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Perfect Pie Contest baker wins again with \$600 pie

By Sue Dickens

Warkworth - How sweet it is!

Four-time winner, which includes champion of the Perfect Pie Contest for two years in a row, Alie Ryken of Castleton, went home this weekend knowing her culinary expertise raised a sweet \$600 for the fundraising competition. Last year she won with her raspberry pie.

This year the judges all agreed that her mouthwatering - wait for it - maple walnut pie - was a winning culinary creation.

The event was the 36th Annual Perfect Pie Contest organized by Warkworth Chapter 279 Order of the Eastern Star.

Lisa Meekes baked the next highest selling pie at the auction, a savoury pie entry which raised \$200.

A special treat this year was the junior apple category in which fiveyear-old Abby Francis entered a pie and raised \$40. James Lewington received honourable mention.

In the Eastern Star category, which allowed members to participate, Jean Bryan raised \$150 with the auctioning off of her pie and Maggie Shillington received honourable mention.

Worthy Matron Marina Williamson explained that the proceeds will go to the Campbellford Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. There were 120 pies entered this year, the same number as last year.

"This was the most successful pie contest we've had in terms of fundraising," said Worthy Matron Williamson. She was excited about the fact that people didn't rush off after the auction but stayed to socialize. There had been a lineup down the street prior to the doors opening so it was a packed hall.



A total of 120 pies were judged at the 36th Annual Perfect Pie Contest organized by the Warkworth Chapter 279 Order of the Eastern Star: from left, Earline Armstrong, Marion Hartford, Jean Peters, Cheryl Casselman, Jean Bryan, and Georgia Jacob, 5, Earline's great granddaughter. Photo by Sue Dickens

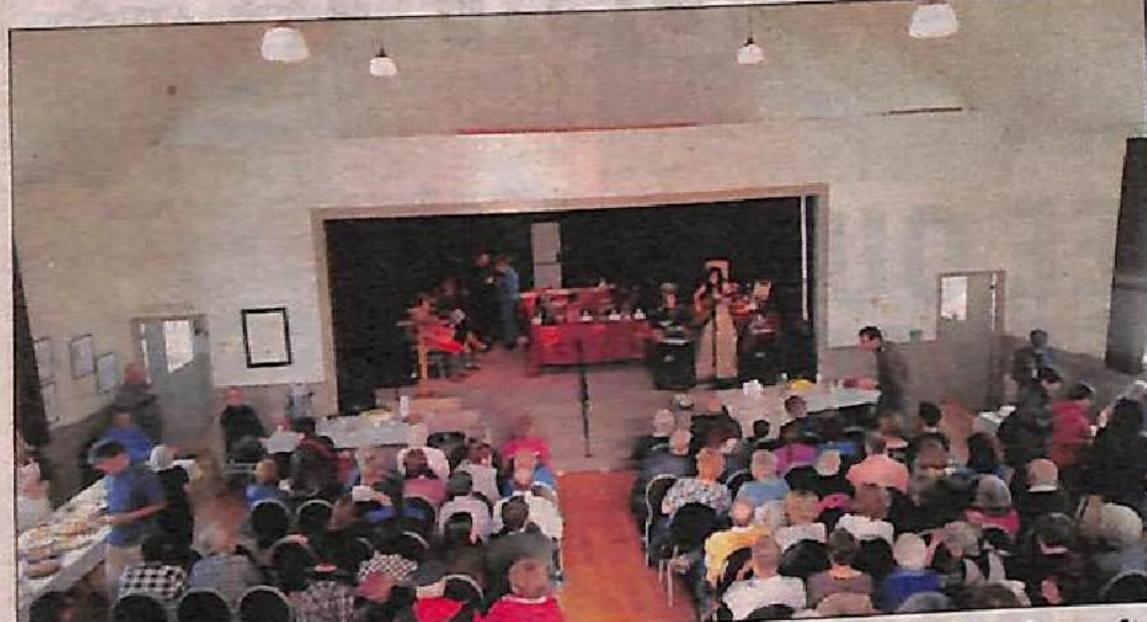
wonderful," she added. "He's done "The price of \$600 for the auction Lindsay, Ontario. is always excellent."

"Our auctioneer Jim Nelson was with the contest for years noted, Saskatchewan as well as Kingston and pies," she added.

The winners of the pie contest are: this for the past four or five years and of the most perfect pie was the high- "There was even a lady who came (amount raised and honourable menest auction bid ever." She also noted from the Northwest Territories just tion in brackets): fruit (\$100) - Marg Pat McLellan who has also helped that visitors came from as far away as to be at the pie contest and help cut Newman (Caroline Quinn); apple

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## Perfect Pie Contest



The 36th Annual Perfect Pie Contest hosted by the Warkworth Chapter 279 Order of the Eastern Star was the most successful yet according organizers. The crowd was lined up outside the town hall to check out and bid for the sweet culinary creations. Photo by Sonny Lennon

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(\$40) - Heather Clarke (Barbara ford and Dale Bateman); pecan (\$75) Trent); meringue topped (\$60) - Lor- - Nancy Bauer (Annette Grant and raine Telford (Leslie Woof); maple Rachel Pardoe); Youth ages 13 - 18 syrup (\$30) - Heather Aide (Jacque- (\$35) - Stephanie Shakura (Madie line Beamish); filled (\$50) - Barbara Sullivan); local ingredients category Yatsula (Lorraine Telford and Caro- (\$110) - Heather Aide (Lorraine Tellyn Shier); pumpkin (\$50) - Valda ford and Kate Balsara Pardoe). O'Kane (Barbara Trent and Heather No tally at press time on the proceeds Alie Ryken (Mary Mitchell); men's the 37th Annual Perfect Pie Contest open (\$35) - John Little (Ian Hart- which will be held Nov. 5, 2016.

Clarke); seniors 65 and over (\$40) - raised. Plans are already underway for