

## Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival 2023 runs until September 4

with many area restaurants offering wild blueberry themed desserts and meals! More pictures on page 12 and 17.



Ana of Truro Farmer's Market  
Ana's Juice Bar brought some  
delicious wild blueberry  
treats to the Festival.



Looking very blue there  
Sarah! Sarah Flemming from  
Colchester United Way placed  
third in the pie eating contest.



Haley Pouliot is enjoying a tasty wild blueberry treat at the  
Festival.

## Debert Military Museum – Full of Memories

**By Johnathan MacQuarrie**

War birds set to make a return to historic Debert.

Debert was in for a special show comes the weekend of August 27th as air show Atlantic returned to the historic Debert airfield, once home to a large military base and airfield the latter of which remains active today for civilian uses.

The airfield has come a long way from its humble origins in 1941. Long gone are the wood and canvas aircraft such as the de Havilland Mosquito, an aircraft made entirely of wood. Now, Debert will be host to more newer aircrafts such as the CF-18 and of course the famous snowbirds, but how did this Airfield even get here?

In 1939, along with the adjacent military base the Debert Airfield was begun, this endeavour employed hundreds of citizens and cost the Canadian Government 39 million dollars to construct, during a time when the average salary was \$1,600 a year.

The airmen sent here to train flew out of a multitude of planes such as the aforementioned De Havilland Mosquito, which served as a fighter/bomber, the Avro Anson a light bomber, and the Lancaster medium bomber one of the largest planes to fly out of Debert during the war.

While also serving as a training base, maintenance was done and Debert was used for the Atlantic Ferry command, flying much needed aircraft to Britain and back to Canada for maintenance as many planes could only be repaired in the USA. Also planes in need of repair were shipped by sea from Bass River to Halifax for repair.

While post war it was expanded upon and used by the Canadian Air Force no squadron was posted at the Airfield and the base became part of the Regional Emergency Government Headquarters with the finishing of the Diefenbunker in 1964, with the 720 communications being adjacent.

Little trace of the former military Airfield remains today, with its purpose currently being primarily mail, the Truro



MUSEUM  
Flying Club which also is serving with private lessons for beginner pilots and the Cadet

Glider Training Program which is a summer program. (Some private concerns may also be involved.)

The Debert Military Museum is one of the last buildings from the war remaining standing with artifacts and stories from the old airfield and is housed in one of the few remaining WWII H-huts in Canada. We invite you to visit

while we are open for the season. Admission is free and with the experience in viewing aviation, heritage and the military artifacts.

**Johnathan MacQuarrie is  
Museum Attendant at Debert  
Military Museum**

MUSEUM OPEN:  
Tuesday to Sunday  
10am - 4pm

## Heart's Haven Memorial Park OPENING

A special feature on the completion and opening of the Heart's Haven Memorial Park in Debert will form part of the October issue.

We decided to hold back a month because we did not have sufficient room to give the opening of this memorable park the prominence it deserves. If you attended the opening, or have visited the park and wish to provide a statement on the quality and the importance of the park, please send comments to the e-mail address below by September 15th.

We appreciate your patience on the matter.

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