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Town of Marathon's special Remembrance Day services held on Saturday

The Town of Marathon held its annual Remembrance Day services on Saturday and there was a special addition to the agenda this year. Besides the parade, the town and Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 183 dedicated the flagpole in Veterans' Square to long time resident Derek Dyer and also dedicated the new LAVIII vehicle. Further additions to the park are in the planning stages. In the top left photo, Silver Cross Mother

Frances Lavoie lays a wreath accompanied by her son CWO Lewis Lavoie. In the middle photo, Thunder Bay - Superior North Liberal MP Hon. Patti Hajdu lays a wreath on behalf of the Government of Canada while, in the right, photo, veteran Leo Bryar laid a wreath on behalf of the Province of Ontario.



Marathon's veterans honoured during 'Heroes and Hockey' Classic' banquet

Nine of Marathon's Canadian Armed Forces members were on hand last Saturday evening during the 'Inaugural Heroes and Hockey' banquet at the Royal Canadian Legion, Marathon Branch 183. At the end of the banquet each of the veterans was presented with a commemorative hockey jersey. Event organizer Kris Skworchinski said the jerseys were green to represent the historic Marathon Mercs hockey teams. The vet-

erans are, from left to right, Chief Warrant Officer Lewis Lavoie, Cpl. Chris Hedge, Warrant Officer Robert Wilson, Lt. Col. Jason Porteous, MCpl. Tyler Rayner, MCpl. Gary Maronese, Sgt. Nicholas Rayner, MCpl. Tanya Woito and Chief Warrant Officer Michael Hamilton. (More on Pages 6 and 7.)

Town of Marathon begins 2018 budget process

The Town of Marathon began its 2018 budget process with a preliminary meeting last Tuesday to discuss the budget plan with senior leadership members.

Administration is scheduled to present the budget plan to council tonight (Tuesday).

CAOclerk Daryl Skworchinski told council that one of the budget initiatives that will be changed this year would be to provide as much input as possible to the public, businesses or groups or a business or groups for their input.

"If any member of the public a business or group wants to make a presentation they must notify my office by e - mail at least three days in advance of the meeting, outline the topics they will cover and who will be making the presentation," he said. "They will have up to 15 minutes
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Thunder Bay - Superior North Liberal MP Patti Hajdu, centre right, Mayor Rick Dumas, CAO/clerk Daryl Skworchinski were accompanied by Marathon air cadets and armed forces members as they unveiled the plaque at the LAVIII vehicle located at Veterans Square.



World War II veteran John Cherniski lays a wreath recognizing the Canadian Armed Forces.

Full house attend the 2017 Remembrance Day Services at Marathon Arena on November 11



Thunder Bay - Superior North Liberal MP Patti Hajdu, left, and CWO Michael Hamilton were the guest speakers during the services.



S/SGT. PAUL MITCHTICS
Marathon OPP



The veterans attending the parade were, from the right, John Cherniski accompanied by Malou Gutierrez, Leo Bryar accompanied by son Lloyd and Keith Cooper accompanied by Darlene Quirt.



The assembled guests for the Remembrance Day parade held in the Marathon Arena.



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The Marathon Figure Skating Club requires old towels and flannel sheets for the Marathon FSC rag program. Please contact Karen Harris 229-8698.



Four long - time residents of Marathon were recognized as hockey builders in the community for their dedication to hockey and all the players over the years. They are, at the left, Bob Russell, Keith Skworchinski and Jim Cederwall. Missing was Dick Nichols. Also attending the official hockey faceoff were left to right, veterans MCpl. Gary Maronese, Warrant Officer Robert Wilson, Heroes and Hockey tournament organizer Kris Skworchinski, Royal Canadian Legion vice-president Roger Hamilton, Jessica McWatch representing Pic Mobert, Diane Richmond, community elder, veterans Sgt. Nicholas Rayner, Lt. Col. Jason Porteous, MCpl. Tanya Woito and Cpl. Chris Headge.



BRANDON LAMOUREAUX
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Heroes & Hockey Classic held in conjunction with Remembrance Day events



Following the opening ceremonies of the ‘Heroes and Hockey Classic’ last Friday evening, WWII veteran Leo Bryar dropped the puck to officially begin the hockey tournament. Taking the faceoff are John Moreau, left, and Bob Cummings, right. Also shown is Lloyd Bryar.



Bonnie Gingras, left, and Mitch Donaldson, right, present Roger Hamilton, centre, with a special ‘Heroes and Hockey’ jersey in recognition of his dedication and work in organizing the Remembrance Day events and LAVIII Monument Service.



Members of the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron 900 salute as Brianne Price raises the flag during the dedication services recognizing long - time Marathon resident Derek Dyer. Derek was one of the original individuals who came up with the idea to bring the LAVIII to Marathon.



Platform guests were piped in by the Thunder Bay Pipes and Drums prior to the start of the ceremonies.

Reach-MARATHON SUPPORT GROUP FORMED

If you have a loved one suffering from mental illness, you may not know where to turn for assistance.

“Reach-Marathon” is a caregiver support group here in Marathon. The group is individuals from all walks of life, who care for someone who has a mental illness. This could be a child, parent,

close relative, a friend or co-worker. Reach-Marathon meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm at Wilson Memorial General Hospital upstairs.