



Volunteers were busy preparing for all the orders of chili to be served at the 2019 Beach Party and Chili competition at the band hall, Parrsboro. The annual event will be held at the hall on February 16th from 3-7 pm. (Submitted)

## Warm Up With a Beach Party in Parrsboro

By Beth Peterkin

Tired of the winter chill and all our snow? Well, Parrsboro is the place to be as The Hall hosts its annual Beach Party and Chili Cook-Off on Sunday February 16th. Dig out your favourite beach clothes and your sunglasses and get ready to enjoy some beach music to shake off the winter blues. The best beach attire wins a prize! The Wazoo Band will keep us toasty warm with all the sounds of summer!! Show off your hoola hoop skills along with your dance moves.

And if you think your chili is the best around, why not enter our Chili Cook-Off? We ask that you bring your chili in a crock pot, without your name on it. You might want to label it with the name of your chili - like Super Sizzler, Grandma's favourite chili, or whatever. The event runs from 3 to 7 p.m., with chili available right at the beginning of the day. You will have an opportunity to taste each of the chilis and vote for your favourite. The winning chili

receives a prize. Salad, rolls and an ice cream bar with lots of fixings will round out the offerings of the day. Who can make the most intriguing ice cream sundae?

The Beach Party and Chili Cook-Off is a family event, part of the Fundy Winter Carnival line-up, and all ages are encouraged to attend. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for those under age 12. If you are entering a chili into the contest, your admission is free. For more information or to register your chili, please contact Beth at 902-728-2144 or beth@bethpeterkin.ca. This event is sponsored by the Parrsboro Band Association. The Hall is located at 44 King Street in Parrsboro.

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Prizes are being offered for best beach attire at the Beach Party at the Hall on February 16th. Not sure if this 2019 attendee won a prize, but he was certainly dressed for the occasion. (Submitted)



Wee Wana reads the Christmas story "Firefighter Night Before Christmas". (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

## The Wentworth Memorial Tree Lighting

By Hope Bridgewater

The third annual Josie-Lynn Crawford memorial tree lighting at the Wentworth Learning Centre was a ceremony that stays in one's mind for long afterwards. Approximately 120 people attended including children. The Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department helped Santa Claus make treat bags for the boys and girls.

In 2007 the supervisors at the Wentworth Elementary School (now the Learning Centre), planted a tree in Josie-Lynn Crawford's memory outside the school and adjacent to the gazebo which was dated to the memory of Josie-Lynn and her father Justin Crawford.

Coming into the present 2019 ceremony, the Wentworth Girl Guides decorated personalized ornaments and placed them on the tree during the ceremony. Everyone in the audience was invited to bring along an ornament and place

them on the tree in memory of Josie-Lynn and Justin. The Learning Centre provided ornaments for those who forgot to bring them. This year the tree was lit after a count-down from 5 to 1. The tree was lit by the Wentworth Day Care children and their teachers, Ms. Kayla and Mr. Luke. The kitchen activity was organized by Melissa Langille, Councillor Barbara Palmer, Sonya Seymour and Wee Wana Sprague.

When everyone came inside the Learning Centre, they gathered together to welcome the Christian holidays. Wee Wana Sprague took the children up to the stage to read them a story while sitting in a chair dedicated in Josie-Lynn's memory and then welcomed Santa and Mrs. Claus. Each child sat on Santa's knees and told him what they'd like for Christmas.

It was a beautiful ceremony and the photos only enhance the beauty.



Several Teen club members pose with Santa Claus: Nathan Rushton, Travis Reid, Morgan Patriquin, Jenna Laird, Grady Rushton. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



The Wentworth Volunteer Firefighters and spouses help sponsor Tree Lighting ceremony. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



The Christmas lights are turned on. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

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