

BBQ A Big Success

It just seems to get bigger and better every year. The 2009 Family & friends B.B.Q. was once again a big success. On Saturday August 22nd close to 300 people attended our annual events. There was something for everyone.

Keith Bennett provided Horse and Buggy Rides for everyone from children to our residents. The long line ups kept Keith busy for at least 2 and a half hours. Thank you Keith for donating your beautiful horses and your time to add to our special day. I hope you consider the task again next year. I know your co-pilot Ivan Hawthorne is already looking forward to it.

There seemed to be more kids in attendance this year. Kelly, Darlene and Jennifer kept the kids occupied for hours with all sorts of games like soccer, balloon toss, face painting, tattoos and art painting to mention a few. Thanks girls for taking care of all the kids.

Thank you to Auctioneer Gerald Walsh and his Grandson. They are certainly no strangers to Country Haven. They have been providing their talent for the last five or six years now.

Our Pie Toss and Cake Bake Auction wouldn't be the success it is without them.



In the first pic, resident Vince Frank seems to be saying, "Bring it On" Volunteer Sandra Jefferies (Trouble) did just that, she wins the auction and pies Vince with gusto.



The first recipient of the day was staff member Janet Hamilton. Co-worker Tammy Kinnear won the action for the sum of \$80.00 and delivered it to Janet's face without mercy.

Next Victim was resident Vince Frank. His pie went for \$83.00 and it was Sandra Jeffrey (Trouble) who delivered the cream pie delight. Staff member Kim David was next. Her pie went for \$104.00 and Camden Pinkerton delivered the goods.

Next Gerry Stewart took to the platform, and his brother Emerson won the bid at \$224.00. His mother, resident Irene Stewart was elected to do the dirty deed and judging by the pictures she loved every moment.

Last but not least was Beachburg Lions Club President Terry Mercier. His pie went for \$100.00 and is good friend Bob Kelson made no mistake in finding the target.

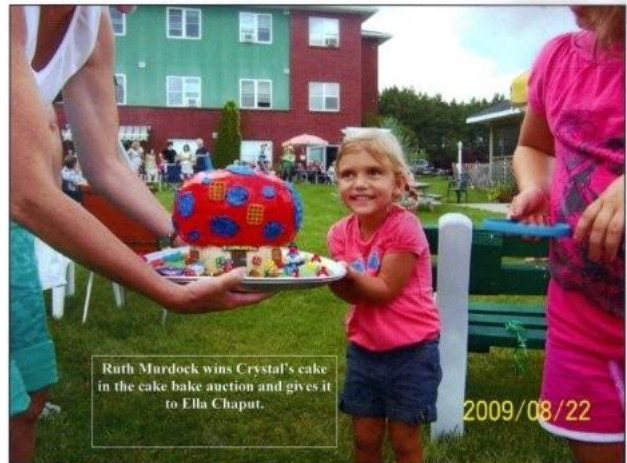
Thank you to all the Pie recipients for being good sports and thank you to all the bidders and donations made to make this event fun and successful. Thank you to the "Just for Fun" candidates, Ed Lee, Christine Gervais, Tyler McEnroe and Graham and Camden Pinkerton.

In the Cake Bake Decorate Auction, it was Crystal Leach's Smurf Cake that took the first prize. The Smurf cake went for \$45.00 and won by Ruth Murdoch. Ruth then gave the cake to Ella Chaput. Tammy Kinnear took second prize with her "Support Our Troops Cake". The cake went for \$20.00 and won by Pam Robertson.

Making Honourable mention, "The Beehive Cake" by Jenni McConnell went for \$40.00 and won by the Kosnaskie Family.

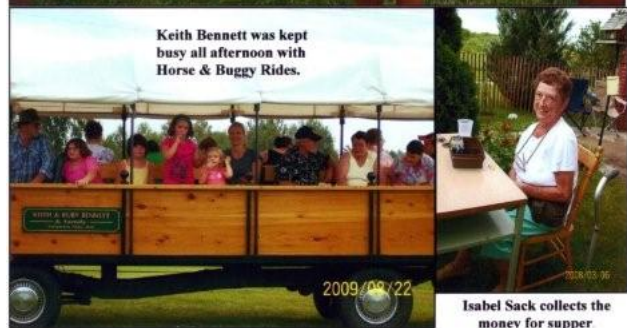
Jenni & Dan's "Bubblegum Machine Cake" went for \$24.00 and was won by the Lacroix Family. Bonnie Fynn's "Chocolate Delight Cake" also went for \$40.00. Thank you to all who participated and Thank you to our judges Grace Stephen & Elaine Moore. Your choices must have been difficult.

We were thrilled to have a great entertainment line up again this year. The Beachburg Connection was the first on stage presenting the audience with an assortment of old time favourites. We consider the boys as the Country Haven House Band. They are always ready, willing and available to perform at all our functions.



Ruth Murdoch wins Crystal's cake in the cake bake auction and gives it to Ella Chaput.

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Keith Bennett was kept busy all afternoon with Horse & Buggy Rides.

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Isabel Sack collects the money for supper.

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Thank you to, Murray Brown (Guitar & Vocals), Barry Stephen (Accordion & Vocals), Eric Stevenson (Ukulele & Vocals), Frank Campbell (Guitar & Vocals) and Jim Labow (Fiddle).

I also had the pleasure of sitting in with the band helping out a bit on guitar. I'm only too glad to help out when I can. Jared Chaput (Guitar & Vocals) and Corey Zadorozny (Drums) were on next.

The popular duo performed over a dozen easy listening tunes including songs by Neil Young, Blue Rodeo, Buffalo Springfield and The Eagles just to mention a few.

Corey a very talented drummer has played with some big name bands all over Canada and throughout the United States. We were very happy to have him as a guest here at Country Haven. Jared has been playing gigs in Pembroke and the surrounding area for the past five years or so and is very excited about a new all original CD he will be releasing at the end of November.

We hope you boys will come back again next year.

Essential Blues hit the stage next. Annette Drapeau Reynolds (Vocals) and Tom Bondreau (Guitar). The duo played many popular standards including songs by Nora Jones, John Prine, CCR, Bill Withers, Van Morrison plus many more. This duo truly complements each other. Annette is a very powerful vocalist with a great range. Her singing talent along with Tom's accomplished guitar playing left the audience wanting more. This was their first appearance here at Country Haven. I sure hope they come back again.

It was now my turn to play. I played solo for most of my hour but invited Annette and Tom to join me for the last part of it. It was a lot of fun jamming with them.

The lineup for supper seemed never ending. The Beachburg Lions Club did the barbecuing. Margaret Ann and her crew did the serving and a lot of running. This year's menu consisted of hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato and macaroni salads, and ice cream for dessert. Who could ask for more? Thank you Lions and Thank you to Ellen McKay, Kim David, Bonnie Fynn, Isabel Sack, Marney Blaine, Christine Gervais, Sandra Jeffrey and to the coffee & tea girls, Pierrette and Patsie.

The Giant Raffle Board was once again popular as ever. Over 150 prizes won.

A big Thank you to Bonnie, Sara and Ellen for the long time spent inside. Thank you to Molly's Gang who were also inside. But I heard they were very successful in sales: sold every hot dog! WOW! Congratulations!

The end of the day brought on the ticket raffle.

1st Prize: A pastel painting by Emerson Stewart and donated by Irene and the whole family was won by our very own Tammy Kinnear.

2nd Prize: An 8 piece Patio Set, donated by Anil Verma, was won by Lynn Jones of Petawawa.

3rd Prize: \$200.00 Cash was won by Phyllis Johnson of Beachburg.

Congratulations to all winners, and Thank You to all who donated.



Thank You to all the bartenders: Anil, Kent, Eric, Gerry & Durell.

Thank You to the Family & Friends BBQ Committee 2009. Although there is always some stress and worry every year, it seems to get easier and that's because you could not get a better working crew than the following: Margaret Ann Leach, Crystal Leach, Tammy Kinnear, Kelly Kosnaskie and Jenni McConnell. Thank Committee – You were GREAT as always.