



Myrtle Sprague celebrated her 90th birthday in Wentworth surrounded by family. Pictured above are: (front row): Sara Cotton, great-granddaughter; Myrtle Sprague; Stephanie Crawford, great-granddaughter; Second row: Grace Fiddes, daughter; Sheri Fiddes, granddaughter; Joyce Sprague, granddaughter; Kyle Cotton, great-grandson; Michael Hamilton, grandson; Melanie Sprague, great-granddaughter; Eleanor Sprague, daughter-in-law; Kevin Sprague, grandson; back row: Vernon Sprague, son; Andrew Hamilton, grandson; Sidney Hamilton, great-grandson and Vicki Hamilton, granddaughter. (Bridgewater Photo)

Myrtle Sprague Celebrates 90TH

By Hope Bridgewater

Myrtle Irene Sprague recently celebrated her 90th Birthday in Wentworth at the hall of the Wentworth United Church with over 100 people including family and friends. Her great-granddaughter, Stephanie Crawford, came all the way from Kuujuaq, Quebec and others from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia (Wentworth, Westchester, Truro and other surrounding areas).

The certificates of congratulation came from: Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada; David Johnston, Governor General of Canada; J. J. Grant, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia; Scott Armstrong, MP, Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit, Nova Scotia; Jamie Baillie, MLA, Cumberland South, Nova Scotia; Stephen McNeil, Liberal Leader of the Opposition, Nova Scotia and Keith Hunter, Warden of the Municipality of Cumberland, Nova Scotia. Two politicians came in person: Bill Baker, Municipal Councillor, District 6, and Kenny John Jackson, Liberal Candidate for next election in Cumberland South, who personally gave a certificate of congratulation to Myrtle.

Myrtle was born during a raging blizzard in Wentworth on January 11, 1923. Her parents were the late Charles Gower and Gladys (Swallow) Gower. In 1940 Myrtle married Ira Sprague and three children were born to them: Vernon, Grace, and Gladys. Vernon later married Eleanor Murray, Grace married the late Bill Fiddes, and the late Gladys married the late Murray Hamilton.

Myrtle has spent most of her life in Wentworth, but for the last five years she has made her home with her daughter Grace Fiddes of Lower Onslow and with her son Vernon and daughter-in-law Eleanor of Wentworth.

Myrtle is a life member of the Wentworth United Church and she often attends when in Wentworth. She is also a member of the Wentworth Pioneer Club and is a frequent member at the meetings at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. She is an expert at the game of Auction 45's.

The buffet meal of sandwiches, vegetable tray and fruit tray with dip, and birthday cake with ice-cream was served by Myrtle's grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

By Debbie Weatherby
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My goodness, talk about cold temperatures!! By the time I did my group boxes could hardly feel my fingers!! By the sounds of things will be cold for a few days yet. Am thinking we had a week or two in January of last year that was bitterly cold as well, but if a person thinks about it it is the 22nd at the moment, so 9 days left in January, only 28 in February and then 20 days in March and first day of spring, so not that far away.

Have been seeing lots of pheasants the last few days and a few deer but the pheasants seem to be everywhere. Not sure if it is the snow or the cold that is bringing them out.

Services are held every Sunday at the Trinity United Church in Onslow at 10:00 a.m. Trinity is at the corner of Meeting House Road and Onslow Road. All are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there. Card social of 45's is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 and a light lunch and prizes as well. All are welcome.

Card Party on Monday evenings at Lower Onslow Community Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 with a 50/50 draw and there is also a light lunch. Yoga is held on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 and then again from 7:30 to 8:30, then again on Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30, a drop in fee of \$8.00.

Belmont Baptist Church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Prayer meeting is held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Condolences go out to Joanne (Marshall) Weir, Belmont and families on the loss of her mother Marilyn Laura (Kaulback) Roode on Dec. 12, 2012; Stephen (Janice), Onslow and the families on the loss of his mother Marina "Joan" (Herring) Groves on Dec. 21, 2012; Daniel Muise, Belmont

and Pamela (Henderson) Muise and the families on the loss of his father Paul William "Snowball" Muise on Dec. 24, 2012; Frank (Carolyn) McNeil, Cross Roads and the families on the loss of his sister Marilyn D. Henderson on Dec. 31, 2012; Larry and Valerie Barclay, Crowe Mills and the families on the loss of their son Jarrett Ronald Barclay on Jan. 5, 2013; Cheryl Murray, Belmont on the loss of her mother Jessie (Nelson) (Murray) Clark on Jan. 9, 2013 and Sherry (Gary) Lindsay, Belmont, Ross (Marie), Belmont, Henrietta Morrissey of Belmont and the families on the loss of their mother and sister on Jan. 14, 2013.

Congratulations go out to Kayla and Nick Redden, Lower Onslow on the arrival of their baby girl on Dec. 14, 2012 weighing in at 8 lbs. 3 ozs.

It would seem Easter is the end of March this year and then March break is in there somewhere so the month will be a good one for the kids.

A certain someone, I know is heading down on her anniversary in Feb. to see Tim McGraw and Faith Hill in concert and I am just a tiny bit jealous Gena. But enjoy the concert and it will be fabulous of course and Happy Early Anniversary and Matt way to go. ENJOY.

Until next time take care everyone and be good to one another, life is just too darn short not to be.



Pat Murphy is sworn in as the newly elected President of Royal Canadian Legion Branch #72, Great Village by Zone 10 Commander, Alan Fahey and Deputy Zone 10 Commander Wilson MacDonald. (Harrington Photo)



The newly elected Executive for Royal Canadian Legion Branch #72, Great Village pose for a photo following their General Meeting. Left to right: Reg Myatt- Exec., Carlotta Langille- Exec., Ed Langille- Service Officer, Ron MacBurnie- Exec., Dan Wesley- 2nd Vice Pres., Pat Murphy- President, Logan Spencer- 1st Vice Pres., Arnold Williams- Sergeant-at-Arms, Betty MacNeil- Secretary, Joan Richard- Past Pres., Fred Richard- Treasurer. (Harrington Photo)

Lots of February Meetings in Masstown Area

By Christine Urquhart

The Masstown Community Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday February 5th, 7pm, at the restaurant part of the Masstown Market. Everyone welcome. We wish to thank all those of you who bought tickets on our Christmas Basket, the winner was Tracy Carrigan of Truro. Eric Jennings drew the winning ticket for the association.

Masstown UCW will meet on Thursday February 7th, at 2pm, at the Masstown United Church. We meet in the afternoons during the winter months to keep us from being out after dark (or at least that's our excuse!) All ladies are welcome to this and any of our UCW meetings.

Truro Presbyterian UCW will hold their Annual Meeting on Tuesday February 12th, reg-

istration from 9:30 to 10 am at First United Church, Truro. Guest speaker will be Joy Laking who will be talking about her trip to the remote village of Bolivia, South America where she taught art. There will be a business meeting and a Memorial Service in the afternoon. There will be a Book Display which we can access before the meeting starts and during our lunch hour. Bring a bag lunch and lug a mug. All ladies welcome!

The Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge will hold their Annual Meeting on Sunday February 17th at Erskine United in Glenholme. There will be a regular Church service starting at 10 am and then on to the individual Church meetings. After lunch we will meet as a Charge. All members and adherents are encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

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Winter — Wonderland Fundraising Festival Sat., February 9, 2013



Fundraiser for our dear friend & co-worker, Stephanie Baker, aka, "Crazy Steph". She has been diagnosed with a rare life threatening illness. For two years, Stephanie has worked as a cook at Masstown Market. Her co-workers are organizing this fundraiser.

Londonderry Community Hall—9 am–5pm

Activities:

- Silent Auction
- Kids Games
- Winter Fun
- Bring your toboggans or crazy carpet
- 50/50 & Raffles
- Door Prizes
- Free Lunch 12:30-2:00pm
Lunch donations accepted.
- Info: 662-3269
- Donations accepted at the door.
- Please come and Help us Help "Steph" your support is appreciated.