun and mosquitoes to beautify our gardens, and thanks to Cathy Larkins for keeping the plants alive with her devoted watering.

Thank you to those members who attended the General Meeting on the 27th in order for us to proceed with the LED lighting conversion. This is important to our branch finances.

Please remember the 70th Anniversary Celebration for the Ladies Auxiliary on July 8 and plan to attend. The 8th is a Sunday but the branch will be open for this event.

We are pleased to have Rick Morse, a new member, taking an active role within the branch. Welcome Rick, and thank you.

Thank you to Carol Worgan and Patrick Murphy, our bar stewards, for chipping in on extra shifts to allow Maggie Murphy a much needed vacation. Again, everyone, we need more support behind the bar. All you need is time and



your Smart Serve certification. It's not rocket science, and you get to chat with the 'in crowd' and hear all the gossip first-hand.

Seriously, if you have some spare time, it would be nice to see your smiling face helping out behind the bar.

Our General Meetings are over now until September 26. There will be many events happening between now and then, so, please, watch the signboards for notices of events. We have Wayne Buttery playing Saturday, August 25; Legion Week begins Sunday, September 16; and the Johnny Cash Tribute on Saturday, September 22, finishes out Legion Week. And, of course, Early Bird is always an integral part of Legion Week.

Also, some of you may be interested in attending the cadets' annual open house at Blackdown Camp, CFB Borden, on Saturday July 28, at 8.30 am. It requires notice by July 16.

Just a few things for you to mark on your calendar.

At this time I would also like to say thank you to the members who took the time to congratulate us on the job the executive is doing in and around the branch. Your confidence is much appreciated.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable July and August and I look forward to seeing you at the Branch. HAPPY SUMMER!!!

Yours in Comradeship,

Betty-Jean Murray, President

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 have 280 members. At the June 27 General Meeting we welcomed Ordinary members Brian Van Buskirk, and Tamara Giffin; and Affiliate members Brian Vaughan, Wayne McCorkell, and Helena Goobie.

Regarding membership dues, we will remain at \$60.00 per year for 2019, and the 2019 "Early Bird" dues remain at \$55.00 from September 1, 2018 through to November 30, 2018. During the first week in December, we will have a draw from all of the Early Bird's applications for a cheque in the amount of \$55.00. That means that the lucky winner will have a free 2019 membership.

This year the Coldwater Fall Fair is September 28, 29, & 30, and once again our branch is setting up an information table. I will be posting a sign-up sheet. I'm asking you to volunteer a few hours to help us look after the booth and answer any questions that the public may ask. We will also need assistance to set up and tear down.

Thank you

BAR MANAGER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Maggie Murphy, Bar Manager

We will be raising all bar prices before the Fall. It is time and hasn't been done for a number of years. We will review our costs and increase accordingly. We are now offering a 20 oz. glass of regular draught beer at a special price of \$5.75; \$6.25 for premium beer. Maybe you have noticed we have a 'can crusher' on the wall by the ATM machine. Please help by crushing your non-refundable cans when you are finished with them. My goal is to cash them in and use the money to fund special projects, like our Armistice 100 bronze plaque.

Again, I remind you of our summer hours, which are posted on the front door, and that we will close at 3 p.m. on Saturdays during July and August, unless there is an event going on, in which case we will extend our hours to accommodate the event. Thank you for your continued support.

TREASURER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Annie McArthur, Treasurer

Hope everyone is having a great start to the summer. As of June 27, 2018 the General Account had \$19,772.18, Nevada Account \$440.11 and the Building Account had \$13,351.13. Enjoy the beautiful weather, and thank you all for supporting the branch fundraising activities.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Dave Robitaille, Sergeant-at-Arms

I would like to thank all that participated in the Decoration Day Service on June 24, and again wish you all a great summer. For those of you interested in participating (as marchers or spectators) in the Orillia Scottish Festival on July 21, or 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.



The Branch Colour Party follows the piper to its position at the Coldwater Cemetery Decoration Day Service. In order of march: Tracey Devine, Randy Rice, Norm Marion, Rick Morse, Betty-Jean Murray, Cathy Larkins, Carole Baird, and Bob Gourlie.

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 p.m.



A celebration of life for Frank Mason, a Veteran of the RCAF and long-time member of our branch, was held in our upstairs hall on June 23. Frank was a very familiar face and a friend to many of our members.

SICK & VISITING REPORT

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

I am thrilled to let you know that I have nothing to report this month. In my job, that's a good thing!

If there are any issues that require my attention please let me know. Home phone (705) 686-3270 or email bburnie6@hotmail.com.

WAYS & MEANS / ENTERTAINMENT

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

Things are starting to shut down for the summer. Darts start in the clubroom every Thursday at 7:00. We will still have Steak Darts on Fridays. Don't forget on August 25 from 2-6 it is blues day with Wayne Buttery. Wayne used to play with Wilson Pickett. Fine player and Cathy Larkins dad. Please come out and support the event if you are around Coldwater. Also the Johnny Cash tickets on sale. This act is

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excellent and they are just playing for ticket sales. It is not costing the legion a dime to have them so if you can please buy a ticket. They are here Sept 22. 6 to 8. Hope you all have a great summer.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer

The dunk tank initiative for Canada Day went well, at least from our point of view. Because of the extreme heat there weren't as many people on the street as was hoped, but those who did stop at our tank took great pleasure throwing balls and dunking our volunteers in not-so-hot water. Thank you to all who helped with this event, particularly our volunteer "dunkees", Wayne Tutt, Annie McArthur, Jim Frizzell and that one kid who really, really wanted to get dunked.

We could use a volunteer to take over the administrative job of dealing with renewals of advertisement in the Maple Leaf. The job includes keeping track of businesses that come up for renewal, sending or delivering renewal notices/invoices, and collecting payments. This is a fairly simple job with a flexible schedule, ideal for someone who would like to help but cannot commit to more time-consuming responsibilities. Please contact the PRO if interested.

More photos of branch people interacting with the community will appear in both the July/August and the September/October issues of the Legion Magazine.

THIS MONTH WE REMEMBER: KOREA

July 27, 2018, will mark the 65th anniversary of the Korean War armistice between North and South Korea. Canadian Forces were involved in the 1950–1953 Korean War and its aftermath, as 26,000 Canadians participated on the side of the United Nations. Canada sent eight destroyers while Canadian aircraft provided transport, supply and logistics. 516 Canadians died, 312 of which were from combat. After the war, Canadian troops remained for three years as military observers. Technically, the two sides are still at war, although recent events suggest a possible peace agreement in the near future.

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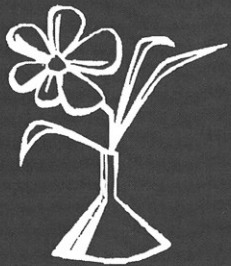
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SERVICE OFFICER

Submitted by Comrade Randy Rice, Service Officer

Are you a Veteran? Do you suffer from a condition you believe is caused by or aggravated by military service? Or are you having challenges meeting the high cost of living, dealing with expensive medical bills etc. 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.

COLLECTION MANAGER/HISTORIAN REPORT

Submitted by Norm Marion, Collection Manager/Historian

The rough estimate for the brass plaque with the names of the 23 soldiers from Coldwater killed in action during the First World War is between \$2,500 and \$3,000, depending on the final dimensions required and shipping cost, etc. (It's quite heavy!). Also in support of this project, a quote was submitted for landscaping work around the Cenotaph, which will be necessary for the plaque project. More estimates will be obtained for both parts of the project before we proceed with placing orders. An amount of \$3,000 was approved for the project through a motion at the June 27 General Meeting. A fundraising campaign will take place during the coming months to cover the cost of the project.

The next tribute to a fallen Coldwater soldier will be this month on July 26 for Private Herbert James Duddy, who was killed in action in France on July 26, 1918. Flags at the branch will be lowered and a short biography will be posted on the day of the 100th anniversary of his passing.

Finally, please note that the title for the position of Branch Collection Manager is now changed to Branch Historian. This will better reflect the various aspects of the history and heritage projects on-going at the branch.

Coldwater Branch member and Veteran Comrade Rick Morse salutes after placing a flag by the grave of a Veteran following the Coldwater Decoration Day Service.



Who would have thought that painting crosses could be fun? Our volunteer painters who prepared the crosses before the annual Decoration Day Service, left to right: Gill Baird; Randy Rice, Karen Cuthbertson; Garry Lovelace; and Carol Baird. More than 100 crosses are placed by branch members every year on the graves of deceased veterans.

DECORATION DAY 2018

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer

The Decoration Day Service for the Coldwater Cemetery was held on Sunday, June 24, 2018. Despite the uncertain weather forecast, dozens of people showed-up to take part in the outdoor service, decorate graves, and pay respect to their deceased loved ones. Members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater provided a Colour Guard for the event, while bugler Paul Bolyea, piper Tracey Devine, and the Huronia Harmonizers offered musical support. The Service was officiated by Reverend Captain Ron McLean, with Comrade George Sinclair acting as MC. Tea was provided at the Legion by the Coldwater Branch's Ladies Auxiliary following the ceremony. Thank you to all who participated and contributed in any way to the event, before, during and after the Decoration Day Service.

LADIES AUXILIARY

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



Greetings Comrades:

Thank you for giving me the honour of being President of Ladies Auxiliary Branch 270. We have had a busy June catering to three Celebrations of Life and Decoration Day. A great big thank you to everyone who helped with these events.

The Ladies Auxiliary Branch 270, 70th Anniversary will be hosted by the Branch on Sunday July 8, 2018, from 1 to 4 p.m. We hope every member will be able to attend.

The next General Meeting is Thursday September 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., with pot luck at 6 p.m. Please wear your uniform as there will be a vote on change of day for General Meetings. We have sent out letters to each member with the proposed day change and have posted this at the Branch.

We will be having an Executive meeting in August. The Executive will be contacted with the date and time.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"
Aesop

Yours in Comradeship
Anne McArthur, LA President Branch 270

Ladies Auxiliary member Heather Gable stands by the stone of Ray Allain after placing a flag on a cross in front of it on Decoration Day. Ray, who was a Veteran and active member of the Coldwater branch, passed away last year.



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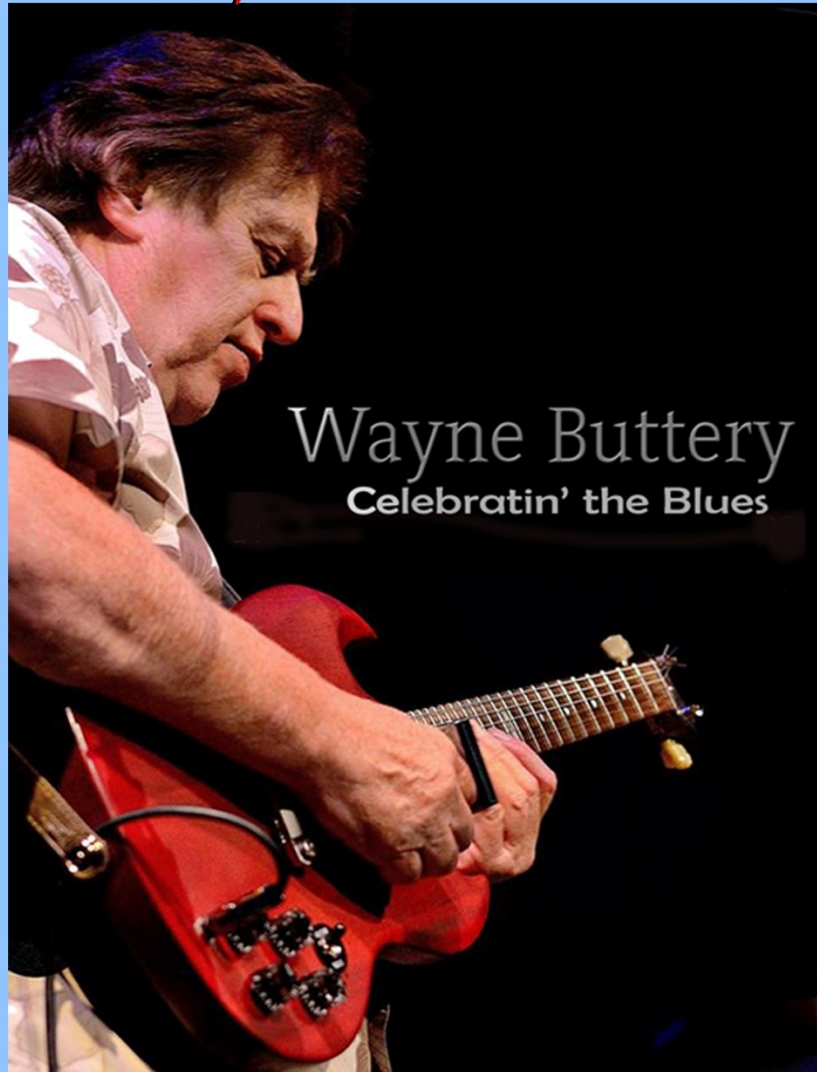




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INTRODUCING VETERAN ALEXANDER E. WILLIAMS

Submitted by Comrade Rosalie J. Pratt

This ninety-plus year old comrade's passion for the sea was natural as in the First World War, his father was a sailor in the navy.

From 1943 to 1946 Comrade Alexander served with the Royal Navy in Newfoundland. At this time, Newfoundland was not part of Canada. However, the Royal Navy followed almost identical rules and protocol as the Royal Canadian Navy.

One of the Royal Navy rules was that they would not deploy the eldest son to a war zone. In 1943, the Royal Navy was on their second or second to last recruitment effort to send troops to England; they needed thirty-five men and had seventeen recruits. The men were sent back to the HMS Avalon where they were assigned jobs on the base such as delivering for the Fleet Mail Office; servicing gasoline needs to the ships, providing boiler cleaning service, loading torpedoes, ammunition, depth chargers and stores onto the various ships.

In 1946 Comrade Alexander was offered a five-year renewal contract. Comrade Alexander made the difficult and reluctant decision to leave naval service and return to civilian life. Well-trained as an Able Seaman (Stoker), he pursued a job with British American Oil until his move to Ontario where he worked at Queen's Park as a Stationery Engineer (a skill learned in the Navy). Next he had a lengthy career with the Ministry of Correctional Services where he served as Assistant Superintendent of the Don Jail and several other correctional institutions on a temporary basis for thirty-six years.

Some of his most memorable experiences include taking delivery of German prisoners of war, picking up Norwegian casualties and delivering mail to the torpedoed ship, City of Dieppe – he said, *"you could row right through the ship."*

Comrade Alexander is an accomplished snare-drummer and taught bandsmen in the Royal Regiment of Canada and was an Executive Member of Branch 446 for ten years.

In closing the interview, Comrade Alexander shared that his experiences in the Royal Navy were positive. When asked for comments regarding Branch 270, he expressed he is pleased. He mentioned that he is aware of the work put forth by our Service Officer and shared that he was pleasantly surprised by the kindness of the Ladies Auxiliary in providing the Veterans a Christmas gift.

We thank you for your service.



Comrade Alexander Williams served with the Royal Navy in Newfoundland during the Second World War.

HAPPENING AT THE LEGION **Summer hours May 1 to Sept 3**

Sun/Mon: Closed

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

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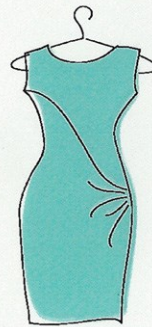
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May 29

High Hand – Nancy Barron
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Prize – Elva Laughlin

June 5

High Hand – Joyce Witmer
Lone Hands – Jean Carson
Low Hand – Vicky Watson
Prize – Brian Strong

June 12

High Hand – Georgie Waterson
Lone Hands – Joyce Witmer
Low Hand – Brian Strong
Prize – Bev Richards

June 19

High Hand – Betty-Anne Burnie
Lone Hands – Georgie Waterson
Low Hand – Vicki Watson
Prize – Joyce Witmer

June 26

High Hand – Shirley Giles
Lone Hands – Lloyd Sibley
Low Hand – Marg Marchant
Prize – Lloyd Sibley

THURSDAY SHUFFLEBOARD

May 31

First – Brian
Second – Maggie
Third – Betty-Anne
Sunshine – Maggie

June 7

First – Betty-Anne & Maggie
Second – Ellen & Brian
Third – Magda & Vicki
Sunshine – Dean

June 14

First – Brian
Second – Maggie
Third – Lloyd
Sunshine – Vicki

June 21

First – Brian
Second – Betty-Anne
Third – Vicki
Sunshine – Betty-Anne

June 28

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

FRIDAY NIGHT STEAK DARTS

June 1

1. Frank
2. Vickie
3. Cathy
4. Gill
5. Gill
6. Grace
Sunshine – Chris

June 8

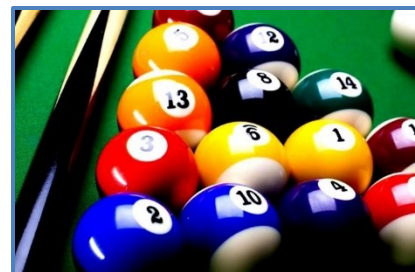
1. Gaetanne
2. Vickie
3. Gene
4. Cathy
5. Kari
6. Vickie
Sunshine – Frank

June 15

1. Anne
2. Vickie
3. Gene
4. Connie
5. Gill
6. Angie
Sunshine – Rheese

June 22

1. Angie
2. Frank
3. Lorne
4. Frank
5. Vickie
6. Gaetanne
Sunshine – Gill



June 29

1. Dianne
2. Dean
3. Kristine
4. Gaetanne
5. Justin
6. Kristine
Sunshine – Angie

MEAT DRAW WINNERS – June 9

1. Marie Langley
2. John Fowler
3. Heather Gable
4. Dave Stoneman
5. George Collins
6. Dave Kavanagh
7. Kathy Barron
8. Jack Lauder
9. Betty Stoneman
10. Joanne Peligrims
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8 L.A. 70 th Anniversary Banquet 1 – 4 pm	9 CLOSED	10 Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 2 pm	11 Branch Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	12 Shuffleboard 1 pm	13 Steak Darts 6 pm	14
15 CLOSED	16 CLOSED	17 Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 2 pm	18	19 Shuffleboard 1 pm	20 Steak Darts 6 pm	21 Jammin' at Legion 2 pm – 5 pm
22 CLOSED	23 CLOSED	24 Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 2 pm	25	26 Shuffleboard 1 pm	27 Steak Darts 6 pm	28
29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED	31 Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 2 pm				