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Legion tree-planting program underway

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BARRY COULTER

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 24, has launched its tree-planting program in the Legion cemetery in Cranbrook.

Legion members were on hand Friday to finish the planting of a Colorado blue spruce in the cemetery, beside the road, and more are to come.

Larry Miller of the Legion's Cemetery committee explained that many of the willows lining the driveway into the cemetery have begun to rot, and are slated to be replaced. The new trees will be blue spruce, and red and silver maples.

Miller said that a grant from Columbia Basin Trust has enabled the Legion to proceed with upgrades to the cemetery and the Wall of Honour - the war memorial in Rotary Park. A 24-niche columbarium is also planned for the Legion cemetery, which will be reserved for veterans and their spouses. The footings for the columbarium are complete, Miller said, thanks to donations from Wayne Cockwell (who did the excavating), Cranbrook Building Centre (who provided the materials), Williamson Steel (who provided the re-bar) and Salvador Ready-Mix, who supplied the concrete.

The Cranbrook Garden Club is helping out with the tree-planting program.



Larry Miller and Edith LeClair finish planting a blue spruce in the Legion Cemetery on Friday, June 29, the first of many new trees which will grace the site. A columbarium is also to be constructed, and upgrades to the Wall of Honour are planned.

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