

## Debert Elementary Run Club Ends Year with 4km Fun Run

The Debert Elementary Run Club has met twice a week since April with participants working up endurance from running/walking for 1 minute until they were now up to 10 minutes. Thursday, June 17th the Club held their end of year 4 km Fun Run with over 60 students taking part, along with several dedicated volunteer chaperones. The run was escorted by an RCMP cruiser and DNR vehicle, while the whole school came out to welcome runners at the finish line. (Harrington Photos)



Debert Elementary 4km Fun Run participants pose for a group photo in their bright purple t-shirts.



DES Principal Erma Cox gets a banner ready to welcome students back to the school after their 4km run.



Debert Elementary students head off on the 4km Fun Run, with an unexpected accompaniment from Dept. Of Natural Resources. A bear had been spotted on the run route earlier, and although it had moved on, no one was taking any chances.

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## Victoria Day Weekend Yard Sales in Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

Each year the Victoria Day weekend had become the Yard Sale weekend in Wentworth. Although a statutory holiday with the Federal government, Nova Scotia celebrates it as simply as a non-statutory holiday, but in Wentworth the emphasis switches to yard sales.

From a historical point of view, Victoria Day celebrates the life of Queen Victoria (1819-1901), Queen from 1837-1901 and in 2016 celebrated the 90th birthday of today's Queen Elizabeth, born in 1926 and has been Queen since 1952.

In Wentworth on this long-weekend, yard sales also happened at individual residences, but in this column I concentrate on the three yard sales at the Wentworth Recreation Centre, the Wentworth United Baptist Church, and the Wentworth United Church.

At the Wentworth Recreation Centre, rented tables for yard sales were available in the hall. While certain tables were rented by vendors who used the funds from their sales for their own purposes, four tables declared publically the use of their funds to the following: #1. Pugwash District High School's Students Trip to Europe 2017 by selling raffle tickets; #2. CAPsite and community library by selling discarded books; #3. Wentworth Learning Centre Cooperative selling many items donated by the community and 50/50 tickets for Bingo night's draw; #4. Fort McMurray, items sold on a table was contributed by an anonymous vendor.

The photo I chose to take was of two grade nine volunteer teenagers from Pugwash District High School, Jessica Palmer and Rachel Walton, who spent Saturday, May 21 from 9 am to 3 pm selling raffle tickets of two choices: one ticket was for 25 pounds of lobster or the other ticket was for a 64 inch by 82 inch quilt. A person could buy just one or decide to buy both of the tickets. Income from the raffle tickets went to the Pugwash District High School's 2017 Students Trip to Europe. Winners of the two tickets will be drawn on June 15, 2016.

Jessica Palmer says: "I volunteer because I love being able to help the community anyway I can. My hobbies include running, reading, writing, and I play softball. I also bake in my spare time."

Rachel Walton says: "I volunteer because volunteers gain professional experience, and it brings people together. My hobbies are running track and field and Senior Cross Country (running 5 kilometres on track with hills). I also play softball, basketball, volleyball, and I paint in my spare time."

At the Recreation Centre, a canteen at the kitchen counter was available for hot-dogs, nuts, doughnuts, and sweets. On both Saturday and Sunday on this long-weekend, the Wentworth Recreation Centre stayed open for yard sales.

Across the road from the Recreation Centre stands the Wentworth United Baptist Church built in 1874 and recognized as a provincial heritage building. Outside on the sunny Saturday May 21 day, a



Jessica Palmer and Rachel Walton, at the Wentworth Recreation Centre's yard sale, are students at the Pugwash District High School sell raffle tickets to raise funds for their School's Trip to Europe 2017 for Students. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

long row of tables contained many items contributed by the congregation and friends for sale at this event. The Baptist Church's congregation is giving a portion of the funds raised at this yard sale to Camp Pagweak, a child and teen summer camp located on a seashore property of 18 acres overlooking Pugwash Bay and developed by the Cumberland and Colchester-Pictou Association of Baptist churches. The remaining portion will be given to the church itself.

Down the road stands the Wentworth United Church dedicated in May 1964 after the older United Church from

across the road was dismantled. The older church was once a Methodist Church dedicated in 1855 until its union with the United Church in 1925.

Outside on the present church grounds and inside the hall beneath the church, members and friends of the congregation had many tables (especially in the downstairs hall) loaded with items given as donations by congregation members and friends. All earned funds from this yard sale on May 21 and May 23 were given by the Wentworth United Church's congregation to the Northshore Syrian Refugee Crisis.

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