



The Fellas, a talented men's singing group from Amherst, perform hymns and songs a cappella at 54th anniversary of the Wentworth United Church. (Marie Duranceau Photo)

Mother's Day Events In Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

Wentworth's Mother's Day brunch at the Wentworth Learning Centre, FREE, al-

though donations were welcome at the door. The brunch from 12 noon to 2 pm had a tasty menu of pancakes,

sausages, bacon, eggs, toast, and a fruit salad. The kitchen staff represented three generations of the Ogilvie family: David and Linda Ogilvie, their daughter Crystal Veno, and grand-daughter Brooke Brown.

With help from others, they served about 80 people during the two hour brunch. From the donations there was a 50/50 prize with proceeds going to the Learning Centre's childcare program. There was also a ticket draw to win free lobsters in order to fund an educational trip to Los Angeles in December. The brunch was followed by a monthly (second Sunday of each month) Open Mic/Jamboree and continued to further the enjoyment of Mother's Day.

Following this brunch, another supper meal was served

at 5 pm at the Wentworth United Church as it celebrated its 54th anniversary of its construction at its present site, which is opposite to the 200 year old United Church, which was in need of repair and later taken down. The first sod was turned for the present church on May 27, 1964. The first service was held on November 29, 1964, for the funeral of Byron Patriquin, a dedicated member of the building committee.

In 2018 church members and the United Church Women celebrated this anniversary 54 years later with a tasty meal of ham, potato salads, jelly salads, coleslaw, a large "anniversary cake" with ice-cream. The meal was followed by hymns and songs by The Fellas, a talented singing group from Amherst. The men's singing was a magnificent blend of tenor, baritone and bass done a cappella.



Three generations of the Ogilvie family helped to prepare and serve the brunch on Mother's Day at the Wentworth Learning Centre. Shown above (L-R): David Ogilvie (parent), Crystal Veno (daughter), Brooke Brown (grand-daughter), and Linda Ogilvie (parent). (Submitted)

Humboldt Broncos Donation to be Re-Directed

By Maurice Rees

A motion put forward by Councillor Boutilier at the April 12th committee meeting to donate \$2,900 directly to an acceptable entity in Humboldt in memory of the Humboldt Broncos was defeated at the April 26th monthly meeting. Council agreed to continue with the \$2,900 allocation, but will seek ways to invest the "memorial monies" locally.

Speaking during discussion on the matter, Councillor Geoff Stewart continued his approach, taxpayer's money should not be spent in this fashion. Deputy Mayor Masters commented after the commit-



tee meeting he had received phone calls and complaints from residents opposing council's earlier decision. In his comments, he indicated he understood other councillors had received similar opinions from residents.

Councillor Boutilier, who initiated the earlier motion expressed concern, even though a public meeting, he was con-

cerned about how information leaked out to the public. Councillor Wade Parker commented he was not concerned about the public finding out, since it was a public meeting and he would be very concerned if the matter had been dealt with during an "in-camera" session and was then leaked to the public.

Reacting to the "leaking out" comment, Councillor Cooper said he was proud of the idea and told people about it, but would not apologize for repeating something said at a public meeting. Councillor Gregory, who had also received negative comments

from taxpayers said he would check with the people who mentioned it to him to find out where they heard about the decision made a council committee on April 12th. Councillor Pash suggested Humboldt was maxed out and he would be voting against.

Councillor Taggart commented he was not opposed to the donation, but felt the money should be spent locally. Council agreed to retain the \$2,900 donation, but to seek ways to spend it locally. Deputy Mayor Masters suggested it would be nice to find a way to involve local novice players.

The Shoreline Tid-Bits

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(Gael's Forward) Special Purpose Fund to support the language, culture and identity. The fund will be managed by the Gaelic Council through Gaelic Affairs. More information about the new plate is available at <https://novascotia.ca/sns/access/drivers/gaelic-symbol-licence-plate.asp>.

Wage subsidy to hire recent graduates

The province is creating more opportunities to connect Nova Scotia youth and employers to help recent graduates find jobs in their fields. Premier Stephen McNeil announced the expansion of the Connector Program to the Annapolis Valley on May 10, in Wolfville. This is part of government's plan to roll out the program across the province. It is currently available in western Nova Scotia, Halifax and Cape Breton. The program connects local business and community leaders with youth and new immigrants who are interested in starting and growing their careers in the province. Government added \$1.7 million to the Graduate to Opportunity program funding this year, bringing the total budget to \$6.5 million. This is a wage subsidy program for employers who hire recent graduates. For more information contact your local MLA.

Graduate to Opportunity helps 550 graduates

The Graduate to Opportunity program, launched in February 2015, has helped more than 550 post-secondary graduates secure full-time work in their chosen fields. This includes 33 companies that have hired 39 new graduates in the Annapolis Valley. In spring 2017 the 10 per cent diversity bonus was added to the Graduate to Opportunity program. About 80 diverse graduates have already been hired. The Connector Program has connected 2,500 people to local business and community leaders. Information is available from your local MLA.

Innovate to Opportunity offers 10% subsidy

The Innovate to Opportunity program, launched in January 2018, offers a wage subsidy to businesses looking to hire recent graduates with advanced degrees. This program also offers an additional 10 per cent incentive for diverse candidates. The Co-Op Education Incentive supports more than 500 work experience placements for post-secondary co-op students each year at over 300 organizations. The Student Summer Skills Incentive provides work placements for more than 800 individual students with more than 500 organizations. Contact your MLA for more information.

2018 Hike NS Courses & Workshops Released

Hike Nova Scotia's schedule of 2018 courses and workshops across the province is now available. From May to November and from one end of the province to the other, they range from how to share nature with children to how to be a hike leader to navigation to learn-to-hike.

The specific offerings include: Re-Connecting with Nature Workshops; Field Leader - Hiking Courses; Navigation Maps & Compass Courses and Get Outside Hike Workshop (GO Hike). Dates, locations and costs vary, depending upon the course or workshop. Learn more and view the schedules and details at www.hikenovascotia.ca/courses-workshops. Partners include the Outdoor Council of Canada and the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

Hike Nova Scotia encourages and promotes a growing hiking culture throughout our great province. We strive to be the voice for those who hike, walk and snowshoe. With every step we're building a community of outdoor adventure enthusiasts. For more information contact: Janet Barlow, Hike Nova Scotia, (902) 932-6902. info@hikenovascotia.ca

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"Past Years Have Been A Great Success, So We Want To Do It Again!"

Businesses or anyone wishing to help sponsor/promote this event with an ad please contact the undersigned. This is also a great opportunity for Community organizations, clubs, etc. to raise some money.

We want to get this going again with some help from the community. The date will be the weekend of July 14 and 15. Saturday & Sunday.

As before the sale will run along Highway #2 from Mingo's corner in Onslow to Parrsboro!

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