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WESTMEATH & DISTRICT  
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MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER

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**Upcoming Events**

**March 2** C.W.L., Soup & Sandwich, LaPasse Parish Hall

**March 4, 5, 6** Westmeath Winter Carnival, Westmeath Rec Centre

**March 8** Our Lady of Grace School Pancake Supper, Westmeath Rec Centre

**March 14-18** March Break

**March 16** Riverview Social Club, Soup & Sandwich, Westmeath Rec Centre

**March 18** Bingo at Pembroke Bingo Country

**March 19** Cdn Freestyle Kayak Team Fundraiser, Westmeath Rec Centre

**March 25** TWEEN Dance, Westmeath Rec Centre (WRC)

**March 26, 27** St. John's Ambulance, First Aid/CPR Crse with defibrillator, WRC

**April 6** C.W.L., Soup & Sandwich, LaPasse Parish Hall

**April 7** Lion's Ham Bingo, Orange Hall, Beachburg 7pm

**April 9** Pancake Breakfast, Lion's Hall, Beachburg 7:30 – 11:30 am

**April 15** TWEEN Dance, Westmeath Rec Centre

**April 19** WDRA Annual General Meeting, Westmeath Rec Centre

Register NOW for the Family Trivia Night and/or Scavenger Hunt at the Winter Carnival

To pre-register for the Family Trivia and for the Scavenger Hunt, please contact Cathy Horner by email to [cathyjean@nrtco.net](mailto:cathyjean@nrtco.net) or call the rink at 613-587-4559.

**Westmeath Winter Carnival 2011**

Carnival Buttons \$3.00 each allows free entrance to events. Without a Button, all events will be \$5.00/person. Prizes to be awarded and handed out at Family Trivia Saturday Night. Button Draw on Sunday at the Spaghetti Dinner.

**FRIDAY MARCH 5TH**  
"Find the Golden Puck" Starts Friday Night  
11:00AM-3:00PM Schools Winter Olympics & Colouring Contest  
7:00PM Westmeath Mixed Hockey Tournament Starts  
7:00PM-10:00PM Teen Dance - Crazy Toque Night. Cost: No Charge with Button (\$5.00 without Button)  
7:00PM-11:00PM Bonfire – Hot Chocolate & Marshmallows. \$5.00 without Button

**SATURDAY MARCH 6TH**  
7:30AM-11:00AM Wicked Good Buffet Breakfast  
8:00AM-11:00PM Hockey Tournament Continues  
10:00 -11:00AM Chilli Contest Registration, to pre-register call Brenda 613-587-4518  
10:00AM-4:00PM Children's Play Area (Hall)  
10:00AM-12:00PM Clowns, Face Painting & Balloon Animals  
11:00AM Bean Bag Toss with Westi  
11:00AM Dog Sled Team Rides – Ball Diamond  
11:00AM Street Hockey Starts – Different Ages  
11:30AM Musical Chairs with Westi  
11:30AM-4:00PM Lunch  
12:00PM Bubble Gum Blowing Contest  
12:00PM-1:00PM Family Scavenger Hunt Registration. Teams of 4 – no charge with Button, \$5 per person without Button  
12:30PM Story Time for Children  
1:00PM Chilli Judging - Hall • 1:00PM BAR OPEN (Hall)  
1:00PM-3:00PM BINGO • 1:00PM-2:00PM Fire Department Demonstration  
2:00PM-3:30PM FAMILY GAMES ( i.e., Tea Boiling, Nail Driving Events, Jell-O eating  
3:00 PM Tug-a-War – Village vs The Country  
3:00PM-5:00PM Chad & Alex's Band, Cards, Board Games, etc  
4:00PM-6:00PM DINNER: Baked Ham, Baked Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. Cost: \$8 Adult, \$5 Kids (5-11), 4 and under FREE  
7:30PM Family Trivia Night. Teams minimum 4 people, Maximum 6 people. \$5 per person with Button, \$10.00 per person without Button. Prizes

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH**  
8:00AM-12:00PM A La Cart Breakfast  
9:00AM-1:00PM Hockey Tournament Continues  
12:00PM-4:00pm Lunch  
1:00pm Reindeer Hunt. No Charge with Button  
1:00PM Euchre Tournament - Prizes  
1:30PM Hockey Exhibition Games  
4:00PM-6:00pm Spaghetti Dinner (Sponsored by 4-H Club) Homemade Bread, Caesar Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. Cost: \$8 Adult, \$5 Kids (5-11), 4 and under FREE  
6:00PM-8:00pm Public Skating

PLUS EXTRAS: Guess number of candies in the Jar, 50/50 Draw, Draw for Baskets





## Have You Noticed Our New Logo?

We are proud to unveil our new logo that pays tribute to our proximity to the mighty Ottawa River. And all the lifestyle benefits that gives this community. But we also thought that it looked clean and distinctive with the fluid movement of the graphic.



### WESTMEATH & DISTRICT RECREATION ASSOCIATION

We want to thank Robyn Hader of design by red. She is now hard at work constructing our new WDRA website.

We also have been busy updating all our forms and documentation to include this new branding.

The newest version of the **WDRA Rates Brochure** is hot from the printer and yours for the asking – if you have an event coming up and want to rent any of our facilities –banquet hall, arena, or ball diamond, phone 613-587-4559 and request one.

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

## Pancake Supper

Westmeath Rec Centre

**Tuesday, March 8th, 2011**

**4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Prices: adults \$6

children 5-12 and seniors \$4

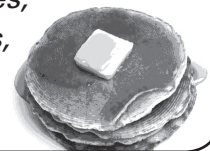
children 4 & under FREE

*Includes Pancakes,*

*Sausages, Beans,*

*Beverages*

*& Dessert*



## NOTICE: Standard First Aid and CPR Course

(Includes Defibrillator training)

Saturday March 26 and Sunday March 27, 2011, Westmeath Community Hall

Training by St. John Ambulance, Pembroke

Fee: \$144 per person for the 2-day course

Please call Brenda Grady at 613-587-4518 for more information, or to register.



We are excited to announce that we are hard at work constructing a new website for the WDRA, and this community. So many people have been supportive and have willingly jumped in when approached to help by contributing content information. We want the website to be a frequent stop for you. And we know that many people, who no longer live here, will enjoy keeping in touch with “home” via the internet.

The domain name has been registered and it is easy to remember: westmeathtoday.ca. We thought it sounded current and upbeat, and reflected the vibrant, busy community we live in.

So this spring the WDRA will be joining the web and you’ll be able to get information about the activities in your community online. The Launch Date hasn’t been chosen yet but you’ll be the first to know!

**Notice to Business Owners:** The new website will include a Business Directory Listing. This is a chance to not only support the work of the WDRA, but to take advantage of one of the best deals on the web! People are turning to the web for business contact information so you’ll want to list your business details where it will be seen. And take advantage of a live link to your own website. Ask any WDRA Board Member for a Directory Sign-Up Form, or phone Gayle at 587-4502.

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### Play some Shinny Hockey for over the March Break.

Tuesday, March 15.....1-2pm,  
2-3pm, 3-4pm

Wednesday, March 16.....1-2pm, 2-3pm

Thursday, March 17th.....1-2pm,  
2-3pm, 3-4pm

Cost is only \$5.00 per person

### PUBLIC SKATING:

Wednesday, March 16.....3pm-5pm  
Sponsored by **NANGOR RESORT**

(And remember to enjoy Public Skating for the last month of the ice season on Saturday nights. Tots & Srs: 6:30 – 7:30PM and General Public; 7:30 – 9PM.)

## TWEEN DANCE

Friday, March 25, 7 - 10 PM

Westmeath Community Hall

Ages 8-15, \$5 per person

Music by Abbey Lane DJ

Entertainment Canada

No entries after 8:30

unless accompanied  
by parent.

*Volunteers are  
not responsible for  
children outside the building.*



## WINTER CARNIVAL HELP WANTED

Cathy could sure use your help pulling this weekend together.

Please give her a call at 613-587-4559 or email cathyjean@nrtco.net

and offer your support.

Thanks Cathy for your organization and hands-on approach to bringing this wild weekend together. And thanks to the many volunteers who are also helping to make it a success.



Can you help us with our

## Monster Garage Sale

on May 14th

WDRA is asking for your HELP.

We need a Co-ordinator who can help pull together one of our

better fundraisers for the

Westmeath Community Centre.

It's a lot of fun for everyone, helps

the environment through the

recycling process, and brings in

much needed funds to run the

WDRA Community Recreation Centre.

Please call Jan Reeves at 613-587-4841

We'd sure appreciate your help!

## UPDATE FROM RIVERVIEW SOCIAL CLUB for March 2011

Our monthly Soup & Sandwich will be held March 16 at 12:00 noon, upstairs in the Community Hall. We are hoping to have some Irish entertainment at that time as well. The price is \$6.00 for lunch and take out is available. Great Homemade soups and desserts freshly made for you to enjoy.

The ladies now have a quilt set up, so if anyone is interested in quilting please join us. We also have been playing shuffleboard and cards on Wednesday afternoons for those interested.

Membership for the Riverview Social club is accepted January through to December 31st, so if you are interested in joining or for more information, contact Jan Reeves at 587-4841, or our president Sheila Boone at 587-4125. Thank you for your continued support.

## Riverview Social Club SOUP & SANDWICH

will be held on

**Wednesday, March 16th**

at the Westmeath Community Hall

at 12:00 Noon.

With **Irish** Entertainment

\$6.00 per person.

Take-out is available.

## THE CANADIAN FREESTYLE KAYAK TEAM FUNDRAISING DINNER

Enjoy a delicious Roast Beef Buffet dinner, while supporting your national team.

**Saturday, March 19th, at the Westmeath Community Hall**

6:00 pm. Cocktails • 7:00 pm. Roast Beef Buffet Dinner

Activities: Silent Auction • Entertainment: Dan Taite, and more

\$20.00 per person. Tickets available from Brenda Grady

at 587-4518 or kev.brenda@nrtco.net

THE CANADIAN FREESTYLE TEAM Try Outs were held in Alberta, this past August. Congratulations to the following local area folks that made the team:

Junior Men:	Kalob Grady - LaPasse
	Cooper Lemkay - Beachburg
Junior Women:	Sara Daub - Deep River
Senior Women:	Ruth Gordon - Renfrew
Senior Men:	Nick Troutman - Beachburg
	Billy Harris - Beachburg
	Keegan Grady - LaPasse
	Joey Hitchins - Beachburg



They will be heading to Germany with the rest of the Team in June to represent Canada.

## April Annual Meeting Approaches

One of the most important evenings in the life of this organization is approaching soon.

On Tuesday, April 19th the WDRA's Annual General Meeting will be held and everyone should give some thought to its importance. In the past couple of years, indifference to this meeting has resulted in very low attendance and thus limited community input. You need to participate in the selection of a new slate of officers and make your opinion count.

We know from you that you enjoy the benefits of the work of your Recreation Association and all of its volunteers. And you value the initiatives undertaken. But we need more of you to attend this meeting and become involved in the process.

At present approximately 35% of our fixed costs goes to pay the hydro costs – that's a shocking amount! Would solar power be the solution to help our bottom line?

Wayne Campbell will be our Guest Speaker and we will hear the basics about Solar Power and what it would offer. Please come out and hear what he has to say.

The next couple of years are pivotal to the continued smooth functioning of the WDRA facility and decisions will have to be made by this community about how to fund badly needed major refurbishments.

**Did you know .....** The WDRA hall/arena complex is actually owned by the Whitewater Regional municipality and leased back to the WDRA at \$1 per year, to run and manage. The same agreement goes for the Beachburg and Cobden arena facilities. This was the result of the provincial municipal amalgamations that took place back in 2001.

Further to that agreement, the regional municipality provides each arena based organization (in our case the WDRA, a not-for-profit corporation) an annual grant of \$12,500. Those funds deliver the vast majority of the regional tax based recreational activities. That is, \$37,500 is the basis of Whitewater Region's "Parks and Recreation" budget, split into 3 equal amounts. There are also lesser grants that go to Forrester's Falls and Snake River's recreation associations for the same purpose.

Generally a community in Ontario with a similar population and budget is lucky to have 1 ice arena complex, rather than 3. We are fairly unique in this regard. It offers great privileges but also heavy responsibilities. To run a business that costs over \$150,000 per year, requires extensive local participation through many volunteers, fund raisers and fair fee for services. Any significant capital asset costs require dependence on local appeals and/or government assistance programs.

Joey Trimm, Councillor, addressed the WDRA in the fall. He stated that the regional council depends upon our organizations to deliver the recreation budget in a manner that most benefits the health and well being of the residents. The regional council is there to help in obtaining grants, provide advice and support in various ways re running the business, as well as provide much needed funding in emergency situations.

Our thanks go out to our present and past councillors, and the regional council, who have been tremendously helpful with their hands-on support.