

Sweet tooth satisfaction at Maple in the County

Sixth year of sweet harvest dedicated to memory of original supporter Gloria Stone

By Ross Lees
Editor

Everyone has one, but few can satisfy it. Some, like Mayor Leo Finnegan, aren't allowed to satisfy it.

It, of course, is a sweet tooth and they really begin to act up at this time of year when Maple in the County gets set to kick off – for its sixth award-winning year.

The event takes place this year on March 24th and 25th and continues to grow and increase its appeal and is dedicated this year in memory of Gloria Stone, one of the original participants and supporters who recently died of cancer.

"Gloria was an integral part of the event from the beginning," said Rebecca LeHeup-Bucknell, Executive Director, Taste the County, at the media day Wednesday. "She got involved at all levels, was dedicated and fun-loving and will be missed very much."

Out there pitching the event this year will be Mabel the Maple Leaf, the newly

minted mascot of this popular event.

Mabel is the creation of Andrew Hunter of Buddha Dog in Picton.

"We are really excited about this year's Maple in the County. This is the sixth year of the event; it's become a tradition for people. Our presenting sponsor, the Waring House Restaurant, will again host their incredibly delicious Sunday Maple brunch, their toe-tapping Saturday evening Fiddle Feast and Cookery School classes," LeHeup-Bucknell stated.

She also noted this year's associate sponsor the Picton Business Improvement Area would give people ample reason to visit the downtown area during Maple in the County.

"This year, the Picton Business Improvement Area, our associate sponsor, will be offering taffy on ice, ice carving demonstrations, an urban sugar shack, face

See **Maple** page 15



Gazette photo by Ross Lees

Truly Representative – MPP Ernie Parsons said maple syrup is truly representative of Canada at the media day at the Waring House Wednesday while Rebecca LeHeup-Bucknell looks on.



Gazette photo by Ross Lees

Maple Mabel And Friends – The new Maple in the County mascot – maple Mabel – is pictured here with Taste the County Executive Director Rebecca Leheup-Bucknell and her son Jack. Jack is wearing one of the new children's wrist bands on his right wrist while Rebecca holds a maple tart in her left hand.

