

OBITUARIES

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WINTERS, Bedford G. "Boop" — Age 75, of Parrsboro passed away Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at High Crest, Springhill. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Claude and Flossie (King) Winters. Boop was a very active community member, serving for many years with the Parrsboro Lions Club, among many other organizations. He was past president of Legion Branch #45, Parrsboro. He is survived by his wife, the former Bernice Lickers; a daughter, Dawn Winters, Joggins; sons, Gordon, Ajax, Ont.; William, Brampton, Ont.; sisters, June Campbell, Parrsboro; Millie Venus, Richmond, B.C.; brothers, Charlie (Nancy), Parrsboro; Clyde "Cuddy" (Sally), Dartmouth; Stanley (Pauline), Saint John, N.B.; brother in law, Arthur Ramsperger, Parrsboro; six grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Colleen. A private family service will be held at a later date. A Celebration of Boop's Life was held February 13, 2016 at the Parrsboro Legion, Branch #45. Memorial donations may be made to Legion Branch #45, Parrsboro. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

ROLFE, Gill J. — Age 61, of Parrsboro passed away Thursday, February 11, 2016 at South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro following a long battle with cancer. Gill was always a "happy-go-lucky" person who loved to fish and work at the weir. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Born in Amherst, he was a son of Emma Rolfe, Amherst and the late Percy Rolfe. He is survived by his companion, Heather Young; sisters, Kathleen Carter, Lillian Gonnella, Hilda Rayworth; brothers, William Rolfe, Joe Rolfe; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Betty; a brother, Allan; special grandmother, Mertes Dowe. A Celebration of Life gathering in memory of Gill was held February 13, 2016 at the Parrsboro Legion Branch #45. All are welcome! Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

MORRIS, Frances E. — Age 92, of Port Greville passed away peacefully on Friday, February 12, 2016 at the Bayview Memorial Health Centre, Advocate Harbour. Born in North Greville, she was a daughter of the late Sherman and Winnifred (Parsons) McCulley. She is survived by a daughter, Barbara Hilchie, Dartmouth; sons, Scott (Ruby), Springhill Junction; Danny (Charlotte), Apple River; son-in-law, Doug Marshall, Springhill; a brother, Donald McCulley, Parrsboro; 8 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, Forrest "Tudd" Morris; a daughter, Clayola "Clay" Marshall; a son, Dara; sisters, Ada, Willena, Kathleen; brothers, Oscar, Malcolm, Douglas, Dwelton. Funeral service was held February 15, 2016 at Grace United Church, Port Greville, Peter Hoar officiating. Burial in the church cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Bayview Memorial Health Centre Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

WELTON, Milford C. — Age 72, of Two Islands passed away peacefully on Monday, February 15, 2016 at home surrounded by family. Born in Two Islands, he was a son of the late Harold and Kathleen (Patterson) Welton. Milford was a proud farmer. He is survived by his wife, the former Brenda Parker; his children, Alexander Welton (Lisa), Parrsboro; Kathleen Welton (Paul McCarthy), Amherst Point; his step-children; Tracy McCulley, Vanderhoof, B.C.; Kim Faulkner (Steve), Rankin Inlet, Nunavut; Shelley Hines (Mark), Campbellton, N.B.; Dana McCulley (Alyson Pickard), Parrsboro; a brother, George (Holly), Amherst; 10 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Sylvia; special grandparents, George and Hilda (MacAloney) Patterson. Funeral service was held February 19, 2016 at St. George's Anglican Church, Parrsboro, the Rev. Dr. Brian Spence officiating. Burial will take place in the church cemetery at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

CROSSMAN, Florence Anne — 95, Truro, passed away in Cedarstone Enhanced Care on February 18, 2016. Born in St. Paul de Kent, N.B., she was the daughter of the late Angus and Delphine (Goguen) LeBlanc. Florence was a member of the Catholic Women's League and a longtime member of the Immaculate Conception Church choir. Florence is survived by her sons, Alan (Gae), Crowes Mills, Paul (Cindy) Kemptown, Wayne (Linda), Crowes Mills and Randy (Bev), Lower Truro; ten grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; sister, Theresa Kaye, Bible Hill; brother, Leo (Dot) LeBlanc, Dieppe N.B. She was predeceased by her husband, Avard in 2002 as well as sisters, Angelica, Anna and Aureole. No visitation by family request. A Funeral Mass was celebrated February 23rd at 11am in Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 669 Prince St., Truro, with Fr. Dariusz Miskowicz, officiating. Interment will take place at a later date in Robie Street Cemetery, Truro. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

Things in Full Swing at Truro-North River 4-H

By Xavier LeBlanc

With events starting to get into full swing, this is looking to be a promising and productive year for the T.N.R. 4-H club. Two future event opportunities were brought to the club's attention; AVC Vet Camp (held in July), and Dalhousie's Small Farm Expo at the Agricultural Campus (for another year, T.N.R. members will be helping out at the daycare).

Every year, in order to pay for the North River Fire Hall for allowing us to use their facilities throughout the year, a number of members volun-

teer their time to help serve at the annual Firemen's Banquet. We had twice as many volunteers as last year, which no doubt made the event run much more smoothly.

Starting this year, we have also put together a wish-list of sorts, where leaders bring forward items they want or need for their projects, and we get it for them using club funds. This month, wish-list ideas were approved for Light Horse, First Aid, and Cake Decorating.

Having 11 project reports given is also a testament to how much we're getting done

now. Meeting reports were given by members of the Exploring 4-H, Light Horse, Mini Horse, Sheep, Chocolate, Fine Arts, Photography, Woodworking, Goat, Rabbit, and Computer projects.

A date has been set for our club rally, although there are definitely mixed feelings within the club. Some members who enjoy public speaking are looking forward to the event, but those of us that don't are no doubt dreading the day. This is a public event, so feel free to mark the day on your calendar and drop in to the North River Fire Hall at 7pm on March 3rd. The extra support certainly won't be a problem, that's for sure. Also, in case anyone needs a little extra incentive; there will be

free food available.

To finish off the meeting, we had demonstrations of judging and public speaking for our new members, since the last thing we want is for them to go in for either event and have no idea what to do. Plus, as a club, T.N.R. has made a goal that we will do everything we can to make sure that our members do better on judging at both county and provincial levels.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9th, at 7pm at the North River Fire Hall. New faces are always welcome, so feel free to drop by.

Xavier LeBlanc is club reporter for the Truro-North River 4-H Club.

MacCaul Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

We were served a lovely lunch in the lounge on January 26th. We had entertainment provided by some young ladies who led us in a few games of charades. We had a lunch of sandwiches and many tasty desserts. Thank you to Marilyn Adams and all who helped with this time.

The family of Bernice Kaulback had a birthday party for her on January 30th in the lounge. There was a beautiful lunch and birthday cake served, as well, there was music provided by Bud and Dennis. All residents were invited, and many attended. All the best to you Bernice!

On February 17th, we had a meal together in the lounge. This would not have been possible without the help of many volunteers. They gave of their time and supplied the food. We had a delicious lunch of ham, salads, rolls, tea and coffee. Charlotte, the instructor with the CALA program, also attended, and she supplied a birthday cake for Morris for dessert. We wish to thank Betty Hill, Florence

Adams, and Marilyn Adams, as well as Charlotte (CALA). We had a great time!

Birthday for the month of February is Morris Eagles. Happy Birthday Morris, and all the best for 2016.

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Myles Rushton. Myles was well-known in this area being a Legion member, United Church member, and for many years drove the rural route mail in our district.

We now have bus service to the Masstown Market every second Thursday for around an hour and a half. It is a wonderful service for us here because so many do not have any transportation. The bus is supplied by the Market.

Shirley Ryan has had her second cataract surgery and she is doing well.

Barbara Ryan spent most of last week visiting her brother in Truro.

There are many signs of spring around here. The other day, I saw a robin, and then, not just one, but a flock! It is nice to see. We hope for an early spring!

HART, Robert Samuel "Bob" — 86, Carrs Brook, Economy, Colchester County, passed away peacefully at home, on Saturday, February 20, 2016, following a lengthy illness with olivopontocerebellar atrophy and is now at rest. Born in Wallasey, England, he was a son of the late Samuel and Elizabeth (Worrall) Hart. Bob is survived by his loving wife and caregiver, Margaret McLellan-Hart; sons, Stephen Hart, David Hart, Colin Hart; sister, Mavis (Jim) Campbell; brother, Ellis (Christine) Hart, all of England; step-children, Travis (Ardell) Caudle, New Waterford; Shana Caudle (Dane Eresman), Calgary; Cody Caudle (Katie Ferrier), Economy and Mount Forest, Ontario; Bronwyn (Michael) Di Chiazza, Toronto, Ontario; several grandchildren, step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Interment will be held at a later date in Economy Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall — Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

ALLEN, E. Steven — 53, of Lower Five Islands passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, following a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Truro, he was the son of the late Russell and Jennie (Davis) Allen. Steven was a member of Legion Branch #45, Parrsboro, and was an honorary member of the Five Islands Fire Brigade. He is survived by sisters, Eileen Allen, Nancy Davis (Glendon), Cheryl Hatfield (Todd); all of Five Islands; nieces, Gillian Davis, Lower Five Islands, Roxanne Starr (Rick), Calgary, Alta.; Penny Lewis (Michael Elliott), Five Islands; nephews, Craig Hatfield, Five Islands; Terrance Hatfield, Calgary; great nieces, Sykora, Preslee, Amelia, Madelyn, Caitlyn, Serenity; great nephews, Christopher, Hayden; brother in law, Spencer Volans (Gail), Upper Stewiacke. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by sisters, Diane, Linda in infancy; a brother in law, Smith "Timmy" Lewis. Funeral service will be held at the Peniel United Church, Five Islands on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., Rev. Florence Antle-Brison officiating. Reception to follow at the Five Islands Fire Hall. Memorial donations to Peniel United Church, Five Islands or to the Five Islands Fire Department. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at: www.smithsfuneralhome.com

Kevin Sprague Celebrates 50TH



Kevin Sprague celebrates his 50th birthday standing at a mural called "Hands of the Future" at the Wentworth Fire Hall. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

Kevin Sprague, Fire Chief of the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department, recently celebrated his 50th birthday at a lively (lots of children there!) and entertaining party at the Wentworth Fire Hall. Kevin's mother, Eleanor Sprague, who helped organize the party, summed up the event eloquently to me and I now use her exact words as follows in the next few paragraphs:

"On Saturday evening [January 9, 2016] approximately forty family and friends gathered at the Wentworth Fire Hall to help Kevin Sprague celebrate his 50th birthday.

Kevin was born January 9, 1966, son of Vernon and Eleanor Sprague. Kevin attended Wentworth Elementary and Pugwash District High. As a small child, Kevin always wanted to be working around with his dad. Upon leaving school, he started working on the farm with his father and has since become part owner. He also followed his father's footsteps when he took over the office of Fire Chief in 2003 from his father who held the position for twenty years.

Kevin's only hobby is antique cars, and, when he can find time, he loves to attend car shows. He is proud owner of a 1980 Z28 Camaro, a 1974 VW Bug and also a 1952 Farmall tractor.

The Hall was nicely decorated for the occasion with 50th decorations suspended from the ceiling and helium balloons floating around the room which the children enjoyed playing with. His wife Wee Wana provided a beautiful table of sandwiches and sweets, and his daughter Melanie (with the help of her boyfriend David) made a cake representing Kevin's garage. The evening was spent in social chit-chat, and Kevin would like to thank everyone for the cards, best wishes, and

gifts - and most of all for coming out on such a stormy night!"

Turning more serious for a moment, I will mention Kevin's contribution as Fire Chief in his role as leader. Referring to his photo in this column, Kevin is standing before a mural with the title "Hands of the Future" and it was created for the Fire Hall by students of the Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School. It is inspiring to list all the attention Kevin and his crew of firefighters paid to the Wentworth students: they gave lessons on fire safety during Fire Prevention Week and at other times; they taught snow plow safety; they brought a fire hose in winter to make ice for a skating rink; they attended graduation ceremonies and school concerts (invitations from school principals to the firefighters in uniform); served meals at Christmas and Thanksgiving in the school auditorium (again by invitation); they hired a Santa Claus and helped in giving out treats; they held a Halloween Trick or Treat party at the Fire Hall for students and their parents; and they gave monetary scholarships to grade six students to buy school supplies for grade seven at Pugwash District High.

These firefighters gave the students a positive relationship with the Wentworth community, and these sessions are no longer happening as unfortunately the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board closed the Wentworth Elementary School in June, 2015.

For all ages the Fire Chief and the other firefighters help the Wentworth community at all hours of the day and night at risky tasks during fires, storms, rescues and accidents. They do this work as volunteers and we can never thank them enough.