

Lexington May Day event deemed a success



By Bobbi Gordon

After everything being closed down for the past year due to COVID, Lexington mayor Juli Kennedy decided people needed to get out and live again. With that thought in mind, she asked Lexington residents to help plan a May Day celebration, which took place last Saturday.

The committee met several times in April to decide exactly what the event should look like. The decision was made to hold a parade, a pie social, raffles,

kids' games and crafts, and a place for residents to just sit and visit with their neighbors.

On May 1, parade participants began to line up a little after 10 a.m. at the town hall with the parade beginning promptly at 11. Long time Lexington resident, Ray Papineau served as the Grand Marshal. From the town hall, the parade proceeded to Arcade Street and continued the length of the street. At A St., the procession crossed the high-

way, went around a couple of blocks and came back to Arcade St, ending back at the town hall. Kids and adults lined the street to fill their bags with candy thrown from ATVs, UTVs, trucks, classic cars, fire trucks and farm trucks.

After the parade, 185 slices of pie were served and six whole pies were sent home with area residents. Pies were baked and donated by Lexington residents and helped satisfy a sweet tooth or two. Tacos

Hometown was onsite to feed the hungry crowd as adults visited and the kids enjoyed treats, coloring pages and pictures with the fire trucks, thanks to Lexington Fire Department volunteers.

A bike was donated and raffled for the kids, with the winner being Dillon DeBoer. Other items donated and raffled were a bird house won by Jay Papineau, hanging baskets won by Sheila Miller and Carmen Williams, a garden basket

won by Donna Smith, a flower arrangement won by Rachel Schonbachler, ear buds won by Emily Thoren, a croquet set won by Sofia Di Salvo and coffee with gift cards won by Cindy Sumner and Joann Gurr. The jar collecting donations for Make-A-Wish collected \$222 from generous donors.

Mayor Juli Kennedy told the Gazette, "The idea was only born a few months ago and we were not sure if we could pull it off, but when the day came it was

overwhelming to see the response from our communities. The laughter, visiting, children everywhere, were just what we needed. It has been a tough year for so many and we needed something positive, something to look forward to. Family, neighbors and friends all coming together to enjoy each other without the stresses of the outside and a day to just relax and have hope for another year to come together with other events."

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