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# South Nation Conservation Authority doles out \$3K in grants

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The tubies are into the water, on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, at the 44th Tubie Festival in Morrisburg. TODD HAMBLETON/CORNWALL STANDARD-FREEHOLDER/QMI AGENCY

The South Nation Conservation has issued five grants so far this summer to qualifying community projects that promote conservation-minded use of the rivers and streams within the 4,200-square-kilometre South Nation Conservation jurisdiction.

So far this year, 10 projects have been approved, for a total contribution of \$3,000.

The most recent projects to be approved include Tea with Mercy Fairbairn at Spencerville Mill, the Optimist Club Summer Children's Camp in Crysler, Bassholes Fishing Derby at Casselman, Grant Mills Historical Plaque in Hyndman and South Dundas Chamber of Commerce Tubie Festival in Morrisburg.

Located on the banks of the South Nation River, Tea with Mercy Fairbairn will be held for a second time on Sunday, Aug. 24. The surroundings provide an opportunity to step back into the 1860s while Fairbairn treats her guests to an elegant afternoon tea, classical music and genteel conversation about the customs of the day.

To educate participants about natural resources and how one can help to protect them, the Optimist Club Summer Childrens Camp presents a different theme each week.

Prizes for the youth and children's divisions in the Bassholes Fishing Derby were purchased with their grant. The derby takes place at High Falls Conservation Area on the banks of the South Nation River.

To recognize the founding of the early settlement of Grant's Mills, dating back to 1801, the Grenville County Historical Society used its grant in an effort to erect a plaque as recognition. The community was home to the first gristmill between Montreal and Kingston.

Tubie Fest used its River Grant to help support the construction of an extra paddle-powered "tubie" craft to compete in the 44th annual attraction. The Tubie Festival draws attention to recreation on and along the St. Lawrence River.

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