

Danielle Hayward Wins Teen Writing Award



Danielle Hayward, of Great Village, is all smiles after receiving a first place award in the Ada Mingo Memorial Teen Writing Competition. She is joined by Nancy Jennings, daughter of Ada Mingo, who was on hand for the award presentation. The Colchester-East Hants Public Library sponsors the award each year to encourage creative writing by teens. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Danielle Hayward, of Great Village, credits a recent Literary Arts course in school as her inspiration for beginning to write poetry. The Grade 11, CEC student may continue to put pen to paper after receiving a first place award in the Ada Mingo Memorial Teen Writing Competition.

The competition is sponsored by the Colchester-East Hants Public Library and is open to any teens, ages 13 to 19, who possess a Library card. This year the event attracted 16 entries from

teens in 9 local communities.

The Library Board created the award in 2007 to encourage creative writing by teens and to honour Ada Mingo, A long time Truro resident and businesswoman, who passed away in 2006.

Mrs. Mingo owned and operated the Book Nook for many years and was a dedicated supporter of the library.

Nancy Jennings, of Glenholme and daughter of Ada Mingo, spoke to the group gathered at the award's presentation. "I noticed many of the participants have written about feelings of loneli-



Ruby McDorman, of the Colchester-East Hants Public Library, presents Melanie Greeno, of Wentworth, with the Ada Mingo Memorial Teen Writing Participation Award during a reception at the Library on May 8th. (Harrington Photo)



Ruby McDorman, of the Colchester-East Hants Public Library, presents Austin Miller, of Tatamagouche, with the Ada Mingo Memorial Teen Writing Participation Award during a reception at the Library on May 8th. (Harrington Photo)

ness and isolation. My mother lived in Upper Stewiacke and it was often hard to get books when you wanted them. Writing was always important to Ada and her family," said Nancy.

Danielle is the daughter of Kathy Hayward. She submitted a poem called "Memories", which was awarded first place in the 16-19 age category and carries a \$100 cash prize. Danielle says it was her

first time entering a creative writing contest.

Other winners in the 16-19 age group were 2nd Place- Krysti Matheson of Salmon River, 3rd Place- Jessica Shortt of Tatamagouche.

Winners in the 13-15 age group were: 1st Place- Elizabeth Schofield from Shubenacadie; 2nd Place- Amy Allain from Hilden; 3rd Place- Courtenay Belyea from Enfield.



The Ada Mingo Memorial Teen Writing Awards were presented at the Colchester-East Hants Public Library on May 8th. Award winners included (left to right)- Amy Allain (2nd Place, 13-15 Category), Danielle Hayward (1st Place, 16-19 Category), Elizabeth Schofield (1st Place, 13-15 Category) and Krysti Matheson (2nd Place, 16-19 Category). Missing from photo were Courtenay Belyea (3rd Place, 13-15 Category) and Jessica Shortt (3rd Place, 16-19 Category). (Harrington Photo)



Linda Slack, President of the Debert Legion Ladies Auxiliary, presents a cheque to Acting Legion President Charles Borden Jr. for \$3000. The presentation took place on Tuesday, April 27 at the auxiliary's general meeting to help pay for the new furnace we will be purchased this week. (Submitted Photo)

Chiganois Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

Eamon Staples won Historian of the Day Award at the Regional Heritage Fair. Kameron MacLeod and Ryan Bakker received Merit Awards. Congratulations to these winners and to all students who took part.

Grade Five students are heading to the Museum of Industry in Stellarton and then to Centennial Pool for a swim on June 1st. On June 2nd they will be going up to Central Colchester Junior High for a visit.

The Grade 2 and 3 classes went to Hidden Hilltop for mini golf and other fun filled activities, while the Grade Primary/One students enjoyed an adventure at the Wildlife Park.

New Primary students will visit the school on June 4th.

The Parent Teacher Group is looking for volunteers for the upcoming school year. They can use helpers during or after school hours.

Author Phillips Roy is coming to the grade 4/5 classes on June 7th. Final SAC and PTG meetings for the year will be held on June 9th beginning at 6:00PM. All are welcome. The PTG is sponsoring a family dance on June 10th.

The class configuration at Chiganois for 2010/11 will be two Grade Primary classes, one Grade 1 class, one Grade 1/2 class, one Grade 2 class, one Grade 3 class, and three Grade 4/5 classes. Expected enrollment is approx. 203 students.

June 15th will be the Indigo Celebration for the whole school beginning at 9:30AM. This will bring to an end the 3 year \$150,000 Indigo Award which has resulted in many many additions of books to both the library and classrooms. Thank you to Cara Murray, Kelly-Ryan Connolly and Joan VanGestel for the endless hours of time they have put into this project over the last three years.

The Field Day and Family Picnic will be held on June 16th. If you want to volunteer for the day, please call Miss Rip at the school and leave your name and contact number. Rain date will be June 21st. All families are welcome to stop by for lunch, please return the form by June 3rd. Remember to put on sunscreen, bring a water bottle and wear a hat!

Grade Five Graduation will be celebrated on June 23rd beginning at 9:30AM, with an assembly for all students. The Grade Five Grad Party, for only the Grade 5 students and their families, will be held at 3 p.m.

Students interested in a summer reading program can check

out www.scholastic.com/summer. This Scholastic Summer Challenge is designed to motivate students to read books for fun and includes a reading log.

Marking days are June 24 to 28. No school for students. Report Card Day is June 29th, students will come for about an hour in the morning.

Memories

I handed my mother a picture
One I printed with gold glitter
It was one of me and my sister
She snatched it from my hands, cutting my palms
Ripping it from corner to corner
Dissolving it into a million pieces on the floor
She fell to her bitterly bruised knees
Screaming for me to leave
I hesitated but was rushed out by her cries
Before I shut the door behind me
I peeked through the wooden crack
I saw my mother rushing for the glue
She started gluing the million pieces together
Faintly I heard her murmuring to herself
I'm sorry, I'm sorry, why did this have to happen
Frustration took over her as she glanced at me
Through the crack in the wooden door
She screamed, "why would you do this to me!"
Feeling worse than I have in 3 years
I started to cry
When I made this picture for her I thought she was finally over it
I was wrong, I should never have done this
My sister died 3 years ago.

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August 7TH

September 11TH

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VEHICLE REGISTRATION: \$12.00

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