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WELCOME NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Remembrance Day Service



**Westmeath
Cenotaph**

Thursday, November 11th, 11 am

The service will be conducted
by Anita Hollings
Wreaths to be laid by a
representative of local groups

Covid-19 rules in effect –
Masks & Social distancing (2M)



On Sunday the 21st of November
the WDRA will be hosting a
Christmas card making class at the
Westmeath and District Hall, 119
Synton St. The class will run from
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Cost to attend is
\$20.00. Covid 19 protocols will
apply. Space is limited. Deadline to
register is the 10th of November. If
you are interested in attending
please contact Beth at 613 587-
4294.



Westmeath Veterans Park Update

Falls plans are underway to trim greenery and remove several
timeworn shrubs. New signage is planned once we plant
replacement shrubs, probably next spring. The cenotaph is a
community monument so anybody who wishes to join the Friends
of the Cenotaph, help with maintenance, or share ideas, is more
than welcome. Contact Patti Desjardins (613) 587-4860 or Marg
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Truth and Reconciliation Day

The Westmeath & District Recreation Association held their first annual "tying of orange ribbons" to the ballfield fence in recognition of Canada's first day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Darren Shackleton, WDRA V-P made it happen despite all odds such as too late to advertise in the WDRA newsletter (only Facebook and a poster), and a shortage of orange T-shirts which required Amazon for plain orange ones. Many thanks to Jessie Jessup who spent countless hours with her Cricket machine and designing our Shirts with logos, making multiple trips to various stores for materials. Jessie printed 10 shirts with the logos for committee members.

Despite all this Darren and the committee handled about 50 volunteers to celebrate our indigenous neighbours. Ribbons were handed out to the volunteers in groups of 10. If it wasn't for Catherine and John Terhune, who after tying on their share of ribbons, spent more than an hour helping cut ribbons. Students, Blaze and Solace Cameron, cut numerous ribbons also.

First on the scene was Barbara Brennan, who started tying ribbons immediately and I feel was the person who accomplished the most. There were others too with excellent numbers. Three of us tracking names but lost accuracy at the end but I estimate about 2,000 ribbons were tied onto the fence.

We appreciate all those who participated. Mayor Mike Moore, Reeve Cathy Regier and Councilor Neil Nicholson were participants. Names of those helped are listed but some were missed and a few with a first name only. I apologize ahead of time.

Several indigenous families took part in tying ribbons. Jerry Gervais, a member of the Metis of Ontario was there. He felt the Metis nation would be pleased this WDRA celebration.

Despite so many obstacles to encounter, we feel it was a real success for our first attempt. The WDRA was the only group in Whitewater Region to participate in this Truth and Reconciliation awareness event.

VOLUNTEERS

Barbara Brennan
Blaze Cameron
Solice Cameron
Gabe Silke
Marg Plume
Evelyn St. Amour
Catherine Terhuurne
John Terhuurne
Erica Deloughery & family
Marg Gervais
Vince Gervais

Brenda
Stan Cholewa
Natalie Cholewa
Jerry Gervais
Evelyn St. Amour
Mason Bromley
Marc McCulloch
Claudia McCulloch
Gabriel Silkie
Mike Moore
Cathy Regier

Lori Ethier
Kernai Trulove
Katsua Trulove
OOpectae TruLove
Charlene Ethier
Julie Parr
Chris Parr
Brett Gilchrist
Jane Trulove
Monica
Chris

Brenda
Spencer Elliott
Neil Nicholson
Monica LaGrotta
Floerlla La Grotta
Andora LaGrotta
Ofelia LaGrotta



VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENT

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Rink & Hall area ongoing and as
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