

# Wentworth's Wild Blueberry Festival Successful



**BRIDGES**  
Stuart Palmer worked as a volunteer at the Blueberry Café during the Wentworth Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival.

(Hope Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

The Wentworth Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival joined other Cumberland/Colchester Wild Blueberry Harvest Festivals during a span of two weeks starting in late August. The Wentworth Festival was a wild time of activities living up to the name "wild blueberries." The Wentworth Festival featured an antique car show, a Blueberry Café, a mini-flea market, a quilt show and sale, slip n' slide, and fire truck display, all held at the Wentworth Recreation Centre and its grounds. Total attendance was 698.

The Blueberry Café operated within the Centre at its kitchen. Breakfast featured blueberry pancakes with maple syrup, sausages, and beans; lunch consisted of assorted sandwiches and biscuits covered with blueberries and whipped cream. Both meals offered tea, coffee and pop. One word says it all: delicious.

Serving at the kitchen counter was Stuart Palmer who I interviewed as an example of a Wentworth volunteer at the local events. He is currently enrolled at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton for his third year and is taking a degree in computer science. He is hoping for a career in programming to eventually develop his own video games. I asked him why he volunteered and he said, "I just like helping out when they need me." He is from a remarkable volunteering family which includes his mother, Barb Palmer, and sister, Jessica Palmer, who were also working at the Festival. I also congratulate all the many other Wentworth volunteers who helped with the Festival, but space does not allow me to name them all.

The mini-flea market is a "nick-name" for the quality markets which were lined up in the large hall.: #1. With Marie Duranceau as organizer, the United Church Women

featured 40 beautiful large custom-hand quilts for sale, baby quilts for sale and several quilts just for viewing. #2. The Amherst Artisan Gallery featured talented the work of Lucille Pitre. #3. The interesting book sale from the community library at the CAPsite was organized by Carol Hyslop; #4. Fantastic Chickadee Designs were from Tatamagouche. #5. John Hopkins from Springhill presented amazing Diamond Willow Walking Sticks designed by nature and finished by hand with no two alike. #6. Felicia Doucette had a wonderful Sculpture sale and other items. #7. Jean Bentley's sale consisted of delicious Bentley Maple products which come from a local business of 40,000 maple trees. #8. Vicky Gourdin from Truro , wearing a red apron saying "All Sauced Up," and a sign saying "All Sauced Up Gourmet Cooking Sauces & Salad Dressings" drew attention with her attractive display. All of these flea markets were exciting to see for all of their creativity.

Out on the grounds, John and Mari Ann Stiles from Truro stationed a Food Truck called Taco Stiles with different types of tacos (hip, fish, chicken, veggi), fresh cut fries, pulled pork fries, and blueberry dessert. The Stiles use only fresh

local ingredients in their cooking and folks loved their food.

Nearby, the Fire Truck display organized by Fire Chief Kevin Sprague and other firefighters was both interesting and educational. Also on the grounds outside, Slip n' Slide provided lots of fun and laughter for the children and other interested ages with guidance from Todd Seymour and Arden Little.

The Antique Car Show of 170 cars was an artistic masterpiece. This Show revealed cars can be beautiful mechanical creations. Linda Patriquin, herself an owner of a beautiful antique car (she gave me a ride in it!), welcomed people at a table where the Show was held on the baseball field behind the Recreation Centre. Also on the field was a table with photos and information about cars called "Remember When!" Folks loved this Car Show and even children were amazed by it.

Proceeds from the Festival were divided between the Recreation Centre, the new Wentworth Learning Centre, and the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department. Also Samantha Read sat at a 50/50 table for the Wentworth Learning Centre.

It was a wonderful Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival at Wentworth in 2016.

## Order Your Wreaths by Nov 5<sup>TH</sup>



The Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park is now taking orders for Remembrance Day wreaths for our November 11th service.

These are natural wreaths, and can be indicated in

Remembrance, or In Honour. Cost of each wreath will be \$25.00 and can be ordered by contacting Heather Williams at 902-647-2550.

Dead line is November 5.

## Odours from AIS Problematic

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needs replacement at a cost probably in excess of \$1-Million. He added, AIS serves a very important function in dealing with hazardous fluids, and we need more industry, but residents should not be negatively affected.

Apparently, Nova Scotia Department of Environment are unable to take any action, because AIS has a permit to

operate the aeration ponds and that permit does not expire until at least 2020. Council approved to invite AIS to make a presentation to council as soon as possible.

On matter of the upcoming October 15th municipal election it was noted that most councillors had been returned to council by acclamation. See municipal election story on page 22.



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## October 2<sup>ND</sup> is Thanksgiving Sunday

By Christine Urquhart

October 2nd is Thanksgiving Sunday with Worship at CEC at 10:30am! All the Churches of Truro Presbytery (and any other interested persons) are invited to worship together at the Auditorium at the Cobequid Educational Centre in Truro (34 Lorne St.) at 10:30am. Worship will be led by Presbytery Chair, Rev. Keith Gale and music leadership will be provided by Chris Bowen with a huge combined choir and a special anthem written specifically for this event.

Special guest preacher will be United Church Moderator The Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell. A separate, staffed

space with activities will be provided for children after the first half of the service. Loose offering will go to the United Church Mission and Service Fund; offerings made in church envelopes will go to those churches. We hope that you will plan to attend this special and fun filled service!

**THANKS / GIVING YOUTH EVENT** 10am-9pm Saturday, Oct. 8 - Truro Presbytery, an Affirming ministry, is hosting a youth event for grades 7-12 at Knox United Church in Brookfield (53 Highway 289).

All are welcome (even if you are outside of Truro Presbytery) to come and celebrate Thanksgiving with the MODERATOR of the United Church, the Rt. Rev. Jordan

Cantwell! We will have great music, games and conversation, we will be serving a Thanksgiving dinner to our local Syrian refugee family and other guests, and then in the evening, we will be turning the whole church into a Laser Tag arena for three

hours of awesome fun! Spread the word and come out for this amazing experience!

To register, show up in between 10:00-10:30am Saturday, October 8. This event is FREE! :) If you are interested in volunteering, or if you have other questions, contact Rev. Keith at 902-957-4242 (call/text).

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100's household items appliances & Furniture, good selection of antiques & collectibles. Sale of local produce, pickles, preserves & bake goods +  
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