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Belledune-raised family physician named president of national association

A former Belledune resident who went to high school in Bathurst is the new president of the biggest association of family physicians in Canada.

Dr. Rob Boulay, who practices in

Miramichi, was installed as president of the College of Family Physicians of Canada in the Vancouver Convention Centre on Oct. 15 during the 2010 Family Medicine Forum. Sitting right up

front cheering him on were his children, wife and parents.

"It's a great honor for him and his family," said his mother Georgette

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Eco-tourists to Belledune's salmon barrier would experience conservation up close. In this photograph, from left to right are Emile Guitard, Flo Guitard, salmon barrier employee Kirk Pitre, Katrina Guitard, George Flanagan and salmon barrier employee Joanne Hache. Submitted by Andy Flanagan.

Salmon eco-tourism coming to Belledune

A conservation project to help Atlantic salmon in the Jacquet River is being eyed as the linchpin for a possible eco-tourism operation that could start as soon as next July.

Andy Flanagan, the Village of Belledune's community development officer, says the eco-tourism operation dubbed

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Skateboard park goes up in Jacquet River

A crew from Atholville-based Kangaroo Playgrounds finished setting up the skateboard park in Jacquet River in early October.

And Duane Samson, a Kangaroo employee who helped install the equipment, said this is a park built to last for several

generations.

"This will last 30 years," said Mr. Samson.

"[The current skateboarding teens] kids will be skateboarding on it," he said.

Mayor Nick Duivenvoorden is proud the community now has the skateboard park, which was made possible with the help of

funding from the Regional Development Corporation, the New Brunswick Children's Foundation, and the Village of Belledune.

"I hope the youth of the community make good use of the park and I know they will as I have seen children there many times in my

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Belledune In Brief

New Year's dance will help local groups

A Belledune man is organizing a New Year's dance to help raise funds for the Jacquet River School breakfast program and the Relay for Life.

Morris Stevens says half of the money raised will go to the school breakfast program and the other half to the Relay for Life.

"They're both good causes in the community and I want to help," he said.

The dance, which will feature the musical stylings of George Snyder and finger foods, will be held in the Belledune Cultural and Recreation Centre on Dec. 31 from 9 p.m. – 1 a.m. A limited number of tickets will be going on sale during the first week of December for \$10 each and will be available from Mr. Stevens and the Village of Belledune municipal office.

Flo Guitard, chairperson for the Belledune Relay for Life, will be helping to coordinate the event.

Council thinking about buying a new bus

The mayor and council of the Village of Belledune are considering the purchase of a new bus.

Earlier this year, Chief Administrative Officer David Hughes told council he shares their concern about the condition of the bus.

"I share everyone's frustration that it keeps going into the garage," he said.

The chief administrative officer suggested council should consider whether it wants to buy a new bus, have this one repaired again, or any other options regarding the bus as part of the budget process.

Mayor Nick Duivenvoorden agreed.

"In the very near future, we have to make a decision to park this bus permanently or sell it off and then decide whether or not to get another bus," said the mayor. "It's something that will have to be addressed during the budget process."

Embassy delegates visit Port of Belledune

Delegates from the Canadian embassies in Beijing, London, Paris and Rome as well as the Canadian consulates of Chicago and Miami visited the Port of Belledune and other infrastructure projects in the Chaleur region in late September.

"This was an excellent opportunity to highlight the strategic assets of the Chaleur region to the commercial delegates and to discuss business and investment attraction opportunities," said Donald Hammond, executive director of Enterprise Chaleur. "They will therefore be able to better support us in identifying potential investors who are seeking new markets and strategic sites for [their businesses]."

Port launches Arctic shipping website

The Belledune Port Authority has officially launched a micro website to promote Arctic shipping.

Jenna Doucet, director of marketing at the port, said www.thearticgateway.ca is a fantastic new way for the Port of Belledune to demonstrate what it has to offer.

"Arctic shipping is being discussed more frequently and is becoming a reality for the shipping community," said Ms. Doucet.

The Port of Belledune, a year-round marine transport facility, offers a longer shipping season to northern regions.

Belledune EMO Emergency Preparedness Tip

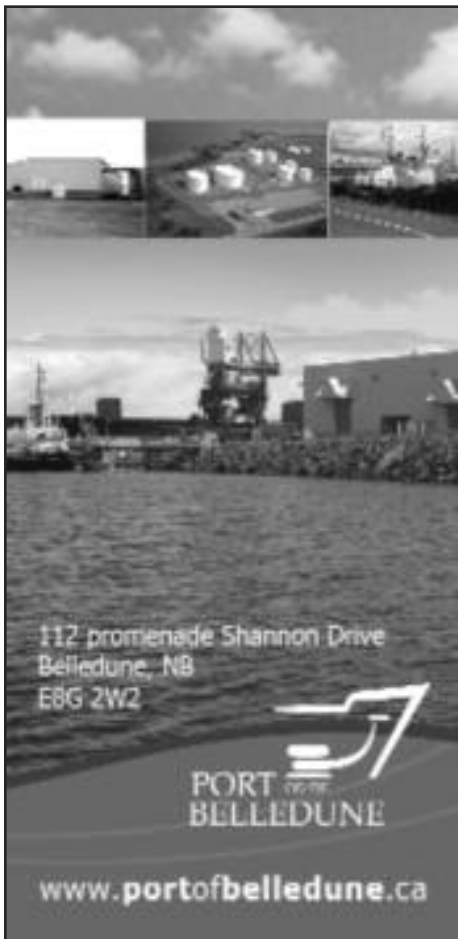
BY LORENZO GRANT

If an emergency happens in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to reach you. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours.

Learn how quick and easy it is to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies - anytime, anywhere. Use the guide that you have received in the mail to create your own emergency plan. Use the checklists to build a 72-hour emergency kit. These basic steps will help you take care of yourself and your loved ones during an emergency.

Council Meeting Schedule

Nov. 15	7 p.m.
Dec. 20	7 p.m.



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Boulay was BHS' class valedictorian

Boulay. "We can't be any prouder. We were so happy to be there and be part of his installation."

Dr. Boulay's father, Everett Boulay, is a retired millwright; his mother is a retired teacher. Both of them still live in Belledune where they raised their family. They say they're not surprised their son turned out to be such a well-known family physician.

"He's so glad to be a doctor and he's worked hard at it," said Everett Boulay.

Born in Bathurst, the 57th president of the College of Family Physicians spent his youth in Belledune and often comes home to visit his parents. They describe him as a quiet son who was the valedictorian of his graduating class and greatly enjoyed his involvement with the drama club at Bathurst High School.

"They put on plays and throughout high school he was involved in drama," said his mother. "One of [the plays they put on] was Godspell. Bob's a good singer. He sings in the choir at his church."

After high school, Dr. Boulay went to Dalhousie Medical School and later opened his own family practice in Miramichi where his scope of care includes in-patient care and emergency room work. He teaches medical students and family medicine residents and has been the medical education director at the Miramichi Regional Health Authority. He is still involved with the development of the Dalhousie medical education program for New Brunswick.

In 2006, he was given the Reg. L. Perkin Award for being



Dr. Robert Boulay, the newly-installed president of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, is proud of his Belledune roots.

the Family Physician of the Year in New Brunswick.

The opportunity to head the 24,000-strong College of Family Physicians of Canada, though, is especially exciting to Dr. Boulay who is hoping to use his term as president of the national association to encourage Canada's family physicians to take leadership roles in their communities.

"It's a huge honour," he said. "I'm very excited about the upcoming year and spreading the good news of the College of Family Physicians throughout the country. My big thing is leadership – about family doctors becoming leaders in their communities."

The Belledune-raised physician has already been in Ottawa to meet with representatives of the Medical Council of Canada and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. Throughout the coming year, another doctor

will be helping Dr. Boulay with his practice in Miramichi so that he can devote the time he will need to the national organization.

But no matter where he goes, Dr. Boulay remains true to his roots. In Vancouver, he made sure to mention northern New Brunswick to the crowd of family physicians in attendance for his installation.

"I'm proud of my roots," he says. "I'm proud to be a Bathurst High School graduate and of being the guy from northern New Brunswick."

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Teens presented petition

travels," said Mayor Duivenvoorden.

"It's always nice to have a variety of things for our youth to do and we are proud to have added one more attraction."

All of the equipment in the skateboard park is made of aluminum, except for the rails used by skateboarders to slide sideways which are made of steel.

"Aluminum is lightweight, easy to work with, and it never rusts," said Mr. Samson. "And it's cheaper than steel."

The Village of Belledune built the skateboard park, at a total cost of about \$61,730, after teenaged skateboarders presented the mayor and council with a

petition of about 400 signatures of people supporting the creation of such a park.

The equipment for the park itself cost about \$52,900 and the asphalt pad for the park another \$8,830.

The new skateboard park is behind the tennis courts near the Jacquet River firehall.

Kangaroo Playgrounds' Duane Samson put the finishing touches on the skateboard park in Jacquet River in mid-October.





James' Messenger

Vets are heroes who fought for freedom

When the Allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy, I wasn't there. The Korean War. The Vietnam War. The peacekeeping missions in Yugoslavia and Afghanistan.

I missed them all by nothing more than the virtue of being born in between wars. Pure, dumb luck.

For me and for many people of my generation, war was a game we played as kids with badly-made plastic, toy guns. Every now and then, someone would lob a potato or apple "grenade" and our friends, the victims of our pretend attacks, would throw themselves to the ground, gasping for air, crawling on the ground. The real hams would fire off a few shots back or manage to whisper out orders to their buddies before finally succumbing to our attack. Then, everyone would get up, go home, grab peanut butter sandwiches and milk and play another game.

Later generations have turned war into the backdrop for video games, movies and music videos. I've watched my fair share of them.

It's so easy for many of us today who have grown up during peacetime to get lulled into a false sense of security. War just doesn't seem real to us.

But, unfortunately, it is all too real. The courageous men and women who have fought and in many cases died for our freedoms and those who continue to do so today in far-flung countries know that only too well.

These people are heroes. They deserve our respect. And our thanks.

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Atlantic Salmon Mysteries would make \$10,000 annually

Atlantic Salmon Mysteries could bring in \$10,000 per year by the year 2015 and this money would help offset the government's declining financial contribution.

Here's how it would work. For \$22.50, visitors to the salmon barrier would be able to take part in the conservation effort to help Atlantic salmon for about 1.5 hours on either Tuesdays or Thursdays from July 1 through to Sept. 30. These eco-tourists would be provided with hip waders, lifejackets and protective clothing and help in several tasks, including the recording of dates, the measurement of salmon and the transportation of immature salmon and trout up the river by canoe as well as the repair of portions of the barrier.

"Our guests will learn about the lifecycle of the Atlantic salmon," said Mr. Flanagan.

Eco-tourists to the salmon barrier would be provided with a lunch of smoked Atlantic salmon pate, home-made bread and refreshments and given a free keepsake of their experience as well as an opportunity to buy souvenirs.

The Atlantic Salmon Mysteries eco-tourism operation is expected to cost about \$2,500 for safety and protective clothing next year. The Belledune Regional Environmental Association has already paid \$600 for advertising with NB Tourism this year.

The employees at the Jacquet River salmon barrier feed and care for up to 3,000 fry every year. Eggs are manually extracted, fertilized and then transported to the Charlo salmon hatchery.

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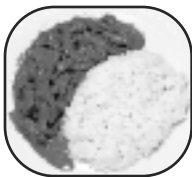
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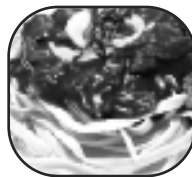
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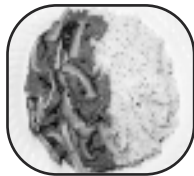
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What does Remembrance Day mean to you?

Every month or so, The Belledune Messenger heads out to take the pulse of the community. In view of the time of the year, we went out in October and asked you

for your views on Remembrance Day.

What does Remembrance Day mean to you?

Here is what a few people answered.



“Remembering my grandfather and my father’s efforts. If you look at the pictures here in the Legion, I knew half of them,” said Jacquet River’s Wade Shannon.



Thirty-eight-year-old Neil Bertin, of Gravel Hill, was succinct.

“Freedom!” he said.



“It’s a beautiful day,” said Val D’Amour’s Marcel Levesque. “My father was an army veteran.”



“Freedom!” said Jeannette Levesque-McKendrick, echoing Mr. Bertin.



“It’s a day of thanks for freedom, for all they did for us and their sacrifice,” said Jacquet River’s Tina Shannon.



“It’s all about what they’ve done for us, sacrificing their lives,” said Pat Cook, of Jacquet River.

Birthday Corner

All birthday wishes must include the first and last names of the well-wisher and the person having the birthday, the type of relationship between them, and the age of the birthday person. E-mail your birthday wishes to: acimediagroup@nb.aibn.com.

Happy Birthday, **Emilie Risdon!** *The Belledune Messenger* publisher and father James Risdon offers up hugs and kisses and presents and a cake to his eight-year-old daughter on the occasion of her birthday on Nov. 27.

Belledune Community Resources

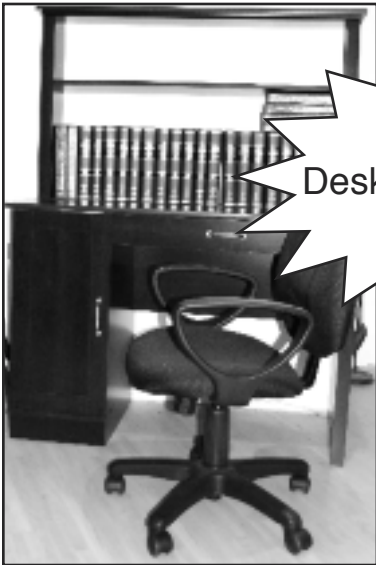
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Belledune District Planning Commission	542-2688
Belledune Public Library	522-3701
Emergency	911
Environment New Brunswick Emergencies	547-2092 1-800-565-1633, afterhours
MLA Roland Haché - Nigadoo Chaleur Riding	542-2424, during business hours
MP Tilly O'Neill-Gordon - Miramichi Riding	1-800-567-5564 237-2333
NB Power - Outages - Streetlights	1-800-663-6272
RCMP	911 For emergencies 1-888-506-7267 Non-emergency
Blue Bin Recycling Program	546-8016, ask for Sarah
Restigouche County - SPCA - Animal Control	684-4396 557-9790 emergency
Roman Catholic churches - St. Gabriel The Archangel & St. John the Evangelist	237-2027
Royal Canadian Legion Durham - Jacquet River	237-2983
Village of Belledune Municipal Office	522-3700
Chief Administrative Officer - David Hughes	522-3703
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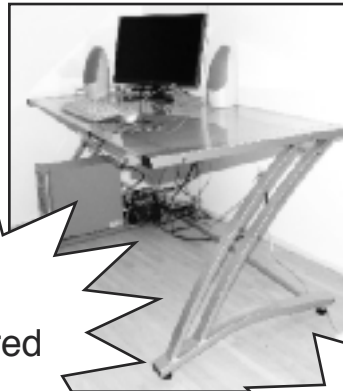
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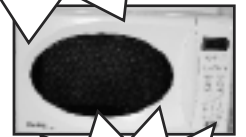


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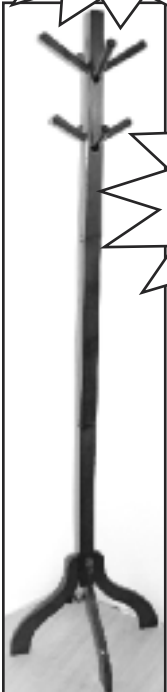
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Yep, summer is really over

Culligan's Cantine - as sure a sign of summer in Belledune as anything else - closed for the season on Oct. 17, signaling the unofficial arrival of winter. Here, Culligan's employee Theresa Mazerolle serves up one of the last hot and gooey poutines of the season.

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