



Lloyd Wells, left, a member of the Froatburn Lodge organizing committee for the Bert Tippins Memorial Pike Derby presents a check for \$2,160 to David Lapier for the local Canadian Tire Jumpstart program. This year's derby ran Saturday, May 1 and attracted 235 local fishermen.

Fish funding for Jumpstart

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MORRISBURG—“We really appreciate this donation. It will go a long ways to help local children become involved in sports and recreational activities,” David Lapier said as he accepted (on behalf of the local Canadian Tire Jumpstart Committee) a cheque for \$2,160 from Lloyd Wells last week.

The cheque represented proceeds raised at the fourth annual Froatburn Lodge, Bert Tippins Memorial Pike Derby held Saturday, May 1.

The derby was won by Jeremy Stewart who weighed in a 12.09 pound pike for the first place prize money of \$2,000.

Each year organizers of the Derby raise money for a local charity and this year, thanks to the participation of 235 fishermen and the generosity of local businesses who provided sponsorship in the way of prizes, the \$2,160

raised went to the local Canadian Tire Jumpstart Committee.

Canadian Tire Jumpstart provides funding in local communities for youngsters whose families are unable to come up with money required for registrations in various sports programs (hockey, skating, ball etc.) and other recreational programming (scouting, dance etc.).

Parents apply to receive Jumpstart funding and applications are reviewed by a Jumpstart committee.

“We can provide up to 80 percent of the registration to a maximum of \$200,” explained committee member David Lapier. “The whole process is very confidential, and last year we were able to help 63 kids.”

The Jumpstart funding comes largely through Canadian Tire through various initiatives run at local and national levels. The der-

by donation is above the amount provided by CT to the local committee.

“It’s a really good program, and we really appreciate this donation,” said Lapier, explaining the committee has most recently been dealing with applications involving recent minor ball, minor soccer and minor hockey registrations.

Coming up on Saturday, May 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the local Jumpstart Committee and Morrisburg Canadian Tire Store is hosting a Jumpstart Fun Day to raise awareness of the program as well as fund raise.

The event will include a petting zoo, barbecue and trampoline activities, all in the parking lot area of the Morrisburg Store. The community is invited to come out and take part. Donations will be accepted and added to the money raised at the activities.