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UPCOMING EVENTS



August 15	Green Thumbs Garden Visits and August 22 Details inside RSSC/NHSP
Sept 11th	Turkey & Ham Supper Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lapasse 2:30—6:00
Sept 17th	Rock 'n Country Tribute Night
Sept 21st	RSSC resumes Soup and Sandwich
Sept 24th	Festival of Small Halls

110th WPS ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Would like to thank all the volunteers who helped in any way to make the day a success especially to the last minute scramblers who donated, set up and took down tents to keep the rain off. The face painting was magnificent, the food excellent, and the entertainment wonderful. Thanks to the WDRA for use of the hall in the evening. Once again our community generosity and strength shone through...Thank you to all who attended sharing your stories and your memories—our school is now closed but our memories will remain!

AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

To rent Community Centre Hall or Ice Rink Facilities:

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**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ENTRIES IS THE 15TH OF THE
MONTH**



Ontario Festival of Small Halls and the Westmeath & District Recreational Association will host Hat Fitz and Cara at 730 pm on September 24th with local talent Louis Schryer and Erin Leahy to open the show for them that evening.

See thefestivalofsmallhalls.com for more details.

"Hat Fitz and Cara are a dynamic two piece band are a unique combination that have skilfully combined their hill style Gospel blues with old timey flavourings. Stripped down to just voices, guitar and vintage drums, Hat Fitz & Cara embellish impeccable rootsy originals with powerful and soulful vocals reminiscent of a time once forgotten."

"Even though there are many astounding fiddlers in Canada, Louis is the only Canadian fiddler that holds a record breaking 8 time Canadian Fiddle Champion and the only one that holds the title of 4 time Grand Masters Fiddle Champion. Louis will be joined by the multitalented Erin Leahy."

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased online at thefestivalofsmallhalls.com or they can be purchased locally through the organizing committee (individually or in tables of 10). Please contact Lue (613 587-4726 / luecharron@[rogers.com](mailto:luecharron@rogers.com)) or Lynda (613 587-4781) to purchase tickets directly.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
FALL SUPPER
 Take Out Meals Available Bazaar & Bake Table
Country Style Home Cooking
Turkey & Ham Dinner
Sunday, September 11, 2016
 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall, Lapasse
 Adults \$15.00 ~ Children under 12 years \$6.00
 Children under 4 years free

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BIG THANKS to ALL for a GREAT CANADA DAY 2016

Thank you to all who worked on or participated in Canada Day 2016. It takes many hands to run a celebration like this and we are grateful to so many:

Particular thanks to the Planning Team: **Brenda Grady, Rev. Anita Hollings, Bob Grylls, Neil Nicholson, Maryanne and Mike Wendorf, Cheryl Spotswood and Cathy Williamson.**

To those who made donations through collection boxes at Kenny's Store, at June Soup and Sandwich, and on the day of our celebration. Particular thanks to businesses who made larger donations in response to our appeal letters: **Kenny's Store, Beach-West Pharmacy, Sugar Creek Farms (Lisa and Rick McDonald), Canadian Tire Pembroke (Jan and Rick Johnson, new to our community).**

To Anita Hollings, Cheryl Spotswood and the 4 readers (Rick McKay, Esther White, Anna Morrow and Bev York) for the Cenotaph Prayer Service to start our day.

To **Noreen Desjardin** and family for the use of her field for parking and to **Henry Yakabuski and Peter Ethier** who prepared the field by cutting the grass.

To our Set-Up/Take down Team: **Dwayne White, Tanner Bromley, Wendy and Jay Orcutt (new to our community), Bernie Ethier, Louise Johnson, Louise Norlock and Jordan, Quaid Nicholson, Mel De Haan, Sherry and Jenny Ethier and the Planning Committee**

To **Terry Bromley and Arnold deRuiter** for the stage and fooze ball pipes; to **Gord McMullen** for the plywood to cover the stage

To **Grant Tomkinson** for the sound system (not only did he lend it to us, he also took time to set it up for us)

To **Joanne Savage** and all the people who assisted in the kitchen for the wonderful Big Breakfast and the supper.

To the **Ethier Family** for restoring the Horse Shoe Pits and coordinating the first Ron Ethier Memorial Horseshoe tournament. To **Lynn McMullen and Debby** for working the bar and to **Marie McMullen and her husband Jim** for setting up the bar.

To **Anne Bromley, Jeff Ethier and the 4H** crew for the BBQ lunch

To **Sherry Ethier** and the young people who ran the children's games

To **Mike Watson, Tim Schroeder, D'Arcy McMullen** and crew for the fabulous BBQ chicken dinner

To **Pauline Wright** for the Bingo game, **Doreen McNair and Linda Bromley** or ticket sales at the dinner; to all who contributed cupcakes and baked beans.

To **Township of Whitewater** for the use of snow fences and street barricades.

WE APOLOGIZE for the mix-up around fireworks. We were banned because of the lack of rain. Then we got rain and it was a go ahead. The rains stopped in the village so our thanks to the firemen: **Marc McCulloch and Darren Rabb** for setting off the fireworks as planned for 10:00. But the rains did not stop for those of us in the surrounding area, so we missed them.

We have a had a good practice run for the big celebration next year **CANADA 150**. Contact **Neil Nicholson** if you are interested in being part of the planning team.

"WHAT'S HAPPENING"

with the **RIVERVIEW SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB**

August, 2016

The **Riverview Seniors Social Club** is a non-profit and volunteer driven organization working to enhance the quality of life, community participation and independence of Seniors.

If you missed the July dates of The GREEN THUMBS GARDEN VISITS from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., sponsored by our club, you still have your choice of **Monday, August 15 at 138 Greenway Drive, Lapasse** or **Monday, August 22 at 627 Point Road, Westmeath**. A special speaker will expand your gardening knowledge and answer questions. We suggest you bring a lawn chair, camera, notepad and sunscreen. Free admission. Rain dates are always 2 days later on Wednesday of the same week.

In addition to the garden visits, our club is also sponsoring a series of four FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOPS on Tues. Aug 23rd, 30th, September 6 and 13th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. with instructor Sheila Kenny. Registration starts August 1st. Call 613-582-3741. Workshops are held at the Westmeath Rec. Centre. Admission is free but **participants are responsible for the cost of their own supplies**

RESERVE Saturday SEPT. 17th for a Rock n' Country Tribute Night.

THE KING IS COMING BACK!

AFTER ROCKIN' THE HOUSE AT HIS SOLD-OUT APPEARANCE IN WESTMEATH IN

SEPTEMBER '15, ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST ROY LEBLANC IS RETURNING.

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Noon Soup and Sandwich will resume on Wed. September 21st.

A wonderful bus trip to Perth was enjoyed by many members and friends of the Riverview Seniors Social Club as well as by five members from the Cobden Club on Thursday July 7th. Besides the pleasure of the camaraderie during the travelling, there was great shopping and a wonderful Neil Simon Play. We enjoyed "I Ought to be in Pictures", one of several plays being featured as part of the Classic Theatre Festival. To add to our fun together, the Rocky Mountain House in Renfrew had prepared a tasty buffet for us. A big thanks goes to member Ted Winter, the co-ordinator for this bus trip. We hopefully can look forward to another outing or two when the club reconvenes in September.

For membership (\$10), please call Connie Gray at 613 - 582-3390. Regular monthly meetings of the club will resume on Wed. Sept 14th

Riverview Seniors Social Club member Pauline Wright presented a scholarship award to Jordan Drapeau at the graduation night of Our Lady Of Grace School in Westmeath. Jordan graduated from grade 7 and will attend grade 8 in Pembroke. Each year R.S.S.C. presents this bursary to members of our young community for their Community Service.

Each year volunteers of the community are recognized by the W.D.R.A. and presented the Lifetime Volunteer Award during the Canada Day Celebration in Westmeath. Congratulations to our RSSC members Leatrice Norlock, and Laurine and Eric Blackwell who received this award this year for their ongoing contributions to the community and beyond.

Gayle McBride reports that The Historic Westmeath Township Project web-site continues to be found by search engines and visitor activity on the site in the last year has been impressive. Google Analytic Tracking over 40 weeks of 2015-2016 showed that 17,920 pages were viewed and 8,439 visitor sessions took place. Very good numbers for a local history site in its 3rd year. First-time visitors continue to visit in the majority and come from either the USA or Europe; as well as Canada. Sponsorship of the site by the RSSC is appreciated and has served thousands of online visitors For more details online visit [HWTPROJECT.CA/RIVERVIEWEVENTS/HWT Project http://hwtproject.ca/](http://hwtproject.ca/riverviewevents/hwt) is proudly sponsored by the Riverview Senior Social Club.

Like us on Facebook at **Riverview Seniors Social Club**

Thank you for your continued support

Watch for the **FALL 2016** Riverview Club's Flyer in your post box later in August. We are scheduling a full calendar of Fall Events, speakers, work shops and classes for our members and the greater Whitewater community of aged 55+. Our website at <http://hwtproject.ca/riverviewclubevents/> will carry all the details as the Fall Events are rolled out

Some fun pics of Canada Day 2016

