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UPCOMING
EVENTS



August 18th Our Lady of Grace
Turkey Supper
Westmeath - noon to 6

REMINDER
WDRA—ENTRANCE/RAMP
August 19—Construction Begins
November 30—Project Completion
Access to the Westmeath Recreation
Hall will be severely restricted during
construction period.
Some access will be available
Numbers to be determined by the
Township Fire Chief



Hard at work: Upstream Dave (above)

4H group doing lunch (below)



AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

To rent Community Centre Hall :
613-587-4559/613-587-4838 or email wdra@nrtco.net
Ice bookings: arenas@whitewaterregion.ca;
or call Township office M-F, 8:30 am - 4 pm , ask for Debbie

For Newsletter inquiries:
Email: wdranewsletter@nrtco.net or call 613-587-4438
DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ENTRIES IS THE 15TH OF THE MONTH
www.westmeathtoday.ca

CANADA DAY SUCCESS -This year our the barbecued chicken and potatoes was organized by Mike Watson, from ordering to barbecuing with his crew. Mike called it right as there were only a few chickens and potatoes left over. Congratulations Mike. That, along with salads, beans and deserts were served by Brenda Grady, Leatrice Norlock and the kitchen aides in the upstairs Hall.

There was Pickle Bill on the arena slab, organized by Sheila Paras and Randy Fletcher, and Mary Garfat not just for the regulars but for others to try, especially the youths.

Horseshoes made a big comeback this year. The 4th annual Ron Ethier Memorial Horseshoe Tournament attracted 6 women and 12 men into the competition. 'A' winners for the women were Laurie and Charlene Ethier and for the men, it was Peter and son Nicholas Ethier.

Later there was a spectacular array of fireworks, the best ever in Westmeath according to the large turnout watching. Nearly one-half hour of a variety of blast-offs filled the sky. The evening was coordinated by firefighter Darren Raab and his crew, This year the fireworks became available through Joey Sicoli's contact along with a big discount. Thanks so much to Darren and Joey who by working together made for memorable ending to a picture-perfect day, Canada Day -July 1st.



THANK YOU



For Canada Day and the Brew-

The **WDRA** would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the Brewfest a success, Julie Parr, Laurie Ethier, Brittany McMullen, Blaine Sack, Neil Nicholson, Cheryl Spotswood, Cathy Williamson, Beth Ethier and Rebecca Desjardins. A special thank you to **Joyce and Ken Fynn** for making our beer toonies, and everyone also who helped behind the scenes in some way.

BREWFEST ENTERTAINERS a cut above (according to our visitors! Here they are and we thank them for their MUSIC! Westmeath's own **UPSTREAM DAVE WALKER**, The **DONOHUES** from Douglas, Country singer **RICH MARTEL** from Renfrew, Up and coming youngsters **KIERSTEN MCMULLEN** from Arnprior and **TRAVIS LAMMIE** with **Jocelyn Smaglinski**, **KACY BLOK** from Cobden, **MITCH DESILETS** from Renfrew and **CHRISTINA AND GLEN ETHIER** from Montreal.

A great big thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy our first Whitewater Bike n Brew. All money raised from the Brewfest will go back into the Community Centre o offset costs supported by the WDRA.

Our Lady of Grace Church
Westmeath, Ontario

TURKEY SUPPER

Sunday, August 18, 2019
at the Westmeath Community Centre
Serving Lunch & Supper from Noon to 6pm



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give input on how the WDRA can offer more for our
youth, plan and implement youth activities, act as
co-event coordinator and fill out financial and event
reports.

You must be reliable, mature, have good communication
skills and positive listening skills. Familiarity with social
media (Facebook) an asset.

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ing and endless learning opportunities.

Please submit a formal letter of application to Bob Grylls
@ bgrylls@nrtco.net



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Fri Aug 9 Lumberjack

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Lynn McMullen

Ron & Cory Moss

Wendy Orcutt

Eric Price

Dana Racine

Jeannelle Romain

Cheryl Spotswood

Cathy Williamson

Neil Nicholson (ex officio)

If anyone in the community would
like to become part of the committee
for next year, please send a note
NOW to

cwilliamson131@me.com

FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE people registered for the 2019
Tour de Whitewater and despite the warm weather, 416 actually
rode. The Organizing Committee wants to thank so many in our
community who helped in so many ways on the actual day – **Jan**
McMullen and her RSSC volunteers for handling registration and
t-shirt distribution; **Darren Raab** and his firefighters for escorting
each specific ride; **Darcy McMullen** and his parking team; **Randy**
Fletcher, Jacquie McGregor and **Ron Moss** for placing route signs;
Evelyn St. Amour and the Ross Museum team for providing the
Foresters Falls Rest Station and **Cindy Jamieson** for the
Whitewater Inn Beachburg Rest Station; **Marilyn and Jim Labow** for
driving the Support Wagon; **Doreen McNair, Linda Bromley, Jan**
and Gord Reeves for handling the door and tickets for Brewfest;
newcomers **Lise Labine and Paul Brisson** for stage building; **Jay**
Orcutt for assisting with the banner stand and beer garden fencing;
Phil Cottrell for his photography...and the list goes on and on.

Special thanks for the **4H** and their dedicated workers who were
hired to prepare and serve lunch (which they did in record time.) And
of course, the WDRA volunteers who provided a superb breakfast;
out-of-towners are always so grateful and surprised by your hospitali-
ty. I am sure we have missed naming some; our apologies but
we are sincerely grateful.

CHALLENGE TO CYCLISTS AND MOTORISTS: The biggest complaint
we have heard is that cyclists were riding all over the road and
slowing down traffic on our rural roads. As a community, we need
to some work here understanding what the law says about cyclists
and motorist. We will ask OVCATA (Ottawa Valley Cycle and Active
Transportation Alliance) to do some educating in this regard.

PLEASE NOTE: Photo credits to Phil Cottrell

