

Wentworth Spring Yard Sale



Attending the Wentworth Yard Sale, Joanne Ferdinand, Stephen Ferdinand, and Laurel Adams, members of the Wentworth School Sustainability Association to sell tickets for a quilt raffle in order to raise funds and publicise the necessity to keep the Wentworth Elementary School at its present site as it is threatened with closure by the Chignecto-Regional School Board. The quilt was made by Georgie Patriquin and donated by Shirley Tuttle. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

The Wentworth Yard Sale was held at the Wentworth Recreation Centre for two days from 8 am to 2:30 pm over the Victoria Day weekend on Saturday and Monday. The sale was organized by Betty Curry, past-chair of Recreation Centre executive. Twenty tables with yard sale items were assembled in the large hall.

Items included baby clothes and clothes for all other ages, outdoor and indoor maintenance supplies, books, music records, jewelry, food, art, photography, quilts, toys, taxidermy...one could go on for several pages. Several vendors reported making a nice profit from their sales, and those attending often left carrying large parcels.

One table was especially interesting and inspiring because it brought to the attention of everyone present that it is essential to the educational, economic, cultural, and social health of this community to keep the Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School at its present site. At this table impor-

tant and tireless workers of the WSSA (Wentworth School Sustainability Association) Joanne Ferdinand, Stephen Ferdinand, and Laurel Adams were raffling off a quilt made by Georgie Patriquin and donated by Shirley Tuttle in order to raise funds for the Wentworth Community School Council, which provides activities in the community and supports in general the Wentworth School.

Unfortunately, the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) has decided to close the Wentworth School which could happen in June, 2015, unless residents can raise enough money to keep it open.

The Wentworth School Sustainability Association (WSSA) is hoping, as well as the residents of Wentworth, that the School Board (CCRSB) responsible for this area will rescind their decision to close the Wentworth School and wait for the new comprehensive review of the public education system now being done and directed solely by the people of Nova

Scotia (to quote Myra Freeman, Chairwoman of the Education Minister's Panel on Education).

According to the Education Act (which could be changed by the current Legislature), School Boards have the final say on school closures. Previously the NDP Education Minister, Ramona Jennex, recommended a halt to all active school reviews because the current process was not working well. All Nova Scotia School Boards agreed to the halt, except the Chignecto-Central District School Board.

Current Liberal Education Minister, Karen Casey, asked the CCRSB to extend Wentworth School's closure date from June 2015 to June 2016. The Nova Scotia Legislature recently passed legislation, with PC Caucus support, to implement a new school review process. The Honourable Jamie Baillie, MLA for District 6 and Leader of the Opposition, has asked the CCRSB to rescind their closure motion of the Wentworth School or provide a one year's extension for closure from 2015 to 2016.

One would think CCRSB would now rescind their unfair closure process at Wentworth, River John, and Maitland since the old review rules for school closures, which they are supporting, have since been discarded. Therefore, I congratulate Joanne Ferdinand, Stephen Ferdinand, and Lauren Adams for bringing the Wentworth School issue to their table at the May 2014 Yard Sale in Wentworth.

A canteen was available during the Yard Sale and provided sandwiches, doughnuts, and drinks. Kitchen helpers were Rev. Brian DeLong (Wentworth United Church minister), Jordan Sprague, Ben Ferdinand, MacKenzie Moore, and Wee Wana Sprague.

Londonderry Community Council News

By Anne Spencer

Where did May and June go? Even the June bugs are confused this year. We saw quite a few at the end of May and not so many in June.

At the end of May, I attended one of the cutest concerts I have seen in a long while. The music class for preschoolers at the Thirsty Church held a recital to end their five workshops. We were entertained by a song the kids made up under the direction of Sylvie Taylor plus a couple of other musical renditions. Evelyn, Ally and Sylvie did a great job with these preschoolers and were the kids ever excited to put on this show and show off their talents. We even had a lady bug make an appearance at the concert which quickly took the children's attention away from their music. All in attendance were invited to a "snack" afterwards. The preschoolers were more impressed with the "snack" than the music but we all had a great time.

The penny sale held at the Londonderry hall was a great success again this year. Thank you to all who helped organize and put this on. A lot of work goes on behind the scene and those volunteers should be commended for a great job. Watch for news on our Fall penny sale!

The ATV poker rally to raise funds for Londonderry's new playground was a huge success. Peggy Mattix was the overall winner of the rally but we all know the kids of Londonderry will be the overall winners when the playground is established. A big congratulations to the organizers for a job well done and thank you to all the volunteers and participants.

Toward the end of May, we enjoyed a beautiful lobster take-out supper from the Great Village fire department. The ladies outdid themselves again this year with the lobster and salads.

I had a very nice chat with Carlotta Langille this weekend. She informed me the Great Village Legion Branch #72 held the "Flag Day" on the first Sunday in June. The services were held at the St. James United Church, Great Village, which was bittersweet in itself because the church has met the same fate as a lot of

churches these days.

Carlotta informed me the Legion in Great Village takes on this project every year. They decorate Veteran's graves in various cemeteries from Glenhome/Foley area, down shore to Five Islands. This is a huge undertaking to honour our Veterans.

Our condolences are sent out to Debbie McMullen and the rest of the McMullen family in the loss of Lent McMullen, who lost his courageous battle with cancer. We also lost a family member recently. My stepfather, Fred Gregson passed away on June 8th. Fred has been a summer resident at Little Bass River for the past 30 years.

CALLING ALL KIDS - this sounds like fun - Two Day Camps will be held at the Londonderry hall in July. The first will run from July 7th to 11th for 5 to 8 year olds. The time each day will be from 9 to 3 at a cost of \$50 per week per child (\$85 for 2 siblings). The second session will be held July 14th to 18th for 9 to 12 year olds. There will be 2 qualified instructors on hand for each camp, with differing themes each day (ex. sports day; mad scientist day, etc).

To register and for further information, please contact JamieLyn Rushton by email at jlrushton@seasidehighspeed.com or text/phone (902)670-8164. They would like to have a minimum of 10 kids per week so please register ASAP so these day camps can move forward.

Well folks - short and sweet again this month. Hope all the dads out there had a great father's day. The weather wasn't that great but I'm sure the dads were happy to hear from their children anyway. I know the "dad" in this house was very happy to hear from his boys.

Remember to tell your family you love them.....that goes out to our family in the western part of Canada (and thank you for your support in this past month).

Until next month, if you want to see your name in print or if you have anything you consider newsworthy, please call me at 668-2002. Be sure and enjoy your summer!

Parrsboro's Artistic Display to Continue until Oct 26TH

By Lawrence R. Nicoll

In 2013 Doris Soley's inspirations of wrought iron sculptures garnered lot of media attention and were a large drawing card for tourists and locals. Encouraged by the success of the wrought iron sculptures installed on Parrsboro's Main Street, other local artisans have contributed to a create a much larger display. As a result, Parrsboro hosted its first Art Installation Fiesta on Main Street on Saturday, May 3. The 2014 street art show will continue until October 26th.

With Doris Soley's work, which attracted so much interest from both local and visitors last year, already installed it was easier for Taylor Redmond to guide the day introducing the fascinating art works from other local artisans, who decided to contribute to Parrsboro's larger visual attraction.

New displays for 2014 include: Tim Freeman's - Brian the Buck and Dog & Wolf; Bill Shaw's - Clothes (Wooden) Horses; Heather's Lawson's - Seed Pod and Stone Stool. Also part of the 2014 display are: Mystery Pipes and Man "O" War music producing displays by artist John Little; Bird Houses displayed as Nester Fence by Sweet Briar, Krista Wells, Jill Langford, Taylor Redmond, Sunshine Inn, Harbourview Restaurant, Donna Hanna & Linda Willagar.

Folks are constantly stopping to see, comprehend and take pictures with the many displays. Business owners are excited about

the additional interest the displays will create and cause tourists to come to the area just to see the unique artwork. Last year positive comments were received from many tourists. The art will be on display until Oct. 26

In other artistic happen-

ings I had the pleasure of watching Joy Laking painting the harbour as she created another version of her wonderful paintings. With increased traffic on Main Street, the fire department got into the act with a BBQ in the lot by CrossRoads Co-op.

Wentworth Pioneers at the Double C Restaurant

By Hope Bridgewater

The Wentworth Pioneer Club (for ages 50+) enjoyed a June outing at the Double C Restaurant, Glenholme across the Cobequid Mountains from Wentworth. Many conversations on many topics happened as we ate the large portions of the tasty food.

After this happy occasion, many of the Pioneers drove back to the Wentworth Recreation Centre to play games and socialize. The favourite games were once again Auction 45's and Dominoes.

Two summer events coming up for the Wentworth Pioneers are a planned trip starting out from Wentworth at 9 am to the Shubenacadie Wildlife Park on Thursday, July 17, and a Seniors Summer Picnic at Wallace on Wednesday, August 13, beginning at 1:30 pm. At Shubenacadie Wildlife Park, it will be our chance to see Sable Island ponies, moose, bobcats, bald eagles, etc. It is



Joan Johnston, Bob MacLean, Marilyn MacLean, members of the Wentworth Pioneers, are ready to join other Pioneer members at the Wentworth Recreation Centre for a social evening of games. With other club members, they have just returned from a supper meal at the Double C Restaurant, Glenholme. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

one of the best parks in Canada and takes wonderful care of its wildlife.

The August 13th picnic in Wallace shows us how important it is to have fun, eat well, and be creative in entertaining. Members of the nine senior clubs in Cumberland County are asked to bring 15

to 20 minutes of entertainment to present before the audience. Not only senior club members may attend, but other seniors are welcome as well. It is a potluck supper and members are asked to bring food, which is all organized in the kitchen by the host club.

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