

Wentworth Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival

By Hope Bridgewater

Wentworth had wild activities until members and friends were blue in the face during our Wild Blueberry Festival organized and hosted by the Wentworth Learning Centre, Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department and Wentworth Firemen's Recreation Association.

Coming in to the Recreation Centre we were greeted by a paved yard and grass fields filled with four fire trucks of the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department, a Route 6 Food Truck, a Slip and Slide Slope for children, and a marvellous Car Show at the baseball/soccer field.

The Car Show had a variety of car ages ranging from 100 years to brand new tuner cars. Cat Country, Big Dog, and East Coast FM all brought their Sum-

mer Event cruisers to give out free treats to visitors and broadcast live on the radio from our event. Raffle prizes were drawn each hour for the car show participants who had registered and prizes were donated by the various auto shops in surrounding area. Also, registered attendees voted on their favourite car for the chance to win a trophy. The car owners volunteered to come to the show and each owner registered at a counter.

Other outdoor activities included fire trucks tours, eating at the Route 6 Food Truck, and Slip and Slide for children. Participants had a wonderful at all these outdoor activities.

Going inside the spacious hall of the Recreation Centre there was a market of various vendors: Atlantic Fabrics from

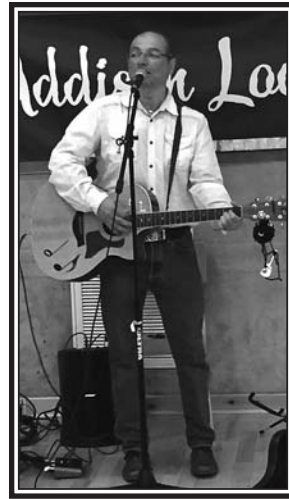
Truro, Bentleys Maple Syrup Products from Westchester, Illuminated Chandlery made from 100% Nova Scotia beeswax from Tatamagouche, Tatamagouche Yarn Company, Tracey MacLeod's Nova Scotian Tartans, Kalandia Soap from Hilden, Quilt Show & Sale, Forest Hills Wild Blueberry Farm from Westchester, a special antique chair painted for Canada 150 in which to have your photo taken and Musician Addison Locke.

The Blueberry Cafe featured fish cakes, chow, biscuits, sausages, blueberry shortcake, pancakes, and drinks. All tasted great and the blueberry shortcake was especially delicious.

The Festival is a joint fundraiser between Wentworth Learning Centre Cooperative, Wentworth Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment and Wentworth Firemen's Recreation Association. Scotiabank matched every single cent raised this Sunday up to a maximum of \$3,000. Volunteer workers for the Festival numbered 70.

This column, part one about the Festival, will devote space to photos to go with this column. Part two column, coming soon, will detail more of the activities. It was a wonderful celebration for blueberries as wild blueberries are Nova Scotia's Provincial Berry, is the number one Canadian fruit in export sales, Oxford is the Wild Blueberry Capital of Canada, and wild blueberry grows naturally in Atlantic Canada, Quebec, and Maine, the only areas where wild blueberries are commercially harvested.



Singer Addison Locke stopped by the festival to do a bit of busking. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



Marie Duranceau with People's Choice quilt winner, Wanda Frizzle. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



Wentworth Volunteer Fire Truck workers Norman Gower and Trevor Gower with Howard Waugh and Sparky the Fire Dog. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



People's choice car winner: Kerri Mattatall pictured above with future show and shine enthusiasts. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



Caleb Seymour was one of many youth who enjoyed the Slip & Slide. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



Councillor Barbara Palmer announces people's choice winning car entry. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

Stroke Club Meets Every Tuesday

The Colchester Stroke Club began in 1980 and is registered as a non profit charity to support stroke survivors and their families. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 40 Douglas Street. (it is the old school, now called Douglas St. Rec. Center). There is a weekly program of music, exercise, guest speakers, games, bowling, discussions, outings, parties and lunch.

Last October the Music Magic group under the direction of Susan Greaves sang for the Provincial Health Board Conference held in Truro. The group acts like a big family, and enjoys getting together every week. All stroke sur-

vivors, their care givers, family members and volunteers are welcome.

Colchester Stroke Club also has a Facebook page. It

shows pictures, and lots of information. For more information call Sheila at 902-893-2756 or Karen at 902-893-4759.



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