



Royal Canadian Legion ☙ Port Elgin Branch 340

Branch Line

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Inside this issue you will find.... what is happening this month... Committee Reports.... general information and a wee bit of humor too. We welcome your articles and will be more than glad to insert them in future issues. Thanks to those who have submitted in the past. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Branch Line, please submit your articles to Branch340newsletter@gmail.com.

Remembrance Day is just around the corner. Plan to join us at the Cenotaph for the service at 11:00 am and please practice social distancing. Then back to the Branch for social time and Honours and Awards presentations.

See inside this bulletin for the website links to view the televised service if you are unable to join us at the Cenotaph.

Annual Christmas Raffle tickets are on sale now. Please support our fundraiser as proceeds will be earmarked for youth programs in the community.

If you no longer wish to receive the Branch Line newsletter, please leave a message at

Branch340newsletter@gmail.com

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President's Report



With the cold weather upon us and winter just around the corner it is a great time of year to come to the Branch where the beer is cold **and the conversation can be often hot, but all in good fun!**

On October 25, 2021 the government of Ontario has allowed businesses to fully re-open. Masks are still required when not seated; proof of vaccination and contact tracing is still required to enter.

The District Convention was held in Hanover on Sunday, October 24th and was held in their newly renovated hall. Branch 340 was well represented with 5 Executive members in attendance. A lot of information was shared but the longest topic of conversation was about how nice it is to be able to see our friends face to face and have a good conversation about the past years of COVID and where we are going in the future.

I am proud to say that Branch 340 has received its anniversary certificate for 75 years of service. This was accomplished by our members and our Ladies' Auxiliary unwavering support over the years. I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all of our dedicated members and volunteers that made this happen.



Remembrance Day will be here very soon and Cde Alex and his poppy crew were quite busy stuffing the Ad Mail envelopes containing vital poppy information to send to each house in Port Elgin. We still need volunteers to canvas at certain stores in town. Please consider donating a couple of hours to this great cause. Please refer to the location schedule in the Clubroom and contact Cde Alex Taylor with date and times you are available.

I am sad to report that Don Dudgeon, Property Chairman, has retired. Don kept our Branch in great shape for longer than I can remember. His expertise will truly be missed. Thank you Don, for your years of service.

Please read the information about the Remembrance Day service further in the bulletin. I am looking forward to seeing you for this event. Until then be safe and happy.

President Robert (Bob) Harrison
bnrshow@eastlink.ca



Bursary Program



Bursary season is well underway and each approved student can apply up to 5 years providing they remain in the same course of study.

Total family income must be under \$150,000. The person that the student is applying under must be a Legion member in good standing.

Please check out the bursary form on-line at bursary@legion.ca for eligibility and more information or contact myself as noted below.

Cde Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
bnrshow@eastlink.ca



What do you call a dog that does magic tricks?
A labracadabrador.

A blind man walks into a bar. And a table. And a chair.





Hall Rentals



NOTE: Hall rentals are now being accepted

We look forward to you booking our facility for your future social events.

Special consideration is given to the fee schedule when renting to non-profit organizations.

Please contact Norma Dudgeon at the Legion phone number (519) 389-9917 or email: Branch340@eastlink.ca



Honours & Awards



Recognizing valued members for their contributions at our Legion is an important part of the Honours & Awards Chair.

When you nominate volunteer members, based on their efforts of ensuring our Branch functions continue, we build strong and continuous relationships, and we build a stronger Branch.

If you know anyone whom you feel should be shown appreciation, please contact me with this members particulars and confidentially the H&A Committee will evaluate the nomination.

Cde Tom Jacques
Honours & Awards Chairman
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MILLER'S MEDAL MOUNTING

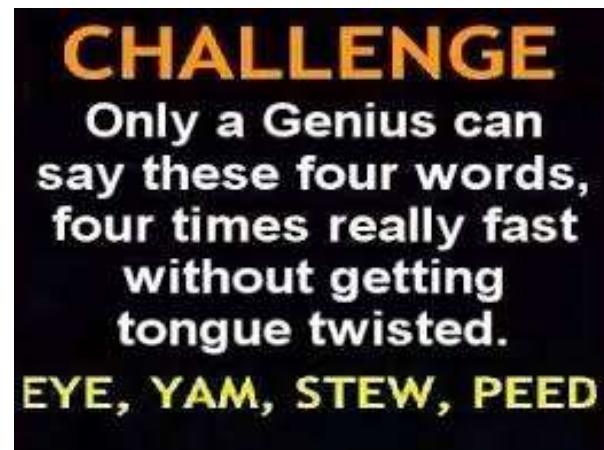
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A BALANCED DIET

Nutritionist: You should eat 1,200 calories a day.
Me: OK, and how many a night?





Membership



I am pleased to inform you that we have welcomed our newest members into Branch 340. Haleigh Duplantis, Jeff Ackert, Tracy Ackert and Jacob Ackert were initiated this month. We have taken in 14 new and/or reinstated members to our Branch in the past 2 months which is very exciting.

Presently our membership stands at 399 members. We have 14 Life Members, 60 Ordinary members, 251 Associate members, 73 Affiliate voting members and 1 Affiliate Non-voting member.

Our Early Bird program is doing very well with many renewals coming in weekly. I have processed all the renewals and issued the stickers for everyone as of Friday October 21, 2021. All new memberships have been processed and all initiations have been completed to date.

We continue to have members pay their dues through the internet. In September there were 19 members and so far in October there are 8 members using the renewal process online.

Branch 340 has started our Early Bird Campaign. As in the past three years, if you renew your 2022 Legion membership before November 30, 2021 we will take \$ 5 off the renewal price. Until November 30, 2021 your membership renewal cost will be \$ 50 the same as the past four years. After November 30, 2021 the cost will go back up to \$ 55. So why not be an Early Bird and save yourself some cash.

Cde Dan Kelly
Membership Chairman
dankelly@bmts.com





Last Post

November 11, 2020 – November 11, 2021



Veteran Jim Green WW II Veteran Ken Ingrey – Korean Veteran

Ordinary Jack McDonald Carl Voelzing

Associate George Walker Elaine Harris

Affiliate Voting Elsie Hammel Jane Hewitt
Ivan Campbell Alma Voyce

**THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD,
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN,
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**



Your life was a blessing,

Your memory a treasure...

You are loved beyond words

And missed beyond measure.

– Renee Wood





Renew your membership today!

The Legion's Early Bird Campaign is on until November 30th — don't miss your opportunity to maintain the many benefits of your Legion membership.

When you renew your membership by the early bird deadline, you:

- Keep your account in good standing
- Maintain years of continuous service
- Support the Branch and its programs
- Ensure delivery of LEGION Magazine

To renew your membership, visit our Branch before November 30th or mail your membership dues in the amount of \$50.00 directly to our address below.

For your convenience, you can also renew online at portal.Legion.ca. Once registered online, you have the option to set your membership to auto-renew to be billed automatically each year.

Encourage a friend or family member to join, too! Every member makes a difference.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Renew today!



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

A whale swims all day, only consumes fish and water, and is fat. A rabbit only eats vegetables, runs and hops all day long, and only lives 5 years. Meanwhile a tortoise doesn't run and does nothing energetic, yet it lives for 450 years. And you tell me to eat well and exercise! I don't think so.





REMEMBRANCE DAY ITINERARY

On Thursday, 11 November, 2021, The Royal Canadian Legion, Port Elgin Branch 340, will be holding a SERVICE at Cenotaph Park.

We invite members of our the Legion and community to share this meaningful occasion of honouring our Veterans; this year, the province is allowing cenotaphs to have full capacity; we urge everyone attending to practice social distancing.

We invite you to watch the service on one of the following live streaming websites:

<https://www.youtube.com/southportchurch> **OR**
<https://www.facebook.com/southport.church>

We will lay the official wreaths and all other wreaths sponsored by the business and organizations will be pre-laid.

The Port Elgin Legion will be open at 10:15 am on 11 November to Veterans and Legion members with their spouse/caregiver and invited guests to view the televised service; lunch to follow after the Cenotaph Service.

We thank our community and all the businesses for their continued support throughout the years and we will meet again in 2022.

Lest we forget

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Norma Dudgeon
Remembrance Day Chairman

Legion Office: 519-832-2903
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Poppy



Our 2021 Poppy Campaign began October 29th through to November 11th. Wreath orders have started to come in and some generous donations have been received and have been promised.

Again, this year “POPPY CANVASSERS URGENTLY NEEDED TO FILL TIME SLOTS AT WALMART AS THEY DO NOT HAVE IN-STORE POPPY BOXES”

I am now using an email Canvasser Tracker that is more up to date showing open canvassing spots. Send me your email address and I will add you to the list. We can always use more canvassers! We need more canvasser support especially at Walmart.

Please consider giving a couple of canvassing hours towards this critical fund-raising event for our Veterans.

This year, since suffering from the effects of COVID-19, we have again undertaken a Poppy Fundraising AD Mail Campaign that will be sent to 4,200 homes, apartments and businesses in Port Elgin on October 29th.

Again, we have set up a Poppy Fund email address "poppybranch340@eastlink.ca" so that Poppy Donations can be sent via the [Interac-E-Transfers](#) process with auto-deposit thus no question and answer is required!

I wish to thank all the AD Mail volunteers who helped to put together the AD Mail Packages in record time and those who filled Poppy Bags and distributed Poppy Boxes, again, to over 100 businesses and organizations around town.

A BIG, thank you to all who are giving their time and volunteering in another challenging year of the COVID-19 pandemic to help make this year's Poppy Campaign as successful as possible!

Lest We Forget!

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Port Elgin resident celebrates 100th Birthday



Jean Boisvert (nee Dolores Georgina Morse, in Great Britain) will be 100 years old on November 8th, 2021. She served in the British Army, and has many memories of surviving the London bombing, racing into the underground or diving into her parent's backyard bomb shelter.

She was a talented singer with the Aldershot base band, fell in love with the band leader, Pete Boisvert (deceased), a French-Canadian soldier. They married at the end of World War II and she came to Canada as a War Bride, arriving at Pier 21 in Halifax, several months ahead of her new husband, and already expecting her first child.

Her two sons and their wives, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren wish her a Happy Birthday and many happy returns! Ironically, Jean's eldest granddaughter, Andrea, now lives in England with her husband, son and daughter.

If you need more information, please contact her son, Brian Boisvert at 519-658-2882. Our address is 39 Ashwood Drive, Cambridge Ontario N3C 3H7.



Jean with her husband, younger son and two eldest grandchildren





Pinning of the First Poppy – 2021

Jean Boisvert



L-R President Robert Harrison, Mrs. Jean Boisvert and
Cde Alex Taylor, Poppy Chairman



The 2021 Pinning of the 1st Poppy is given to Mrs. Jean Boisvert. Jean was also presented with a floral vase and birthday card as she will be celebrating her 100th birthday on November 8th. We were delighted to have a conversation with Jean as she reflected on her duties as a switchboard operator and her time singing with the band which her husband Peter had formed.





Veteran Services



Port Elgin Legion Branch 340

IMPORTANT NOTICE

During this time of crisis any veteran that requires assistance including financial aid may contact the Port Elgin Legion Veterans Service Officer for assistance and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Contact: Port Elgin Legion Branch 340
Veteran Service Officer
branch340@eastlink.ca
519-832-2903

Your Royal Canadian Legion is committed to making a difference in the lives of Veterans and their families, providing essential services in our communities, and remembering the men and women who sacrificed for our country.



I exercised once, but found I was allergic to it. My skin flushed and my heart raced. I got sweaty and short of breath. Very dangerous.



I came, I saw, I
forgot what I was
doing, retraced my
steps, got distracted
on my way back,
have no idea what's
going on and now I
have to pee.



Having
somewhere to go
is *Home*,
having someone
to love is *Family*,
having both
is *Blessing*.



Youth Education



As you are reading this update our local students are creating their Remembrance poems, short essays and posters. The competition which occurs annually across Canada is a forum for students collectively with their classmates and as individuals to reflect on Remembrance. How do you reflect on Remembrance?

Lest We Forget.

Patty Kelly
Youth Education Chairman
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Youth Remembrance Contests



Poster and Literary Contests

The contests are divided into four categories:

- Senior: Grades 10, 11, 12
- Intermediate: Grades 7, 8, 9
- Junior: Grades 4, 5, 6
- Primary: Grades 1, 2, 3 (Poster contest only)

The Poster contest is divided into two categories: Colour or Black & White. The Literary Contest is divided into two categories: Essay or Poem. Entries are submitted at the Branch level and winning entries will proceed to the provincial and then national levels.

Students can enter as many contests as they wish, but can submit only one entry per category. Prizes are available for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at local Legion level. There are also prizes for Provincial and National levels.

All entries are to be submitted to the school by **November 15, 2021**. A Branch representative will pick up the entries at the school.

For more information contact:
Patty Kelly
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First round of judging is at the Branch level with overall First Place winners moving on to next level of competition.

Contact your school or local Legion Branch now for details on how to enter the Legion's Posters, poems, and essay contests.

IMPORTANT
Application/Entry Form with Parent/Guardian signature is required with each entry.

Please click the following link for contest rules and Application/Entry Form which must be attached to the back of your entry.

Download Application/Entry Form at legion.ca/contests

For Rules & Regulations (Note: No Canvas Accepted in Ontario) Download Youth Education Brochure at legion.ca/contests



Images courtesy of ON Command Poppy Committee





Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

The Ladies Auxiliary is putting together a served pulled pork lunch for you to enjoy this Remembrance Day.

We are starting to receive requests for functions and are eager to accommodate them but for now would prefer to offer menu items that are easier to prepare. In time, we will once again offer up those full course meals for your enjoyment.

Please mark your calendar for the LA meeting; we have lots to discuss – Tuesday, November 8th at 7:30PM in the upstairs Legion hall. Please plan on attending.



NEW MEMBER SEARCH

We currently have 31 LA members but, we are always looking for new members. Please keep an eye out for anyone that you feel may be interested and let us know. The members we currently have are ladies that have served for many years and we are hoping that we can find others who would like to commit some of their time catering to functions that our Auxiliary participates in and at the same time give back to the community that we live in.

Dear

Our Ladies Auxiliary are looking for ladies to become members and to share in the many activities that we contribute to,

These include:

- *Support to the local Branch*
- *Support to our Veterans*
- *Contribute to the Ontario Bursary Program which is an opportunity to apply to local Branch and provincial bursaries providing funds to students of our members who are seeking post-secondary education*
- *Providing Funeral lunches as well as family and business celebrations catered by the Ladies Auxiliary at our upstairs kitchen/hall at the Branch*

As we are a non-profit volunteer organization all funds raised are donated back to the community.

We hold monthly meetings every 2nd Tuesday beginning at 7:30PM at the Branch and you are more than welcome to attend and learn more about our volunteer organization. We need new members so our Auxiliary can continue to operate in the future as we have done so faithfully in the past. If additional information is required please do not hesitate to call President Diana Tripp at 519-832-5690 or Secretary Vicky Taylor at 519-389-2616.

PRIDE IN OUR PAST – FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Cde Vicky Taylor
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One of my wife's third graders was wearing a Fitbit watch, which prompted my wife to ask, "Are you tracking your steps?" "No," said the little girl. "I wear this for Mommy so she can show Daddy when he gets home." — James Avery





Zone C-4 District Convention

Sunday, October 24, 2021



The Fall District C Convention was held at Hanover on Sunday, October 24, 2021. It was very nice to see our fellow Comrades in person after a lengthy time due to COVID.

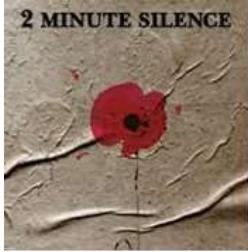
DC Eric Ross opened the meeting and our very own Cde Jack Frost presided as our new District C Chairman. Reports from District Council members were highlighted. Branches were presented with their respective anniversary certificates ranging from 75 to 95 years. Donations to the various programs that the Legion supports were also a part of the days' agenda. A total of \$55,950.00 was received and many thanks to the Branches that offered their financial support.

A very good turn-out for our first in-person Convention since 2019. Welcome District C Comrades!	Cdes Eric Ross and ON Command Vice President Derek Moore pay respects during our indoor wreath laying ceremony.
Cdes Crystal Taylor, Norma Dudgeon and Marg Smith gather during break to catch up.	L-R Cdes Derek Moore, Eric Ross, Robert Harrison and Lynn McClellan pose as Branch 340 receives its 75 th Anniversary Certificate.





"2-Minute Wave of Silence" Revives a Time-honoured Tradition



The Royal Canadian Legion is asking all Canadians to pause in silence for two minutes at 11:00 a.m. The "2-Minute Wave of Silence" will sweep across Canada starting in Newfoundland like a wave as the clock strikes 11:00 a.m. in each time zone. The Legion is asking people to stop whatever they are doing, wherever they are, and quietly reflect on war, and peace, and those who gave up everything for us.



Sunday, November 7, 2021, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to Sunday, November 7, 2021, 1:00:00 am local standard time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 7, 2021 than the day before.



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**THE BIG SECRET IN LIFE
IS THAT THERE IS NO BIG
SECRET. WHATEVER
YOUR GOAL, YOU CAN
GET THERE IF YOU'RE
WILLING TO WORK.**

OPRAH WINFREY





MEMBERSHIP



**Renewal dues will be increasing as of
December 1, 2021 to \$55.00**

**Pay today to receive the
Early Bird Discount - \$50.00**

Dan Kelly, Membership Chair

Renew today!



Hoof'in It –Your Local Butcher
1199 Goderich St #A Port Elgin (519) 389-6328

Due to COVID-19 Hoof'in It would like to offer Branch 340 members
a 10% discount.

November

National Notable Dates November 2021

- Legion Early Bird campaign / Renewals
- 1 Announcement of National Silver Cross Mother
- 8 Aboriginal Veterans Day
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 11 First World War ends - Armistice Day (1918)
- 12 Passchendaele ends (1917)
- 18 Battle of the Somme (1916)
- 30 #GivingTuesday





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

ON GOING TO CHURCH—OR NOT



For the past several years I've asked Legion members to come to the annual Remembrance Service at Tolmie Presbyterian Church, held on the Sunday before Remembrance Day. Branch 340 has paraded there for many decades. This year I'm asking my Comrades at the Legion NOT to come. In all my years as a minister I've never done that – asking folks not to come to church, that is. Due to COVID restrictions, capacity in the church is limited.

These are strange times. The COVID-19 restrictions have messed up all areas of our lives and we long to get back to normal. However, all is not lost. The Colour Party will be there along with other Legion members who are participating in the service. As your Chaplain I will be leading the worship since our friend, Rev. Chuck Moon, who has welcomed us for years, has been called to another church. I have asked Matthew Patterson to speak as one of our Afghanistan Veterans. He served with the Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR) when they were deployed there. This mission, and its aftermath, needs to take its place beside the traditional stories of sacrifice that we heard about on Remembrance Day.

The service from Tolmie will be taped and you will be able to watch it on You Tube or on the Tolmie web site, on Sunday evening November 7, and anytime throughout the week.

We must not let the limitations of COVID-19 stop us from REMEMBERING those we lost and those who served. Take time to tune in.

Lest we Forget.

Rev. Chuck Beaton
Chaplain, Branch 340



NOTHING
HAUNTS US
LIKE THE
THINGS WE
DIDN'T BUY.



November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month

Woman abuse is not a women's issue, it's a human rights issue and it affects all of us. In Canada, 67% of the population knows someone who has experienced physical or sexual abuse. Together we can work to eliminate woman abuse. Every woman has the fundamental right to live in safety and security.

Thursday November 25th is the International Women's Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. In the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic shelters and helplines are reaching capacity with an increase in reported violence and abuse against women. This increase in violence against women is another apparent yet difficult to measure outcome of COVID-19, which internationally is being referenced as the Shadow Pandemic.



Rest Your Mind

I know you have been laying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs", "Huggies," and "Pampers", while undergarments for old people are called "Depends".

Well here is the low down on the whole thing.

When babies crap in their pants, people are still gonna Luv'em, Hug'em and Pamper' em. When old people crap in their pants, it "Depends" on who's in the will!

Glad I got that straightened out so you can rest your mind.



Larry, a local football star, is jogging down the street when he sees a building on fire. A lady is standing on a third story ledge holding her cat in her arms.

"Hey, lady", yells Larry, "Throw me the cat!"

"No," she cries, "It's too far!"

"I play football. I can catch him!"

The smoke is pouring from the windows. The woman kisses her cat goodbye and tosses it down to the street. Larry keeps his eye on the cat as it comes hurtling down toward him.

The feline bounces off an awning and he runs into the street to catch it. He jumps six feet into the air and makes a spectacular one-handed catch.

The crowd that has gathered to watch the fire breaks into cheers.

Larry does a little dance, lifts the cat above his head, wiggles his knees back and forth, then spikes the cat into the pavement.



Port Elgin Celebrates Victory

Transcription from the November 13, 1918, Port Elgin Times



Page 1 story on the Celebration held on November 11, 1918, that followed the signing of the Armistice to end WWI.....**Port Elgin Celebrates Victory**



At 6 o'clock Monday morning the people of Port Elgin were awakened by the loud blowing of the Stevens – Hepner Co's whistle, and in a short time hundreds of people, anticipating the signing of the armistice were on the streets.

There was but one question and that "What's the news"?

There was much cheering when the bulletins were posted, and, soon plans were on the way for a fitting celebration.

By 8 o'clock Reeve Pattison proclaimed a holiday and John Coulter headed a crowd of men from the town and townships and rails and big pine stumps were hauled up till 12 o'clock and piled up at the cricket grounds. The huge pile was 25 feet high, while capping the whole thing was a 20-foot pine tree. The great bonfire was the feature of the evening.

Beginning at the same time in the morning, Mr. Stevens headed a committee to make preparations for a service of prayer and praise. Bills were



spread throughout the town and country calling for an open-air service at 2:30 p.m. In the meantime, and about 10 o'clock hundreds of citizens, boys, girls, men and women, headed by the band, paraded the streets until noon.

At 2:30 p.m. fully 2,000 people from town and country and many from Southampton had gathered at the American corner and from the balcony prayers were presented and hymns of praise sung. Mr. E. R. Sayles presided, while the ministers offering prayers were Revs. Messrs. Buckberrough, Strachan, Hallman, Liebold, Fiagg, and Dr. McDougall. Mr. W. F. Bald, B. A. was the speaker for the occasion. With eloquence and fervor Mr. Bald held the vast audience as he placed before them the righteousness of the cause espoused and the pluck and heroism of France and England in holding off a murderous foe until time had been gained to train and equip armies which would finally bring the downfall of the despotic Kaiser. He paid a glowing tribute to the work of the women and the sacrifices of those at home in holding fast the "second line" of defense, closing with an inspiring appeal to all to make a mighty effort to go "over the top" by over-subscribing the Victory Loan.

A choir of men led the singing, the band also assisting. The service was greatly appreciated by all. After the service the autos lined up and a visit was made to Southampton. The big bonfire in the evening attracted great crowds of people.

NOTES:

"Billy" Brigden's and W. A. Mitchell's effigy of the Kaiser was well-done.

There were many Calithumpians seen, representing various characters and they all served to increase the enthusiasm.

The church bells rang pretty much all day. Whoever had the task of ringing these bells certainly never became weary in well doing.

Bandmaster Chapman never got tired although he had a preference for playing "How dry I am", and it must have been very hard on the band boys.

The willingness with which every citizen gave their services to assist in the celebration was splendid. There were many who helped in various ways, and it would be impossible to get the names of all who assisted. The real spirit was shown.

The people of the townships contributed a great deal by their presence and quite a number by actual work in hauling and giving rails and stumps, for the big bonfire. Burgoyne district had quite a procession with decorated outfits.

The decorations around the town and especially on front street were prolific. Mr. McPherson in opening his large building and with a great display of flags provided a fitting place for holding of the service.

Honestly, what would a celebration be without the band?



Port Elgin Legion Branch 340



Santa's Surprise

Christmas Raffle

Wine Themed Basket (\$150)

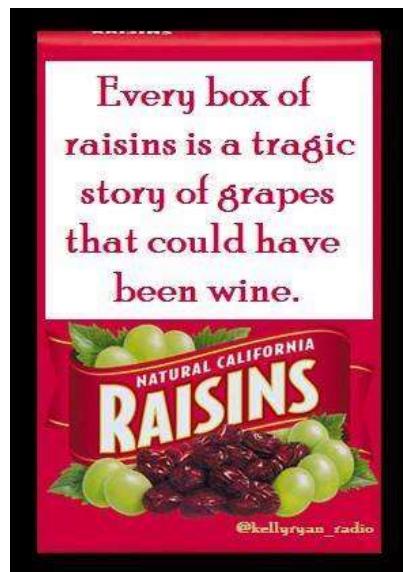
Draw Date on
Saturday, December
18th at 6:00 pm
Branch Clubroom



Tickets: \$2.00 each or
3 for \$5.00

Lottery License
#M813900

Proceeds for Community & Youth Programs
Must be over 19 years of age to purchase ticket



ONE MINUTE YOU'RE 21.
STAYING UP ALL NIGHT DRINKING
BEER, EATING PIZZA AND DOING
SKETCHY STUFF JUST FOR FUN.

THEN...

IN A BLINK OF AN EYE YOU'RE
50, DRINKING WATER, EATING
SALAD AND YOU CAN'T DO ANY
SKETCHY STUFF, BECAUSE
YOU PULLED A MUSCLE
PUTTING ON YOUR SOCKS.



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What's Happening

2021 Meat Draws
Saturdays at 4:00 pm

November 13
December 3 at 8:00 pm
December 4, 11, 18 at 4:00 pm



► Event dates are subject to change ►

Please keep this schedule of dates for handy reference. As noted events dates are subject to change but hopefully we won't have to cancel because of COVID. Hope you can join us and you will be fortunate to win a prize from the meat selection.

