

300 Enjoy Wentworth Pancake Supper

By Hope Bridgewater

Wentworth community offered a Maple Syrup/Pancake Supper Festival recently and approximately 300 people came to celebrate at the Wentworth Recreation Centre from 3 pm to 6:30 pm, March 9. Prices were: adults, \$8; children up to 12 years, \$5 and children free under 3 years.

The 50/50 table which raises funds for the Recreation Centre. The volunteer worker at this table was Ben Legere, who will be 95 this July. There were many worker volunteers who planned and organized this Maple Pancake event.

Volunteers were everywhere: in the kitchen, at the bar, at the long desert table with 30 types of cakes, on the floor directing people coming in, arranging line-ups for food, and arranging seating at several long tables. The focus of the program this afternoon was the meal.

Laura Adams reported, "Wentworth Recreation Centre held a lovely Pancake Supper on March, 2019. With snow in the air at times, this did not stop people from far and wide coming out to enjoy the delicious meal of local maple syrup (Bentley's). The menu consisted of



Winston Patriquin has been making the pancake mix at the Wentworth Pancake Supper for 28 years. (Marie Duranceau Photos)

homemade beans, pancakes, sausages, rolls and delicious two layer cakes.

Our pancake mixer was Winston Patriquin who has been the mixer for 28 years. Hats off to everyone who has helped by donating or volunteering to help put on this great meal year after year. Laurel Adams was co-chair and kitchen manager.

Jean Bentley at the table with her husband, son, and many maple products said "Bentley's Maple was established in 1981. Myself, husband, Avard and son

Michael run the business. We have four other children. We tap 45,000 trees. We are located at 1301 Westchester Road on Westchester Mountain. We are open to visitors and tours upon request."

Helen Feeley gave me this report: "Our local Girl Guides were set up in the entryway. Bentley's were there with their maple products. We had a delicious supper of pancakes, maple syrup, baked beans, sausages, rolls, tea and coffee. Dessert was for desert an assortment of 30 types of cakes. Approximately 300 guests were served. The 50/50 in the amount of \$142.50 was won by Jan Ripley of the Amherst area. Many thanks to the many volunteers who decorated the hall, provided cakes and beans, worked in the kitchen, and looked after the tables. Sincerely, Helen Feeley, volunteer organizer and caller to all volunteer workers to help"

Another witness, "I will say this Pancake & Maple supper had a wonderful, boisterous spirit with caring, friendly volunteer workers and an enthusiastic crowd".

Archaeological evidence indicates pancakes were the earliest cereal food. The ancient Greeks and ancient Romans made pancakes and today many varieties of pancakes exist in the world. In the Christian religion, many adherents, Shrove Tuesday, known as Pancake Day in Canada, is when perishable ingredients have to be used up before the fasting of Lent. No meat products should be used during Lent. In Wentworth 2019, many had a good time eating up perishable ingredients.

Maple syrup had a large role to play in this Pancake Supper. Maple syrup production is centred in northeastern North America. Indigenous peoples showed the early settlers from Europe how to tap the trunks of many types of maples during the spring thaw to harvest the sap.

Maples are usually tapped at 30 to 40 years of age and can be tapped up to 100 years of age. Sap runs during the day, but not at night when the temperature drops. Canada produces more than 80% of the world's maple syrup, and about 70% of global production comes from Quebec. Ontario and the Maritimes produce 1%.

Of all the counties in Nova Scotia, Cumberland County has the largest number of maple sugar producers. Under Canadian regulations, maple sugar must be made entirely from maple sugar sap. No wonder the Bentley's maple syrup tasted so good on the pancakes at our Wentworth Maple & Pancake event.

New technology can spot leaks on sap lines; solar powered radio units keep an eye on sap vacuum lines, reverse osmosis machines, vacuum pumps, and special storage tanks are becoming common place in their equipment.

Unlimited Broadband Data Plans for Rural Canada

By Maurice Rees

Xplornet Communications Inc., Canada's largest rural-focused broadband service provider has unveiled its plan to offer affordable, unlimited broadband data plans across Canada. Made possible through extensive network investments, the new plans are available to all Xplornet customers on its 4G fixed wireless broadband network across Canada.

Headquartered in Woodstock, New Brunswick, Xplornet Communications Inc. is one of Canada's leading broadband service providers. For over a decade, Xplornet has been providing innovative broadband solutions to rural customers at work, home and play across Canada. Today, Xplornet offers voice and data communication services through its unique fibre, wireless and satellite network that connects Canadians to what matters.

"Rural Canadians want unlimited data at affordable prices, without compromising speed," said Allison Lenehan, President and CEO of Xplornet. "Historically, rural Canadians had to choose if they wanted faster speeds or unlimited data. We believe rural Canadians should not have to compromise on the quality of their Internet service. The new unlimited broadband data plans are available at all speed levels and are affordably priced from \$59.99 to \$99.99 per month. The new plans are available across the country on Xplornet's 4G LTE and WiMAX fixed broadband network which utilizes the company's licensed 3500 MHz spectrum. Both current and new customers can take advantage of the new prices.

Details about the new plans can be found at <https://www.xplornet.com/shop/internet-packages/>.

Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

The recent fundraising breakfast held by the Debert Military Museum was a huge success, with over \$1,000 raised.

Thanks go out to the Debert Legion Branch 106 for the use of their facilities, and the Double "C" Restaurant for bailing us out with additional supplies at the last moment. Special thanks go to the volunteers Rob, Chris, Sandra and Stacy, without whose help we could not have held the event, and to those folks who provided the food items from creamers to bacon. Also, thank you to the community for your support in attending. We hope you enjoyed your meal. Thank you, from the Executive and members of the Debert Military Museum. (Thanks Dave).

The benefit held for Winnie and Denny Spencer recently at the Londonderry Hall could be best described as a huge success. A very large sum of money was realized and passed on to Winnie and Denny to help them with their on-going fight.

To all the people who donated material things, thank you very much. To all who dropped in and left a donation of one type or another, thank you very much. To all the workers who helped in any way at all, thank you very much for a job well done for good people.

On Saturday, 13th of April the Dart League held their year ending Banquet with BBQ'd steaks, chops, hamburgers and hot dogs with beautiful salads and the trimmings.

Ron (Easy) Eastcott looked after the BBQing and it was fabulous, Debbie Buchanan took care of the salads, Joanie Johnson looked after the rolls. To Ron, Debbie and Joanie thank you very much for a job well done. To the set-up crew and the clean-up crew, thank you, another job well done.

A very special thank you and tip of the hat is passed

along to "Home Hardware" for their very generous donation of \$250 to the Dart League. This donation was made earlier in the year and came to light at the reading of the year ending Financial Statement.

The Final Stats are as follows: (M) 1st Place- Skip Dawson 165, 2nd Place- Dwayne Turner 154, 3rd Place- Ron Eastcott 151, 4th Place- Bob Freeman 144; (L) 1st Place - Debbie Buchanan 124, 2nd Place- Audrey Gallagher 114, 3rd Place- Deanna Martell 99, 4th Place- Joanie Johnson 92.

High Stat- (M) Derek McMullen 160, (L) Joanie Johnson, Debbie Cock 110; High Finish- (M) Derek McMullen 102, (L) Joanie Johnson 100; High Score- (M) Bob Freeman 174, (L) Deanna Martell 165; Most Starts- (M) Bob Freeman 116, (L) Debbie Buchanan 64; Most Finishes- (M) Skip Dawson 72, (L) Deanna Martell 35. There were three 180's- Derek McMullen with 2 and Jamie Lomond with 1.

Most Tinkles- (M) Winston Bennett 134, (W) Audrey Gallagher 2132; Least Tinkles- (M) Ron Eastcott 71, (W) Deanna Martell 93; The Presidents Awards (Most Improved Players) went to Jimmy Totten and Debbie Buchanan.

All winners, as well as the top 4 in the standings, went home with cash prizes and certificates for their fine darts. (Thanks Skip).

A quick look at the Wednesday Night Crib League, as they race for the roses at the end of the schedule (15 May), shows the team of Debbie Cock and Ron Eastcott away out in front with 1383 points. Away back in second place with 1690 points is the team of Bruce Marr and Gordie Lavigne. Rounding out the top three is the team of Tommy Manley and Bob Pash with 1705 points.

Most Winning Nights shows Mike Manley and Leslie/Greg Fulton along with Debbie and Ron tied with

four each.

Most Hidden Scores has Mike Manley along with Leslie/Greg Fulton tied with Bobby Pash and Tom Manley, with four each.

There has been 34, 24 hands to date and Bernice Bennett leads the way with 4.

The League schedule will shut down on Wednesday the 15th of May, with the League Banquet on the 29th of May.

The NS Crib Championships were held in Fairview Branch 142 recently with 64 teams vying for the top honours. There were 7 teams from Zone 10 and our own Marcia and Norm Eastcott finished in second spot with 22 points, the winning team had 21.

Brian and Paul (sorry didn't get the last name) from Branch 70 in Stewiacke, along with Marcia and Norm, will be part of Team Nova Scotia in the Maritime Play-offs which will be held on May 11th in Fairview Branch 142.

To Marcia and Norm, along with Brain and Paul, may your luck be good and your cards even better. (Thanks Earl).

Chase the Ace will be starting up again here at Branch 106 on Thursday, May 2nd. Tickets go on sale as of 20th April.

The Legion will be hosting Village Follies Dinner Theatre here at Branch 106 on May 3rd, 4th 5th and 9th, 10th, 11th. There is still a good selection of tickets for Thursday, May 9th at 7PM, with a few tickets left on a couple other nights. Email thevillagefollies@gmail.com or phone 902-986-1710. Tickets are \$35 each and include a delicious three course meal.

Happy Birthday wishes for April are passed along to Charlie Moore, John Totten and Dorothy Adams.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our freedom and our Country.

Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.



Approximately 300 people enjoyed the Maple & Pancake Supper in Wentworth. (Marie Duranceau Photos)



A long table filled with 30 types of cake was served to the crowd by volunteer Anne Feeley. (Marie Duranceau Photos)

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