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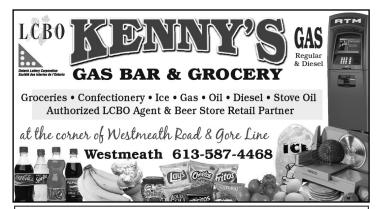
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WESTMEATH & DISTRICT RECREATION ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, October 19th, 2020 7:30 p.m.

Westmeath Recreation

Centre Upstairs Hall

Everyone Welcome

Volunteers Needed

For more information or if interested in a position, please contact

Brenda Grady at wdra@nrtco.net

The following positions will be open:

for a 2 year term ending Spring 2022.

President, Secretary, Bar Manager,

Member at Large,

Programme Co-ordinator

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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

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

Welcome to the Community - Trish Blacklock

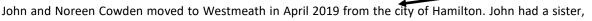
Trish Blackwell arrived in Beachburg June 30th to the home she purchased, around the same time a sea-can with all her belongings was dropped off. A novel approach, the sea-can was bought for this purpose can be resold when emptied.

Trish was born and raised in Hamilton. She moved here to closer to her two daughters, both currently enrolled at Carleton University, both doing there studies on-line.

Trish has played hockey before and now intends to kayak, canoe and cycle once established. She is a certified as an ECE (early childhood educator) and currently has an application for employment with Renfrew County. She has spent most of hours repainting every wall and ceiling in the house.

All the people she has met, she considers lovely. One nice birthday surprise was a gift delivered from Simple Things, arranged by her best friend for 35 years. One other shocker was the morning she had run out of cream for her coffee. Too early for stores to be open, she stopped her car and asked two ladies on the street where she could get some. One of them pointed to her house a few blocks away saying, "Just walk in, go to the fridge and take some cream." She was astonished at this unexpected but friendly gesture. That's Beachburg for Relcome you!

Welcome to the Community – Cowden's



Shirley Laderoute and brother-in-law Dave who had moved to Westmeath earlier. They got to know the area when visiting them. The opportunity to purchase a Robbie Moore home made the decision to come here an easy one.

Noreen arrived in Hamilton from Scotland when she was 18. John had moved from PEI to Hamilton where he worked at Stelco until retirement. The two met at a Tim Horton's. They soon married, raised three children.

The couple relish the peace and quiet up here. They have met neighbours and others. They both said everyone is friendly and willing to a helping hand should they need one.

There is only one thing they are missing. Big family dinners held at their home in Hamilton, four of five times a year and Christmas as well, averaging three dozen people.

They had occupied that home for 32 years. John being a Mr. fix-it had run out of things to fix. Since arriving here and with the assistance od Dave, he has outfitted his garage into a workshop and built a shed in the backyard (accompanied with a building permit, of course).



De partout... From anywhere... jusqu'à vous to anyone

Important Notice We're Moving!

The **Post Office** will be **Moving** to: **1813 GORE LINE ROAD**

On **September 30-2020** Service will resume Thursday **October 1-2020** but there may be a delay in opening.

We regret any inconvenience this situation may cause and we thank you for your understanding.

THE WDRA

fully expects the hall to be open for bookings starting October 1st following the Renfrew County Health Unit Guidelines.



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GOTTA GET STRETCHING!!!! GENTLE YOGA RETURNS to WESTMEATH HALL

Thanks to the support of the WDRA and thanks to Maegan Adams from White Pine Yoga, we are able to return to gentle stretching and camaraderie – a little return to some normalcy in these crazy times.

There will be some restrictions however and protocols must be followed.

START: WED. OCT. 7, 2020

END: WED. DEC. 9 - a total of 10 weeks.

TIME: *** Note change – 9:30 - 10:45

COST: \$80 (includes tax) ... or two \$40 instalments (Drop-ins will continue at \$12, space provided.)

ALL AGES WELCOME

Maximum participants - 25 - first come/ first served

COVID PROTOCOLS:

Each participant will be required to sign in with contact information at each session (for contact tracing).

Each participant will wear a mask entering and leaving the session.

Each participant will be responsible for own water bottle, mat and blanket.

Spaces will be blocked off to ensure 2m between participants.

Hand sanitizers will be provided.

Only Handicapped washroom (beside cloak room) will be used.

Aisles will be indicated to allow travel to washroom and exits.

A window will be open at all times to ensure airflow.

Sanitizing of hall prior to and following each session will be the responsibility of the WDRA.

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For further info contact: Danielle – 613-587-4615 or Cathy – 613-587-4715

Call Danielle to preregister



EXPO 67 Remembered

A school bus left Westmeath at 6:30 am picked up more in Pembroke (including three nuns) and headed for a day-trip to Montreal — not returning until that evening around 10:30 pm. Approximately 50 fervent passengers were on board, requiring two folding chairs in the aisle to accommodate everyone.

A few pictures put on Facebook by Paul Marleau from Kitchener initiated the interest in this story. To even dream of such an unheard trip of this kind for our community was incredible. Money had to be raised or it wouldn't have happened. Benny Robinson was the coordinator and Paul Marleau the Treasurer. Benny said, "I got good advice from my mother on how to keep on top of details with the trip."

The chaperone was Roger Belanger, a brother-in-law of Ben and Bill Robinson, married to their sister Ella, who unfortunately passed away last month. He was essential to keep track of these young people, mostly between 17 to 25 years of age. His technique was that all of the group begin from the same spot, then go their own ways but every two hours, all would return to a designated pavilion (one of 90) for a headcount and to make sure all were safe.

The banner was created by a team of teenagers to help raise money to go to Expo 67. Raffle tickets were sold and Max Grylls donated honey to be sold as well. The biggest fundraiser was the pancake supper held in the United Church. Almost everyone turned out for that one. Sharon Marleau, 17 years old at the time said, "Benny showed me how to make pancakes."

That bus trip to Montréal still brings back fond memories for so many.

Note: Names weren't mentioned to not miss any of them. The photos tell some of the story.











