

# PHOTO FEATURE

## Time to Carve the Pumpkin!

Masstown Community Association hosted a children's Halloween Pumpkin Carving on Oct. 25th. Blake's Pumpkin Jungle, on Shore Rd., donated a crate load of pumpkins for the annual event. (Harrington Photos)



Pumpkin carving enjoyed by all ages. Ken Kennedy is helping his granddaughter Olivia carve her pumpkin while the Putnam children (Alyssa, Gavin and Maria) seem to have things well under control for their pumpkin fun.



Megan Ward gives her daughter Averie a hand carving a kitty pumpkin face.



Jackson Wenham gives his best pumpkin smile as he proudly displays his take home treasure.

# Many community activities in Wentworth during Thanksgiving

By Hope Bridgewater

Thanksgiving has an interesting history going back to harvest celebrations by European peasant societies and brought over to North America by the early explorers and settlers. In Canadian history explorer Martin Frobisher and his crew celebrated the first anniversary Thanksgiving celebration in 1578 located in the eastern Arctic and gave thanks for their well-being. In American history, the Pilgrims in 1612 in Massachusetts celebrated their first harvest with turkey, squash, and pumpkin, a tradition which still exists today.

In Halifax in 1763 a day of Thanksgiving was honoured for the end of the Seven Years War. The Loyalists fleeing the American Revolution brought the American customs of Thanksgiving with them to Nova Scotia. The date for Thanksgiving Day in Canada changed many times, mostly held in late October or early November. However, in Canada on January 31, 1957, Parliament established Thanksgiving Day as a statutory holiday on the second Monday in October, stating "A day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest which Canada has been blessed to be observed on the 2nd Monday in October." It is a statutory holiday in Canada except for PEI, Newfoundland and Labrador,

N.B. and N.S. where it is still an optional holiday except for any federal agencies.

In Nova Scotia Thanksgiving is usually celebrated as a weekend time for trips and/or family gatherings, football games, parades, church services and other activities. In Wentworth preceding Thanksgiving weekend, Bob MacLean gave a talk and photo presentation of the trip that he and his wife recently took to Scotland. He was there when the vote was taken to either stay in the United Kingdom or break away as a separate state. As is the case with many Nova Scotians, Bob was interested in visiting relatives and touring historic sites.

On Saturday, October 11, the Wentworth International Hostel and Lodge presented a Fall Festival of Colours Ceilidh which featured an open mic, an art show, artist Ron Vickers, gourmet chocolate (from Appleton Chocolate Co.), Gouda cheese samples (from the Dutchman's Cheese Farm), BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs, lawn games of washer toss and croquet, 35 km of hiking and mountain bike trails, a Hostel tour, and a prize draw (dinner at Sugar Moon Farm).

Ski Wentworth had a Fall Festival of Colours on Saturday and Sunday (October 11 and 12) featuring chairlift rides to the top of the Wentworth Cobequid



Bob Smith and Jan Smith, residents of Mattatall Lake, tended to their yard sale table located at the Wentworth Recreation Centre during the Thanksgiving long weekend. (Bridgewater Photo)

Mountain range, a guided three hour mountain hike up to the Cobequid Mountain peak called High Head, a petting zoo, a haystack playground, barnyard animal friends from a local farm, and noon time BBQ's.

The Wentworth Recreation Centre's yard sale took place on Saturday, October 11, and on Monday, October 13. The yard sale was organized by Betty Curry, past President of the Centre's executive. Funds for the maintenance of the Centre were raised from renting tables to vendors, from a canteen and from donations at the door.

Across the road on Saturday, October 11, a yard sale was held outdoors in front of the Wentworth

United Baptist Church and was organized by Shirley MacDiarmid and Faye Langille. Proceeds from the sale are to be used for church purposes.

At Wentworth United Church, decorated for the occasion, on Sunday, October 12, a Thanksgiving service was conducted by Minister Steven Cochrane who gave an inspirational sermon on the importance of giving thanks and created a special church bulletin for the occasion.

The beautiful autumn colours of the Cobequid Mountain ranges in Wentworth and the surrounding land and forests were another reason to be thankful for living in this part of Nova Scotia.

## November Church Schedule

By Christine Urquabart

Church services for the month of November are all at 10am and are as follows:

**November 2 - Debert United, November 9 - Erskine United, Glenholme, November 16 - Masstown United, November 23 - Debert United and November 30 - Erskine United, Glenholme.**

Sunday School is at the same time and same place as our Church services. We have a new Sunday school superintendent, Megan Donkin, who is very popular with our children. More children are always wel-

come at all ages! Bring your child to Church today!

Please note that the service on November 9th is our Remembrance Service and the Legion members from both the Great Village Legion and the Debert Legion are invited to join us; also note that November 30th will be the First Service in Advent. We are getting close to Christmas.



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