



Shown above are the cast and crew as Chiganois Elementary students presented two performances of "Now I Understand" on June 23rd. Numerous students took part in the play, under the direction of Mrs. Angela Saunders, either as part of the chorus, talented performers, actors/actresses or stage hands. (Harrington Photo)

## Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department Helps during Arthur

By Hope Bridgewater

Once again the Wentworth Volunteer Firefighters helped out the Wentworth community during power outages. The first electricity failure happened for approximately one hour and a half during the Sunday Music Afternoon on June 29, 2014. Many volunteer musicians and the crowd attending come from distances away such as Halifax, Truro, other Nova Scotia points, and New Brunswick points as well as local people.

The electricity supply suddenly ended in the middle of dance music. Organizers Betty Curry, Dave Bagnell, Charley Patriquin, Rev. Brian DeLong, and Debbi DeLong quickly decided to put out a lunch with drinks at this time instead of later. The food bought by people was quickly assembled in the kitchen as a potluck meal. As people ate at the side tables, they chatted, laughed, and had a good time.

In the background the Wentworth Voluntary Fire Department had been notified and soon Kevin Sprague, Wentworth Fire Chief, and Vernon Sprague, former Fire Chief, brought a generator to the Centre which produced the necessary electricity for music and dancing. After the lunch period ended, the music and dancing continued until at last Nova Scotia Power's electricity began functioning again.

The next time the Wentworth Firefighters helped was when the Arthur storm struck with high winds and once again Nova Scotia Power's electricity was cut off from around 4 p.m. Saturday, July 5, to 11 a.m. Sunday, July 6. It was not a long time without electricity compared to other areas, but even during that time the Fire Department was offering electricity from their generator and food with drinks at their Fire Hall. If the electricity outage had lasted longer, the Wentworth Firefighters would have continued to supply their Hall as a refuge from the storm.

Students at the Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School (grades primary to six) appreciate the Wentworth Firefighters so much that they even presented them with a booklet in 2013 called "Why We Like the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department." The booklet contains colour drawings by the students and with each colour drawing there is a statement why the students like the Fire Fighters. Reasons for liking the Firemen, sometimes repeated on different drawings, are as follows: "They celebrate fire safety week with us; they help Santa pass out treats; they talk about snow plow safety; they give grade six graduates a gift; they put water on the skating rink; they decorate a big Christmas tree for us; they serve us Christmas dinner; they serve us Thanksgiving dinner; they give us a safe place to Halloween trick or treat at their Fire Hall; they come to our concerts." Certainly, the Wentworth Firefighters give these students a sense of community cooperation and culture, which is a great educational lesson for them.

Beside the Wentworth Fire Hall is a memorial site of a large granite stone with two benches and three flags of Canada, Nova Scotia, and Firefighters. On the granite stone are etched the names of Wentworth Firefighters who have passed away: Dr. Gordon Wheelock, Willard Lynds, Hugh MacDonald, Donald Wood, Ivan Crawford, Allison Betts, Lorne Henderson, Roy Patriquin, Justin Crawford, Bernard Gower, Ira Sprague, Curtis Swallow, Harold Smiley, Douglas Curry and Douglas Gilroy.

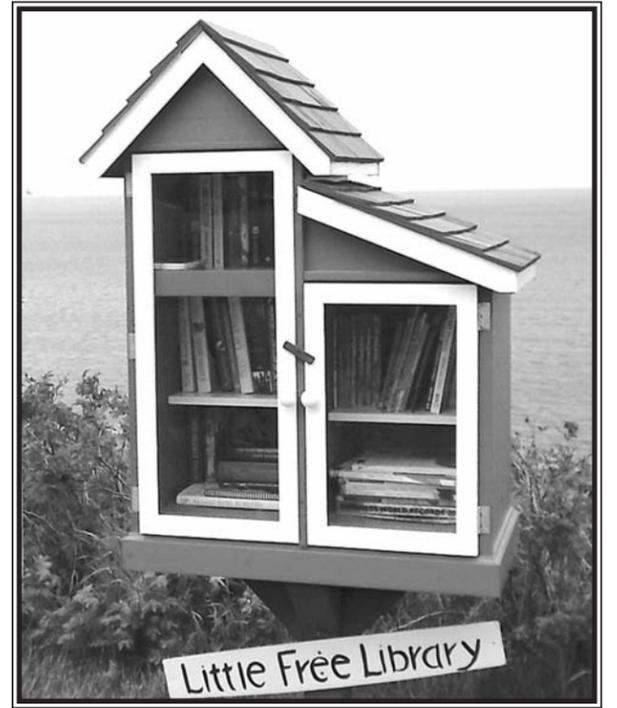
The Wentworth Fire Department was formed in 1974, and earlier Fire Chiefs were Roy Patriquin, Ivan Crawford, and Vernon Sprague.

Current Fire Chief is Kevin Sprague, Deputy-Fire Chief is Arden Little, Norman Gower is Assistant Deputy-Fire Chief, Conor Scallion is Secretary and Training Officer, and Todd Seymour is Treasurer. In addition to these five Wentworth Firefighters, the names of others are: Councilor Bill Baker, Carl Black, Orland Carter, Alton Crawford, Carson Dares, Edison Lynds, Al McLellan, Sara Jane Mitchell, David Ogilvie, Dale Patriquin, Joe Patriquin, Glen Rushton, Vernon Sprague, and Jeremy Tattrie.



Volunteer Firefighter, Jeremy Tattrie, holding son, Mason and daughter, Ellie stands next to Fire Chief Kevin Sprague. The generator machine in front of them provided electricity to the Wentworth Fire Hall which then became a refuge for the community during the tropical storm Arthur. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

## Port Greville Area Gets Two Little Free Libraries



By Barb Aris

The communities around Port Greville have taken the initiative of erecting two small libraries. Two beautiful blue and white structures with cedar shingles, our new Community Little Free Libraries, have been erected in the area. One in Port Greville at the Lookoff and the other in Diligent River, across from Arlene Collin's Gallery. Thanks to Mike Kuryluk for constructing the amazing libraries and to Shirley Kuryluk for painting them and to all the volunteers who erected the libraries and of course those who filled them with books. Two special thanks are being sent out, which made these buildings possible: One for supplies donated by C.E. Harrisons and Sons Home Hardware to build them and the second to Coles Bookstore, Amherst who donated 38 books!

The Little Free Libraries offer a way to connect with neighbours and share favorite books of all kinds. The Libraries are meant to promote neighbourhood book exchanges, places to meet, explore common interests and share the joy of reading. These Little Libraries belong to everyone and anyone may use them; they are community resources which we all treasure and protect.

If you see something you

would like to read, take it. Inside you may find a note from the person who read it previously with their recommendation. You can even take more than one. Return items to any Little Library or pass it on to a friend.

If you can't bear to part with it, keep it and bring back a different book to share. We ask everyone do their part and keep the Little Libraries stocked with high-quality books. Our Libraries continue to receive new books and books on DVD - and it's accessible 24/7. Thanks to all those volunteers for putting the tarp over the Library just before Hurricane Arthur arrived. It may have been fine, but that quick thinking ensured it.

Each Little Free Library needs shelter, care and attention to be fully enjoyed. It supports reading, literacy, literature and libraries around the world. Most of all, it promotes a sense of community. During the month of November the libraries will be taken down for maintenance over the winter. Look for them to be set up once again early in the spring. If you, your service club, company, arts group or school would like to be involved in making a Little Free Library, with quality - we want to hear from you. Make it safe and fun and it will be a valuable asset and a legacy to the community.

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