

Wentworth CAPSite says 'Good-bye' to Jordan Sprague



Dining out at McMahons Restaurant, Wallace, a small CAPSite group bid a thankful good-bye to Jordan Sprague, a talented Wentworth CAPSite intern this past summer, and also thanks to Carol Hyslop and Brenda McLean, CAPSite executives. (Hope Bridgewater photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

It is never easy at the Wentworth CAPSite to say good-bye to summer staff, because in the summers we are fortunate to obtain funding for a student intern from federal, provincial, and municipal sources. This summer the Wentworth CAPSite was staffed by Jordan Sprague, a skillful and talented intern in all kinds of Internet information.

He worked four days weekly from Mondays to Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. The services he was able to give were free Internet help, printing, photocopying, faxing, scanning, GPS, Laptop training, binding, and wireless Internet. Available for borrowing is a digital projector and a Wentworth banner. A community library has books available for borrowing. Jordan also conducted a craft program for children.

Now that Jordan has left his home community of Wentworth to study at Ryerson

University in Toronto, the Wentworth CAPSite hours have been reduced to Sunday hours from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Fortunately, one person has volunteered to keep the CAPSite open for three hours on Sunday. More volunteers would be welcome. The CAPSite is located in the basement of the Wentworth Recreation Centre with a small entrance door of its own on the front of the building to the left of the Centre's main entrance. More volunteers would be welcome. The CAPSite is located in the basement of the Wentworth Recreation Centre with a small entrance door of its own on the front of the building to the left of the Centre's main entrance.

A small group met at McMahon's Restaurant in the village of Wallace to say goodbye to summer worker, Jordan Sprague, and to thank the executive of the Wentworth CAPSite, Al Huestis, Carol Hyslop and Brenda McLean, for meeting each month to oversee business matters.

Happy Fall from the Bass River Fire Hall

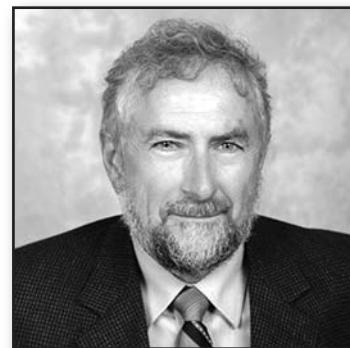
By Peter Christensen

And as it is Fall, we are now at five pm, so all brigade members can return home for a bountiful meal with those they love. We're assembling the troops for the Fall Auction on Oct 12, a Saturday. The auction will begin at twelve noon, and wrap up approx at five pm. If you need assistance for pick up give the fire hall a call on the Friday night before and all day on Saturday. Please watch your mailboxes for a small reminder of the auction. There will be a canteen at the kitchen which is going to be run by the WCCS Girls Volleyball Team and their parents. A great fundraiser for the team.

We are also gearing up for our Halloween Dance which

CUMBERLAND SOUTH

Larry Duchesne, New Democratic Party Candidate



(Editor's Note: Candidates for the three mainline parties in Cumberland South we sent a questionnaire unique to Cumberland South. Here is the reply from Larry Duchesne, candidate for the New Democratic Party of Nova Scotia in Cumberland South).

1. What will you do to stop the out-migration of government services to Amherst?

In such a situation I will fully inform myself about what is happening and why and I will do what I can to prevent it from happening.

2. Are you willing to work with citizens in Cumberland South to establish a suite of satellite offices in vacant space in Parrsboro?

Yes, or in a closed or underutilized school.

3. If five departments were to occupy the satellite office one day per week, which departments do you feel would be best for the area?

I would consult with citizens and business owners to decide which departments were most important.

4. How do you propose to ensure internet service with the same broadband width as Truro or Amherst is available within Cumberland South?

I'm not sure that's the right question. The question is, How can we improve those services, taking into account the challenges of geography, lack of popula-

tion density and the fact that those services are provided by private enterprises, which run at a profit. I'd work with the community to look at all the possible solutions including emerging technologies that might provide more viable solutions.

5. How long would it take to become reality?

That's not a question anyone can answer honestly.

6. As we all know cell phone reception along Highway # 2 from Glenholme to Advocate is spotty at best. What promise can you make to ensure reception is equal to the consistent quality if one were driving between Amherst and Oxford?

Again, that's a promise I can't make because of the challenges I mentioned above, but I would work hard to address the problem.

7. What are the two most important things you can do to help the citizens of Cumberland South?

Work to open more collaborative care centres to provide better health care and reduce wait times. Given our large population of seniors, work with senior's organizations to discover and implement innovative and appropriate housing and transportation arrangements and services such as co-housing.

8. Recently smaller schools in rural area have been closed causing elementary students to be bused long distances. What is your approach to closing of small elementary schools and what can you do to curtail further closings?

New guidelines are being developed for school closures. I think each case is individual. My personal bias is towards maintaining elementary school in their home communities. I think Advocate and River Herbert are examples of how good small schools can be if they are fully supported by the community.

9. If a school is closed should the costs of maintaining that facility remain with the

school board until the building has new owners or the site is remediated?

The school board makes the decision, so Yes.

10. To assist in reducing costs and overheads should administration of repairs for electrical, mechanical, carpentry, plus landscaping and snow removal be the responsibility of the local school so local contractors can perform the work, rather than having board maintenance staff use valuable time and expense travelling to each school?

That's a difficult question because many of those positions may be unionized, but wherever possible, I support local people doing local work.

11. How would you facilitate using under-utilized space in existing schools to provide additional education opportunities for adults?

In consultation with the community I would contact appropriate organizations like NSCC and the Senior's College in Amherst to see what opportunities could be offered. Retired seniors could be a great resource. I'd be happy to facilitate, but to be successful this would have to be a community project.

12. What do you perceive is the most critical situations facing Cumberland South residents and how would you solve those problems?

Job creation is the most critical issue facing Cumberland South. Recently the NDP government sent a panel which toured the province looking for new ways to generate opportunities in rural areas. I would want to study their report carefully in search new creative ideas.

13. If voters decided to vote for the person rather than the party, why should voters cast their vote to support you?

I will be a full-time voice for Cumberland South. I will make myself as fully aware of our communities as possible and will constantly be on the lookout for ways to improve our area and put a stop to depopulation.

Lower Onslow Community Hall News

By Ann Fiddes

We know fall is here with the cool evenings, but the days are beautiful. The Board of Directors of the Lower Onslow Community Centre had their first meeting of the fall in the Pre School area of the Centre and we were very impressed with the work done in this area over the summer. From the totally new kitchen, with the bright green walls and the new cupboards, sinks etc to the work in the back closet, what a great job.

Activity at the Centre was steady over the summer with rentals, and yoga every Wednesday night. Yoga will continue through the winter on Wednesday nights at 6:30, no preregistration is required, drop in and join the group.

Great Village Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

Welcome to new and returning students and staff members to GVES. There are currently 54 students enrolled in Grades P-4.

"Stand Up, Speak Out" against bullying activities were held on the second Thursday in September. In Peace Groups (students in Grades P-4) in a group to participate in activities that encourage peaceful behavior) students designed a logo related to the "theme" of the day on a pink t-shirt, shared a snack of pink yogurt tubes, watched the video of "Stand By Me" and formed a heart of shape with all students and staff. Everyone was encouraged to wear pink and wrist bands, tattoos, bookmarks and information pamphlets were given to students.

An Open House was held on September 19th. Students brought family members to school, and everyone participated in a scavenger hunt that will take them throughout the school, meeting all teachers while discovering the treasure within the school.

Terry Fox Run was rained out on Sept 13th, and rescheduled for Sept 20th. Students and staff walked to the ball field to participate in activities (such as running the bases, potato sack races). For every activity, students received a sticker to put

on one of the provinces where Terry ran his Marathon of Hope.

Look at the bulletin board to see "Who uses virtues at our school". When students and staff demonstrate the virtue of the month (RESPECT for Sept.), they have an owl with their name placed on the bulletin board display.

Home Reading/Writing Program - all students have the opportunity to participate in read-

ing and writing activities at home through this program which kicks off on Sept. 25th and continues through the school year. Books are provided to practice reading and suggestions to practice various forms of writing.

Provincial assessments for students in Grade 3 (reading & writing) and Grade 4 (mathematics) will be written on October 1st & 2nd. No school for students on October 25th, Provincial Conference Day for teachers.

Trefoil Guild to Celebrate 25th Anniversary

By Goldie Chisbom

The first meeting of the Colchester Trefoil Guild's fall season was held Sept 18 at the Colchester Historical Museum. The reason for change of meeting place was to enable us to enjoy viewing the Needlework Exhibit which was on display for the 30th anniversary of the Marigold Guild of Needle Arts. Everyone was very impressed with this beautiful artwork.

We welcomed a new Trefoil member, Donna Clarke, as well as one guest. After repeating the Trefoil Guild Prayer a moment of silence was observed for our Trefoil sister, Eleanor Teed, who passed away in June. Eleanor was an active member of Girl Guides and Trefoil Guild for 40 years. A donation in her memory from the

Colchester Trefoil Guild is being forwarded to the Chief Commissioner's Scholarship Fund.

Registration fees were paid from members present as September is the beginning of a new Guide year.

The Provincial Annual Trefoil Guild Meeting is being held October 19th. at the Bedford United Church, hosted by the Forgetmeknots Trefoil Guild. Several members indicated their interest in attending this meeting.

We will be back to Sobey's Community Room for our October meeting and looking forward to November when Colchester Trefoil Guild will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary. Plans are pending at this time in celebrating this occasion.

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