



Construction is proceeding rapidly on the new Green Diamond 43,000 sq ft facility on Hub Centre. The new multi-million facility will celebrate its grand opening in spring 2018. (Submitted)

## Busy holiday Weekend in Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

The Victoria Day holiday weekend had many interesting activities happening in Wentworth, which attracted large crowds and benefited community organizations with yard and

garage sales.

A Community Fun Day at the Wentworth Learning Centre with free admission on Saturday was a happy and successful experience for all ages. Jessica Kinnear, Junior Business Developer at the Centre, send me an excel-

lent report which I have edited and added information.

The main popular attraction for the young was a Bouncy Castle. Other attractions outside on the grounds were: A BBQ provided by Wilson's Home Heating, fire truck tour given by the members of the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department, a mini antique car show, showing hand-made balloon animals by Nate MacLeod, the Girl Guides selling their cookies, and, of course, Sparky, the Fire Dog Mascot of the Fire Department, was all about making all the activities even more fun. One activity in-

## BBQing - Be Careful Observe Safety

By Christine Urquhart

Do you enjoy BBQ'd food? Love to heat up the "old grill"?

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

**Safety Tips:** Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors; The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches; Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area \*Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and

in trays below the grill; Never leave your grill unattended and Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it. Charcoal Grills: There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel. If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources. There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use. When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

**Propane Grills:** Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill. If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

**FACTS:** July is the peak month for grill fires. Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.

## Charley Patriquin CELEBRATES 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

By Hope Bridgewater

Charles Patriquin celebrated his 80th birthday in style at the party attended by 200 fans at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. His wife, Beverly, and two daughters, Kelly and Kathy, arranged the party for him. Fortunately, the hall is large in order to accommodate the party: seats with small tables were arranged along both sides of the hall, floor space was provided for dancers, and a stage was ready for speakers, musicians, and singers.

Charles (known mostly as Charley) Patriquin is the son of the late Ellsworth and Edith Patriquin who lived at Greenville Station. Charley grew up in Wentworth and remained a resident here all his life while working at local jobs. Charley is known as well outside of the local area to other areas of Nova Scotia in Truro, Halifax, and nearby villages because of his musical talents and his community volunteering for charitable causes.

Where did Charles get the training for his musical ability with the fiddle, guitar, drums, art of singing and art of Master of Ceremonies? Charley came from a family with 12 siblings and many Patriquin relatives. Kitchen parties were often held in Pa-

triquin homes including the home of Ellsworth and Edith Patriquin. Charley is also known for his friendly and engaging personality and his great sense of humour. Performing as an M.C., he always has a few jokes to tell as well as the times he plays 45's.

The Wentworth Pioneer Club appreciates the times Charley has volunteered to play the fiddle and sing at the entertainment sessions we are required to at the August Picnics. Betty Curry, manager of the monthly Sunday Music Afternoons, took to the stage to thank Charley for beginning and organizing this important event with her as well as the other times she has asked him to entertain at events. Sharon Miller on stage gave an eloquent speech about the contributions of Charley to the Cumberland Singers and elsewhere when needed.

Many were from Halifax, Truro and other far-off areas of Nova Scotia. Several couples and some singles enjoyed dancing on the floor space to the music being played on stage. As people left, many said in effect; "This birthday party for Charles Patriquin is one of the best large birthday or kitchen party we ever attended."



One of the many mini-barn models built by Community Metals, Debert. (Submitted)

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