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Mansfield Women?s Institute holding annual Remembrance Day service

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The Mansfield Women's Institute will once again host its Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph in Mansfield Community Park on Friday, Nov. 11.

The Women's Institute has taken on the task of organizing a yearly event because the community does not have a Legion.

?Back in 1946, the Women's Institute decided we should have a cenotaph built at the park,? explained Women's Institute president, Jane Hawkins. ?We accomplished that in 1952. At that time, the community owned the park, not the Township. The cenotaph stayed with the Women's Institute. In 2012, we raised some money and restored it. The ownership of the cenotaph stayed with the Women's Institute. We're the ones that always do the organization for the Remembrance Day service.

?The ceremony will honour those who gave their lives in service of the country as well as those who continue to serve today. We usually get around 100 people.?

The service is open to the public. There will be service members from Base Borden in attendance.

Since Mansfield doesn't have a Legion, the Women's Institute doesn't have to follow Legion protocol and add their own touches to the ceremony.

If you decide to attend the service, there is parking right in the park.

The ceremony will get underway at10:45 a.m.