

# The Belledune Messenger

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The NHL Oldtimers will take on and play beside local hockey players at the Belledune arena Feb. 4. Players and sponsors of the event met at centre ice in January to practice and have this photograph taken to remember the event. In the first row, from left to right, are: Claude Doucet, Port of Belledune; Ron Bourque, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 77; Frank Arsenault ( President) Royal Canadian Legion Branch 77; Jon Audit Belledune Selects Coach; Harold Carrier, Belledune Selects Coach. In the second row; Mark Arsenault Royal Canadian Legion Branch 77; Regent Firlotte, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 77; Jenna Doucet, Belledune Port Authority; Emmie Flannagan, Village of Belledune; Jimmy Gauthier Coach, NHL Oldtimers; Arthur Winton, coach, NHL Oldtimers; Scott Duivenvoorden, goaltender, NHL Oldtimers. In the third row; Tyler Knowles, goaltender, Belledune Selects; NHL Oldtimers Gary Mazerolle; Morris Stevens; Donny Moriarty; and Belledune Selects Paul Arseneau; Alan St. Coeur; Jimmy Hilliard; Rodney McCurdy. In the fourth row are: Casper Mallaley; Scott Labillois; Kevin Culligan; Keith Legacy; Paul Lawlor; Steve Shannon; and Chester Lapointe Jr. Missing are: Jimmy Carrier, Leo Luongo; Rick Lavigne; Remi Doucet; and Nick Duivenvoorden.

## NHL Oldtimers coming to Belledune

It's a game Rodney McCurdy expects to lose.

But just the thrill of playing with some of the National Hockey League's greatest players is well worth it for the 41-year-old Black Point man.

"I'm going to go out there to have fun, smile and have a good time," he said. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance."

On Feb. 4, Mr. McCurdy, other members of the Belledune Selects hockey team and a handful of other local

players will join the NHL Oldtimers on the ice in a game expected to pack a capacity crowd into the Belledune arena. The NHL Classic Oldtimers event, jointly sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion

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## Get us another bank, say residents

A survey of Belledune residents shows most of them want to have some sort of financial institution in Jacquet River, says Andy Flanagan, the Village of Belledune's community development officer.

"Our preference is to keep the Bank of Nova Scotia but, if they're leaving, then folks are telling us to try and get another

bank," said Mr. Flanagan.

In December, a poster on the front window of the local bank announced the branch's planned closure on June 17. A Scotiabank official has said employees at the Jacquet River branch are to be transferred to bank's Bathurst branch, where services will be expanded.

The only thing Scotiabank plans to leave behind in Belledune after doing business in the community for more than 100 years is an automated teller machine, or ATM.

"The community grew from a \$32-million to a \$450-million tax base from the 1990s to 2011 and [Scotiabank officials are] telling

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## Belledune In Brief

### Wastewater Options Committee is formed

When council voted in mid-June last year to shelve its controversial, \$7.2-million sewage system and lagoon for the western end of Belledune, it also stated it would form a committee to look at other ways of dealing with the situation.

In January, the council of the Village of Belledune kept that promise by forming the Wastewater Options Study Committee. Councillors Paul Daley, Emmie Flanagan, Jerry Guitard and Mario Lapointe will sit on that committee. Its mandate includes investigating other options to wastewater management, including a septic system management plan and groundwater protection program.

In June last year, Councillor Daley said the shelving of the project would allow it to be put back on the table as

an election issue in the 2012 municipal elections.



**Crimestoppers**  
**1-800-222-TIPS**

**Restigouche Crimestoppers president Ron Bourque wants the Village of Belledune to put stickers with the logo and telephone number of the well-known crime tip line on all municipal emergency vehicles. In January, Mr. Bourque described the way Crimestoppers works to take a bite out of crime, stressing that all phone calls to the Crimestoppers tip line are always strictly confidential.**

### It's Heart and Stroke Month in Belledune

Mayor Nick Duivenvoorden proclaimed February Heart and Stroke Month and the second week of this month as Heritage Week at the last meeting of council.

The mayor encouraged all businesses and organizations in the community to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation's annual person-to-person campaign this month because heart disease and stroke are responsible for widespread suffering and create hardship in the community.

This year, Heritage Week will run from Feb. 14 – 21 and the mayor also encouraged residents to participate in any activities to celebrate the village's heritage. National Heritage Day falls on Feb. 21 this year.

### Belledune Days Festival committee gearing up

Hey, it's ladies night. There's dancing. There are prizes.

It's one of Belledune Days organizer Patsy Talbot's favourite events of the

local summer festival.

But it's not the only one. Belledune Days includes events for everyone spread out over more than a week. Every year, Ms. Talbot and her team work for months to line up the events and make sure everything goes without a hitch.

And this year they're at it again.

The first meeting of the 2011 Belledune Days organizing committee is slated for Monday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Belledune Recreation and Cultural Centre.

"You should make an effort to be there if you plan on hosting an event or on participating in any manner," says Ms. Talbot. "Come with your ideas so we can make this Belledune Days Festival extra special."

### Relay for Life is looking for volunteers for 2011

After raising almost \$33,300 last year, the committee that organizes the Belledune Relay for Life is at it again.

The 2011 Belledune Relay for Life organizing committee is putting on a luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. at the Belledune Recreation and Cultural Centre on Feb. 6. And the posters indicate that everyone is invited.

Luc Duguay, the Canadian Cancer Society's local events coordinator, described the event to Mayor Nick Duivenvoorden and members of council at the January council meeting and mentioned he was looking for volunteers for this year's Relay for Life.

"We are looking for a few more volunteers to round out our committee," said Mr. Duguay. "We're looking for someone to take care of the logistics, take care of the grounds, and we're looking for someone to take care of security."

### Council Meeting Schedule

Feb. 21	7 p.m.
Mar. 21	7 p.m.
Apr. 18	7 p.m.

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# Fitness boot camp for women is intense

Kicking, punching and working out to a martial arts training program, a group of women in Belledune are getting fit.

It's intense - but it works.

"I'm definitely stronger," says Shelley Gauthier. "I have more endurance. I'm not out of breath as much. I feel firmer."

The MMAXOut Women's Fitness Boot Camp is a once-a-week strength and cardiovascular conditioning program offered at the Belledune Recreation and Cultural Centre by Robertville-based André Lanteigne, owner of the Drekon Martial Arts & Fitness Academy.

"When we first started in Belledune in June, there were easily 20 women in here," said Mr. Lanteigne. "The average age that I have is 30 and the oldest lady is 55."

Now, 10 of those women remain in the group. The MMAXOut program, which can be tailored to suit beginners, is intense.

"A one-hour workout with me is equivalent to a three-hour workout with anybody else," says Mr. Lanteigne.

The 36-year-old martial arts expert customizes workouts for beginners to allow them to get an intense but safe workout. As they progress in the MMAXOut program, he then ups the intensity. Participants become stronger and fitter and excess pounds drop away.

After 22 years as a martial arts expert teaching skills based on his knowledge of



Women in André Lanteigne's MMAXOut fitness boot camp at the Belledune Recreation and Cultural Centre say they are getting fitter and stronger with every workout.

Karate, Tai Kwon Do, Aikido and Judo, Mr. Lanteigne started with MMAXOut program, which was then already in existence in the United States, in April, 2010. At that time, Mr. Lanteigne weighed almost 240 lbs. He's now down to 197 lbs.

"The best part of this program is there's no cap on it," he says. "You can always challenge yourself."

Ms. Gauthier worked out in gyms and

did other routines before trying MMAXOut. She agrees this program is much more intense and that participants are put through their paces. But she also recommends it for any woman wanting to get into better shape.

"Try it," she said. "You never know. At first, you work out at your own pace and then you build up from there. Anyone can try it."

## The Book Corner



A classic of boys' literature, The Hardy Boys **The Wailing Siren Mystery**

starts with Frank and Joe Hardy stranded at sea aboard their motorboat, The Sleuth, when a money-laden wallet literally falls out of the sky and sets them off on a new adventure with theft, extortion and smugglers.

David McPhail's **Snow Lion** is the perfect children's story for snowy winter days. Lion escapes the dreadful heat of the jungle to discover the



snow-capped mountains. But his hopes of bringing snow back to the jungle led to a few funny situations - until his friends help him out.

What do you do when you're in your 30s and still filled with panic and

confusion? **Eat Pray Love's** Elizabeth Gilbert seeks out to find out as she samples Italian pleasures, Indian devotions, and discovers balance in Bali. Intelligent and thought-provoking, **Eat Pray Love** is an adventure of self-discovery.





## James' Messenger

*Don't be the man - or  
woman - who never was*

In a little book of verse called *The Difficulty of Living on Other Planets*, Dennis Lee humorously wrote about the tragedy of missed opportunities. He called that poem *There Was A Man* and it goes like this:

*There was a man who never was.  
This tragedy occurred because  
His parents, being none too smart,  
Were born two hundred years apart.*

Whether it's in love or at war, in business and politics or in games and on the sports field, there's probably nothing worse than a missed opportunity.

A failure is one thing. You can almost always learn something from a failure. And the run-up to a failure is often absolutely spectacular. Just check out YouTube if you don't believe me. There are a lot of videos out there of people who flopped. Big time.

Inside every failure, though, there's also an attempt at accomplishment. A dream. And, often, you have to admire the attempt even as you cry or laugh at the result.

But a missed opportunity is a much different animal. This is the stuff of regrets, of times when we could maybe, just maybe, have had something wonderful but were too afraid to try.

This is a small, sad way to live. So, even as this winter tightens its grip on us, I encourage you all to dream and to dare. Fail if you have to.

But seize the day, lads!  
Carpe diem.

## Belledune EMO Emergency Preparedness Tip

### Power Outages

1. To protect against power surges when power is restored, turn the thermostat to the minimum level and turn off all appliances.
2. Leave one light on to show when power is restored.
3. Use proper candleholders and never leave candles unattended.
4. Open the refrigerator or freezer only when necessary.
5. Do not use a barbecue, camp stove or generator indoors.
6. Get a battery operated or wind-up radio.
7. Consider a non-electric standby stove or heater.
8. Keep a good supply of alternate fuels available.
9. Clean chimney flues every autumn.

## Messenger Classifieds

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# Scotiabank customers in Jacquet River would switch to another bank

us the bank didn't grow. The onus is on the business to make sure that they get involved in that growth," said Mr. Flanagan.

The bank survey conducted by the Village of Belledune was sent out to 1638 households in and around Belledune on Dec. 22 last year. Fifteen per cent or 238 of those surveys were completed and returned to the village's municipal office by the cut-off date of Jan. 7. The vast majority of them, 93 per cent, were existing Scotiabank customers.

The results are sobering. The vast majority of respondents to the survey, or 83 per cent, said they would change banks or go to another financial institution to be able to continue to bank locally and 78 per cent added that they would be very much inconvenienced by the closure of the local Scotiabank branch.

More than two-thirds of respondents said they did not or could not use home banking

services such as banking over the internet or the telephone.

Armed with the results of this survey, Village of Belledune representatives plan on meeting with Scotiabank senior staff to see if the bank will consider keeping the local branch open.

"If the Bank of Nova Scotia is not interested in meeting or indicates it will not reconsider the closure, then municipal staff should immediately pursue the option to try to attract a different financial institution," said Mr. Flanagan.

"We're going to give them another chance and then we're going to go at it," he said.

According to the bank survey, most Belledune and surrounding area residents would prefer to see another chartered bank in Jacquet River but are also open to having a credit union in the community instead. No respondents preferred a

finance company to provide loans only. One respondent suggested a full-service ATM which would include the option of making deposits.

Mayor Nick Duivenvoorden noted during the January council meeting that the bank survey indicates a considerable amount of disagreement with Scotiabank's decision to close its Jacquet River branch. The mayor also expressed concern that this trend of consolidating financial services in larger urban centres could leave many smaller communities without their own local bank or credit union.

"We're only one municipality but I'm sure there are other small municipalities with only one financial institution that are being looked at," said Mayor Duivenvoorden.

"Where it ends up, I'm not sure but at least the feelings of the community will have been made known to the good folks at the Bank of Nova Scotia," he said.

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# Harbour authority asks village to take over Durham wharf

The president of the Durham Harbour Authority wants the Village of Belledune to take ownership of the local wharf, which used to be home to a dozen commercial fishers, and make it a destination for pleasure boaters.

"The village should take over ownership of the wharf," said Durham Harbour Authority president Paul Guitard. "It is the only place [in Belledune] to launch a pleasure craft."



**Paul Guitard**

Mr. Guitard's comments to mayor and council came in the wake of an offer by the federal government to either take over and eventually return the property to its natural state or provide the cost of the rock needed to shore up the wharf.

"Either the harbour authority takes it over which didn't seem to work out very well or they were prepared to cover the cost the rock to prop it up," said David Hughes, the village's chief

administrative officer.

"The cost of the rock could go up to \$100,000 to \$110,000," he said.

Last year, Mr. Guitard estimated it would cost at least \$200,000 to repair the ailing Durham wharf and admitted it was unlikely the federal government would cover those costs.

At that time, Andy Flanagan, Belledune's community development officer, said the Village of Belledune wanted to see the wharf repaired but was unwilling to be stuck with it as a liability forever.

"The feds downloaded these wharves onto us with the promise of money to repair them if we converted them to harbour authorities," he said last year.

In recent years, all commercial fishers but one have abandoned Durham wharf because there is insufficient water at low tide to bring in a commercial fishing boat.

Last year, Mr. Guitard said he was confident commercial fishers could be persuaded to return to Durham Harbour if the channel was dredged to a depth of about six feet.

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# Hockey game raises funds for Legion

Branch 77, the Village of Belledune and the Belledune Port Authority, is expected to be a major fundraiser for the Legion.

"We should be able to make \$3,000 to \$5,000," said Frank Arsenault, the local Legion branch president. "This money is going to the Royal Canadian Legion to help the community."

Mr. Arsenault laughs at the idea that the local hockey team could emerge from this game victorious.

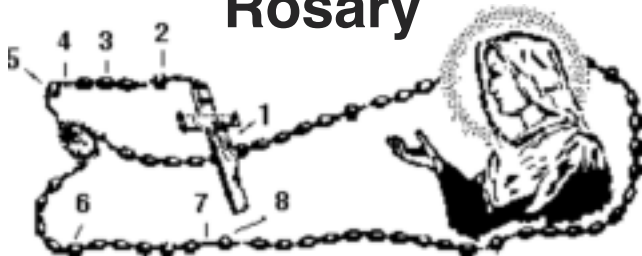
"It's entertainment," he says. "[The NHL Oldtimers] aren't going to lose."

But for the local players, winning isn't the point of this game. Each one of them is raising either \$375 or \$750 for the privilege of playing the NHL Oldtimers, including former Flames forward Theoren Fleury.

In only a few short days, Mr. McCurdy is hoping to meet that former NHLer, which he describes as "a small guy, kind of an underdog, but still one of the best players in the NHL" on the ice. He intends to make the most of it while it lasts.

"I'll never have another opportunity," he says. "To step on the ice with NHL players."

## How To Pray The Rosary



The purpose of the rosary is to help to remember certain principal events or mysteries in the history of our salvation, and thank and praise God for them. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the rosary, these are divided into the five joyful mysteries, the five luminous mysteries, the five sorrowful mysteries, and the five glorious mysteries.

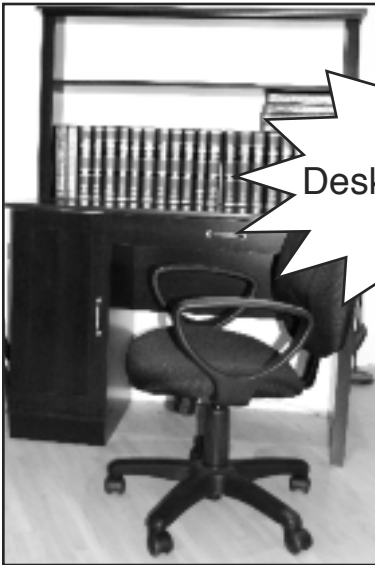
- 1) Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed.
- 2) Say the Our Father.
- 3) Say three Hail Marys.
- 4) Say the Glory be to the Father.

- 5) Announce the first mystery; then say the Our Father.
  - 6) Say ten Hail Marys.
  - 7) Say the Glory to be to the Father.
  - 8) Announce the second mystery; then say the Our Father.
- Repeat 6 and 7 and continue with third, fourth and fifth mysteries in the same manner.

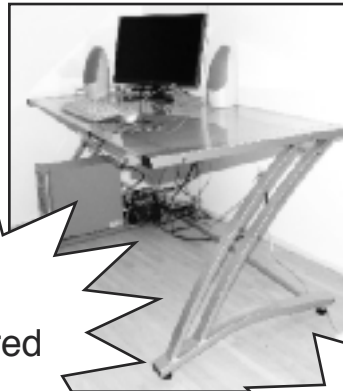
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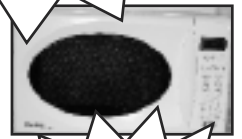


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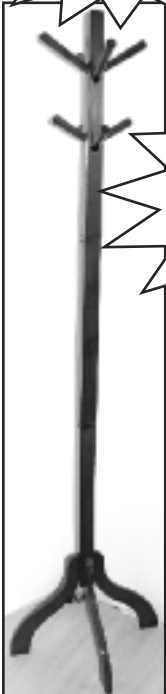
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## Birthday Corner

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### 98th Birthday - Wow!

A big thank you goes out to all those who remembered to wish **Florence Daley**, one of the oldest seniors in Belledune, a happy 98th birthday on Jan. 1. Flowers, visits and calls were much appreciated. From her daughter Teresa Daley and Ron Doucet.

### Robert & John Risdon

Happy birthdays, Robert and John! The Belledune Messenger publisher James Risdon wishes happy b-days to his brothers who celebrate their birthdays on Feb. 7 and Feb. 8.

## Belledune Community Resources

*The Belledune Messenger is pleased to provide the following list of important community resources. Should there be others you would like to see added, please e-mail: [acimediagroup@nb.aibn.com](mailto:acimediagroup@nb.aibn.com)*

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<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Environment New Brunswick Emergencies</b>	<b>547-2092</b> <b>1-800-565-1633, afterhours</b>
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<b>NB Power - Outages - Streetlights</b>	<b>1-800-663-6272</b>
<b>RCMP</b>	<b>911 For emergencies</b> <b>1-888-506-7267 Non-emergency</b>
<b>Blue Bin Recycling Program</b>	<b>546-8016, ask for Sarah</b>
<b>Restigouche County - SPCA - Animal Control</b>	<b>684-4396</b> <b>557-9790 emergency</b>
<b>Roman Catholic churches - St. Gabriel The Archangel &amp; St. John the Evangelist</b>	<b>237-2027</b>
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