



Irene Gratto (center) was surprised with a birthday cake at the Maststown Coffee Party on Jan. 30th in celebration of her 80th birthday while Gail Hines (r) and Rebecca Penny (l) look on. (Harrington Photo)



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Five Islands & Economy News

By Brenda Moore & Ruth Thompson

Wow, what a storm February offered up. Nothing went untouched, and a lot of energy was spent "digging out". It surely makes you appreciate a sunny day and being able to move around easily. The newly improved rink at Five Islands is up and being enjoyed by young and old. The second annual carnival was held February 15 with numerous activities where were enjoyed by all who attended.

Eileen Loch hosted the UCV on February 11 and provided a lovely meal for the ten women in attendance. Prayers were said for missing member, Hazel Linkletter who has since passed away. Her loss will be felt throughout the community. A lovely "thank you" card was received from the students of the West Colchester Consolidated School for the donation to their lunch program.

The Five Islands Fire Brigade hosted a home-made ice cream social on Feb. 17. The ice cream was delightful and it provided a venue to meet and catch-up with neighbours. Washer Toss and Bingo are regularly occurring events at the Fire Hall. Everyone welcome.

Ladies of the Bazaar and interested community women will be getting together Feb 18 through 22 to, again, make quilts to donate to the IWK for sick children. In January 20 were completed. We'll give an update with the next issue. A representative of the IWK Volunteer Resources Department says all ages from newborn through 17 are supported and more than 1000 children attend the hospital each year.

The Economy Board of Stewards are offering their yummy beans and brown

bread takeout once again. Orders taken until March 2, call Shirley Soley at 647-2603. Also, March 16 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., an Italian Dinner will be hosted at the Peniel Church, Five Islands.

Beverley and Jack Ryan had their son and daughter-in-law and family visit them recently from New Brunswick. Beverley and Jack are always glad to see their family.

The winter storms have been brutal the last two times. Reminds me of the storms we used to have when I lived in Glenholme and had to walk to school. Most times I would meet the plow at the top of McDonald's hill and have to get over to the other side of the road quickly so the driver would not bury me in a snow bank. If I recall

Sympathy is extended to the Family of the Late Kate Webb formally of Economy, to the Family of the Late Margie Taggart of Bass River and to the Family of the late Keith Corbett formally of Bass River.

Finally, Our deepest sympathy goes out to George Linkletter on the passing of his dear wife Hazel. It will be different not seeing Hazel helping to pour tea, serve dessert or do anything at the next function. Our hearts go out to you George and your family. Gone but not forgotten. Call on any of us at any time George.

I am settled in Truro. I still need news from the folks in Economy. Brenda Moore in Five Islands has agreed to help me, SO PLEASE SEND NEWS TO HER OR ME. I would appreciate getting the news for Economy. I cannot print it if I do not get it.

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Spragues Organize Wentworth Night of Fun

By Hope Bridgewater

Once again the Sprague family (Fire Chief Kevin Sprague, Wee Wana Sprague, Melanie Sprague, former Fire Chief Vernon Sprague and Eleanor Sprague) showed their continuing volunteering for the Wentworth community by organizing a February Night of Fun at the Wentworth Fire Hall. One of the large Fire Trucks was moved to the outside of the Hall to make more room near the kitchen area, and tables/chairs were put in place for the crowd. A potluck supper was arranged on a long table in the kitchen/dining area and consisted of casseroles, salads, bread, biscuits, desserts and sweets (cakes, squares and cookies). Drinks provided were coffee, tea, pop, and punch. Grace was said by Rev. Linda Fillmore of Westchester Wesleyan Church.

The kitchen walls are hung with historic, cultural, and present day items. On one wall helmets hang in respect for those Wentworth Firefighters who have served the community for 35 years. By now in 2013, several have served more than the 35 years. Also, hanging there are plaques and certificates of respect from other Fire Departments and the Cumberland Municipal Council. On another wall is a painting from the students of the Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School, and this painting praises the



The Sprague family organized a Wentworth February Night of Fun at the Wentworth Fire Hall. From left to right are Fire Chief Kevin Sprague, Wee Wana Sprague, Melanie Sprague, former Fire Chief Vernon Sprague and Eleanor Sprague. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

Wentworth Fire Department for its work in the community. On another wall is the historic Fireman's Prayer which notes the risks firefighters take in saving the lives of others. Coming to the present day, another side has a flat screen wall television in order to bring people up-to-date on the latest information about fire fighting.

Eleanor Sprague notified people of the party and, although some were unable to attend, many did come including several firefighters and their families: Carl Black, Greg Bridgewater, Hope Bridgewater, Malcolm Brown, Pearl Crowley, Rev. Brian DeLong (Minister of Wentworth United Church),

Beth Draper, Rev. Linda Fillmore, Sterling Fillmore, Ethel Gilroy, Marion Gower, Norman Gower, Florence Harnish, Stacie MacLeod, Bella MacLeod, Ellie MacLeod, Al McLellan, Shelley McLellan, Hunter McLellan, Claire Patriquin, Joe Patriquin, Georgina Patriquin, Glen Rushton, Valerie Rushton, Conor Scallion, Christine Scallion, Jeremy Tattie, Jackie Tattie, Ellie Tattie, Leigh Turnbull and Darlene Turnbull.

After the potluck supper, several people played the card game Auction 45's according to the Wentworth rules and also the game Dominoes. Reverting back to the Sprague family, they are

well known for their volunteering, but as well for their contribution to the economic infrastructure of the Wentworth community with their farm work, delivery of wood to residents, and to the snowplowing of lanes in winter. Vernon Sprague is well known for his splendid Belgian horses named Chance, Sandy, and June, and they can usually be seen in his farm pasture as one drives by. Living across the road from former Fire Chief Vernon Sprague is his son Fire Chief Kevin Sprague and family, and they are an excellent example of family relatives working together for the benefit of the community.

Chiganois Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

February was African Heritage Month. African Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the culture, histories, and contributions of people of African descent provincially, nationally and globally. CCRSB encouraged staff and students to include this in their curriculum, school displays and special events. CCRSB continues to celebrate AHM in its schools and workplaces.

All students have really been enjoying skating in Debert on Fridays; thank you to everyone for making this event happen. Special thanks to the PTG and Tim Horton's for helping with the cost.

Yoga has once again been a hit with students. New for students is Computer club which is held on Thursdays after school. Thank you to Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. White for organizing these great clubs!

The last meeting of the SAC was February 6th. The focus of the group over the past few months has been

preparing a presentation for the School Board to try and keep grade six students at Chiganois. Still awaiting a decision as to whether or not this will be looked at any further.

Chiganois school community would like to share the wonderful accomplishments of students that happen outside of the school. Email the school with your child's name and the special news and this info will be put into the newsletter.

Jessica Lynds, in Grade Four, has been given an award for the Annual Literacy & Poster Contest that was put on by the Royal Canadian Legion. Great job!

Everyone at the school is so happy to be participating in weekly Wednesday Zumba. Stephanie Bilby is the trained instructor who is getting students and staff moving. An honorarium is being provided to Stephanie through the Healthy Promoting Schools Initiative.

In addition, Mrs. Bilby is

also offering Zubatomic each Monday starting Feb 11th at Debert Elementary from 6:00-6:30 for children ages 4-12. Cost is \$3.00 per child. For more information you can email Mrs. Bilby at sbilby@eastlink.ca

On February 14th students and staff were encouraged to wear red in support of Valentine's Day and for our Wear Red for the Kid's Help Line fundraiser. All donations were made on behalf of the school to the Kid's Help Line.

On the 14th, all students and staff participated in Multicultural Stations organized by Mrs. White, Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Robertson.

Grades 4/5 students will all be doing a Science Fair project and participating in the school fair on March 7th.

March 6th, Grade Four and Five students will be given the opportunity to go skiing in Wentworth. As per School Board policy the student and his/her parent must attend a mandatory meeting. This meeting is slated for February

26th at 6:30pm.

Mrs. Saunders would like to collect pennies to help buy new musical instruments for the music department. Any student who brings in "rolled" pennies will have their name entered in a draw for a special prize. Loose pennies are welcome as we have students who have volunteered to roll them for this great cause. Get your pennies together! (The public is welcome to drop off pennies at the school)

Winter Carnival will be held from March 4th to 7th. Monday will be PJ Day and Pancake Day, Tuesday is Crazy Hat/Hair Day, Wednesday is Character Day with a Sock-Hop for P-3 students in the afternoon, Thursday is Snow Fun.

Report cards will go home on March 4th, with Parent/Teacher interviews held Thursday evening from 6-8:00PM and Friday, 9AM until noon.

There is no school for students on Friday, March 8th. Enjoy your March Break until Monday, March 18th. Good Friday is another holiday on March 29th.

Band Hall to undergo More Renovations in 2013

By Carolyn Henwood

We at the Band Hall in Parrsboro are starting 2013 with high energy and hope to accomplish still more in the renovation of this very unique building.

2012 saw many improvements that are part of a 5 year strategy plan, such as replacing the western side of the roof, painting the East side of the building replacing floor and painting in the annex. These things are done with the help of many volunteers and money generated by donations and membership dues.

The hall is shaping up with the original paint colour's done on the outside it is a place we can be very proud of. To continue with this worthy project we need your help which renewing your membership or taking out a new one will facilitate.

The Hall has become a place where we can offer music events, movies, art shows, private parties and a gathering place for community events. It is an exciting time and we are dedicated to doing the very best with the money that is generated from events,

and membership sales.

The Hall is an amazing building that most of my age have many fond memories of concerts and Home education classes and, oh, the hot chocolate on those cold winter days. It served us well and now we can help to make it stand tall for the generations that are coming up who will carry their own fond memories.

Please consider renewing your membership or becoming part of this amazing team. If you volunteer in some way it would be greatly appreciated or if that is not your thing, know membership will give a financial and moral boost to a project that is proving worthy of our small community and hope you will want to be also.

I am available at most times to discuss any ideas or answer questions you may have.

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