

Calithumpian '88 a big bang

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Thamesford's Calithumpian weekend '88 went off with a bang. The 56th anniversary Calithumpian featured everything from fireworks and canoe races to tractor pulls, puppet shows and much more.

The weekend events started Friday night when a large group of young people danced to the music of FXU and Memphis Hips Shakes and Sour Mash at the arena.

The popular Auto Rally Poker Run started things rolling Saturday morning, with Dan Evans and Brian Sonder finishing first, Jeff Tucker second and Dave Chaplin third.

The entrants in the run compiled the best poker hand gathered on the route, which included stops in Tillsonburg and Port Burwell.

Saturday afternoon was for the children. The hall at the arena was full of excitement as the children watched a puppet show. After the performance, the puppeteers explained how the puppets worked.

The carnival and midway featured a one price ticket for all rides during the afternoon and this too was a big hit with the younger set.

Thamesford Lions Club sponsored the children's races at South Park Saturday afternoon.

In the three years and under races, winner was Dustin McMullen, second place went to Cassandra Luyten and third place to Sarah Handy. In another race, Andrea Clark was first, Michelle Poel second and Scott Thom third.

In the girls' five and under category, Sara St. Onge was first, Lindsay Stead second and Lisa Van Norden was third. In the seven and under class, Jessica Stewart was first, Jennifer Mexenberg was second and Lynn Wilson was third.

Andrea Hominick was first in the nine and under category, Julie Szabo and Kristin St. Onge tied for second. Jennifer Szabo was first in the 11 and under category while second placed went to Amanda Handy and third place to Meghan Handy.

Ashley Wan was first in the 12 and over category. Leslie Zvonkin was second and Hollie Handy was third.

In the boys' five and under class, Keith Veldhuis was first, Mark Hominick second and Aaron Waud was third.

Warren Veldhuis won the seven and under category, Rob Smith was second and Richard Szabo was third. Derek Stead and Nathan Binning tied for first place in the nine and under category while Jeremy Caruthers was third.

Kevin MacKinnon won the 11 and

under category, Darrell Mezenburg and Scott Wilson tied for second and Chad Waymouth was third. In the 12 and over class, Scott Wilson was first, Ted Mezenberg was second and Brad Pearson was third.

In the backwards race, Andrea Clard won the three and under class, Scott Kenny was second and Bradley Smith was third. Mark Hominick won the five and under class while Lindsay Stead was second and Kevin Veldhuis was third.

Becky Binning won the seven and under class while Kaedi Gregory was second and Jay Zvonkin was third. Nathan Binning was first in the nine and under class. Andrew Kennerley was second and Leslie Zvonkin was third. In the 11 and under class first place went to Shane Collins, second place to Andrew Kennerley and third place to Scott Wilson.

In the shoe kick contests, Ashley Thom and Meghan Handy were winners in the three and under class; Ryan Darling was first in the five and under class, and Lisa Van Norden and Keith Veldhuis tied for second in the same class. Meghan Handy was third. In the seven and under class, Kaedi Gregory was first, Jay Zvonkin was second and Robbie Smith was third. In the nine and under class, Nathan Binning was first, Marnie Hoogkamp was second and Josh Gregory was third.

Chad Waymouth was first in the 11 and under class. Andrew Kennerley was second and Leslie Zvonkin was third.

In the sack races, Keith Veldhuis was first, Mark Hominick second and Aaron Waud third in the five and under age category. In the seven and under class, Lia Glover was first, Kaedi Gregory was second and Teri Waud was third. Andrea Hominick was first in the nine and under class. Jessica Cannell was second and Marnie Hoogkamp was third.

In the 11 and under class, Ashley Wan was first, Andrea Hominick was second and Jennifer Szabo was third. In the boys' seven and under, Warren Veldhuis was first, Mark Hominick was second and Matt Poel and Rob Smith tied for third. In the nine and under class, Nathan Binning was first, Kevin MacKinnon was second and Brad Pearson was third.

Wheelbarrow race winners in the five and under category were Mark Hominick and Aaron Waud first, Lindsay Stead and Lisa Van Norden second, and Krista Waymouth and Jennifer Waud third.

In the seven and under class, Katie Gregory and Jessica Cannell won, Jessica Stewart and Julia Glover were second and Terri Waud and

Lynn Wilson also tied for second. In the nine and under class, first place went to Jessica Cannell and Marnie Hoogkamp, second place to Julie Szabo and Andrea Hominick and third place to Leslie Zvonkin and Tara Collins.

In the 11 and under group, Hollie Handy and Ashley Wan were first, Julie Szabo and Andrea Hominick were second and Jennifer Handy and Amanda Handy were third. Jessica Cannell and Ashley Wan were first in the 12 and over category, Julie Szabo and Andrea Hominick were second and Amanda Handy and Jennifer Szabo and Tara Collins and Leslie Zvonkin tied for third.

In the boys' wheelbarrow races, Robbie Smith and Andrew Turner were first in the seven and under class, Derek Stead and Nathan Binning won the nine and under class, and Derek Stead and Nathan Binning won the 11 and under class. Brad Pearson and Kevin MacKinnon were second in that class while Josh Gregory and Shane Collins were third.

In the 12 and over category, Brad Pearson and Kevin MacKinnon were first, Chad Waymouth and Scott Wilson were second.

Jerry Zvonkin won the adult sack race, Rick Handy was second and Debbie Kenny was third.

The Calithumpian dance featuring Radio, was held at the Arena Saturday night. The Miss Cali contest was won by Dan Evans.

The popular Trout Brunch opened the activities on Sunday. This was followed by the canoe races on the river, organized by Andy Martin.

The women's race was a decisive victory for Karen Poel and Henrietta Brekelmans, with Janet Koot and Karen Keursten in second spot. Diana Clark, Teresa Moore and Brenda Collins finished third.

In the open race, Andy Martin and Kim Shelton were first, Warren Shelton and Eric Terhaerd were second and Arnold and Francis Brekelmans were third.

The tractor pull was held on the Middleton Street incline by the arena. The contest consisted of teams of eight pulling a highway tractor over a measured distance, with the fastest time as winner.

The Giants, a team consisting of John Poel, Ron Hemming, Frank Aarts, Paul Van Loon, Dennis Pardy, John Hendriksen, Andy Van Loon and Joe Van Loon, took first place by doing the pull in 36 seconds. The Live Haul team was second and the Draft Choice crew was third. The Chuck A Bundy Boys were fourth.

A hymn sing sponsored by the Thamesford Churches, featuring the Nelson Family plus Bob and Joan Peckham, was held Sunday night at the arena.

The parade highlighted Monday.

The weekend activities concluded with a fireworks display by the river Monday night.

FCS case worker addresses Lions Club

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Rob Richardson of the Crisis Intervention Unit of Oxford Family and Children Services, was guest speaker at the Thamesford Lions Club's February meeting.

Richardson said FCS has six workers on its intake unit. He outlined the founding of the Children's Aid Societies in Canada in 1893. He also said the primary cause for the formation of the group was the large number of children brought to Canada in the latter part of the 19th century, as orphans under bond to employers.

The routes used by the Society's workers to provide services to

families in difficulty, were also explained. He said approximately two to three cases per day are where children are taken from homes where the parent or guardian has no say in the matter. Others are taken with the family's permission, when the family has recognized the need for help, he said.

There are 51 agencies in the province, he said, each one an independent body run by a board. All are government funded, he added.

A new Lion member, Brian McGregor, was inducted into the club. He was sponsored by Gerry Weir and the induction ceremony was carried out by Past President Dale Coghlin.

The Lions Club is now working with the Thamesford Optimist Club on a feasibility study. Together they are investigating the feasibility of improvements to the pond and surrounding area at Thamesford dam.