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## Belledune eatery transmorgifies into Jacquet River's only pub

A Belledune entrepreneur is turning the old Pizza Delight restaurant into a neighbourhood pub.

Wanda Mowbray, who moved to Belledune from Bathurst a little more than a year ago, is already operating the restaurant. But, when she closes on the purchase of the property in early December, she plans to expand the operation to include a pub.

"I just can't wait!" she said last month. "This will be so good for the area."

The Belledune Homestyle Restaurant and Pub is expected to open in mid-December after being closed for about a week for renovations.

"It's going to be a country pub with barn boards on the floor, a flat screen TV and a fireplace," she said.

With the launch of the pub, the business' hours will be extended on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

"On Thursday through to Saturday nights, the pub will be open until 2 a.m.

with the restaurant offering full meals," said Ms. Mowbray.

The new pub will also have karaoke nights and feature the occasional local musician. George Snyder is expected to be the first performer.

The former owner of the Cornerstone Bar and Grill in Salmon Beach, Ms. Mowbray figures the pub will do well because currently, "Nobody has anywhere to go. There's no pub in Belledune."



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# 2011 The Year In Review

After voting themselves a 10-per cent pay cut during the last meeting of the previous year, Bellevue mayor and councillors headed into 2011 intent of finding a solution to the Scotiabank's decision to pull out of the community.

Mayor Nick Duivenvoorden said he was angry in January over the bank's decision to close its Jacquet River branch, the village's only financial institution.

"Everything I've heard is negative. The community is disappointed. We've never really seen the closure of something that's been a fixture of the community for so long."

Belledune's village council called for a public meeting with the bank's officials and it was held at St. Gabriel's parish hall but accomplished nothing. Bank officials simply reiterated their decision to close the branch and, disgusted, most of the residents at the meeting walked out. On June 17, the bank did close its Jacquet River outlet.

Andy Flanagan, Belledune's community development officer did speak to other banks but none were interested in opening a local branch. The community instead set up a committee to examine the feasibility of starting a credit union.

The village council also responded by transferring all its banking business to the Bank of Montreal.

In January, Andre Lanteigne set up the MMAXOut Women's Fitness Boot Camp in the Belledune Recreation and Cultural Centre with about 20 participants.

In February, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 77 kicked off a very popular event, the NHL Oldtimers game at the Belledune arena.



Scotiabank officials met Belledune residents in early 2011.

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## Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday, Jesus! On Dec. 25, 2011, James Risdon, publisher of The Belledune Messenger, wishes his Saviour a very happy birthday.



The family of *Ada Bawlor*

will be hosting an open house in honour of her **90th birthday.**

Please join us at the Taylor residence at 139 Jacquet River Dr. Saturday Dec. 3 from 1 - 4 p.m. Best wishes only.

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## James' Messenger

*You know that thing you do? Well, it's great!*

Growing up, I never quite did get the knack of keeping everyone happy and being all things to all people.

Do nothing and you're a layabout and a bum. Get involved and you're a busybody. Keep your mouth shut to get along and you're a conformist without a single original idea in your brain. Speak out and you're an arrogant show-off.

Yes, it took me a while to realize there's always someone out there ready and more than willing to criticize and complain about pretty much anything. More often than not, the very same folks who complain are nice, decent folks too. And that makes it harder to take. It gives their complaints a kind of legitimate-seeming seal of disapproval. But more often than not it's just the result of them being tired or frustrated about something or other. Do the same thing the very next day and they'll be all smiles.

Why, I've even been ridiculed for coming to the aid of a woman crying on the street and helping a little kid who had gotten hurt. You can't take things too seriously.

The way I see it, you can give the naysayers and whiners all kinds of undue importance and never do anything of consequence because you're afraid of what they might say. Or, you can reclaim that power for yourself and do the stuff that's really important to you anyways.

So, remember, you're perfectly fine just the way you are. Don't change a thing. Really.

## Belledune EMO Emergency Preparedness Tips

### *Protect yourself against strong winds*

*When gale-force winds blow through the area, ordinary objects can turn into projectiles. Protect yourself with these simple tips.*

1. Ensure doors and windows are secure.
2. Keep plywood or shutters on hand to protect windows.
3. Reinforce large garage doors that

could blow off.

4. Check that downspouts and drains direct water well clear of foundations.
5. Check that roof is well maintained.
6. Trim trees and shrubs to remove weak branches that could damage your house or power lines.
7. If you live in a mobile home, anchor the structure securely.

## Messenger Classifieds

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# 2011 The Year In Review

Getting into the swing of things early for the Canadian Cancer Society's second annual Relay for Life, the Super Village Trailblazers formed the first, but certainly not only, team in February.

Chaleur Sawmills invested in a new planer in 2011, allowing it to provide more work for 11 employees.

In April, The Belledune Messenger featured the artistry of master woodturner Leonard Landry.

Belledune's firefighters and the village were deep into negotiations at about the same time, the main issue of which centred on compensation.

In mid-April, the Port of Belledune took another step towards a long-awaited cargo link between the port and Newfoundland. The local port issued a call for expressions of interest for a company to operate a cargo vessel service between Belledune and the Port of Argentia, Newfoundland and Labrador.

In the May municipal elections, the Conservatives' Tilly O'Neill Gordon easily took the riding, beating out the NDP's

Patrick Colford, the Liberal's Keith Vickers and Green Party's Ronald Mazerolle.

Port of Belledune exec Tracy Eddy was named president of the Greater Bathurst Chamber of Commerce in 2011.

In June, skateboarders from throughout the North Shore were spotted enjoying the village's new skateboard park.

In mid-July, the Village of Belledune opened the newly-expanded and revamped Jacquet River Salmon Interpretation Centre. That same month, Legion president Frank Arseneault walked an impressive 166 km during the first local Nijmegen March.

Nine-year-old Jolee Donnelly took first place in the francophone category of the New Brunswick Provincial Capital Commission drawing contest for children aged five to 11 this year and got photographed with Premier David Alward.

Port of Belledune CEO Rayburn Doucett was again named a Top 50 CEO this past year by Atlantic Business Magazine.

In October, longtime councillor Paul Daley stepped down from his position on

council and moved to Fredericton.

Chief Administrative Officer David Hughes took a sick leave in mid-2011. Interim CAO Mel Parker stepped to the plate in November.

That same month, the village council agreed to enter into discussions with the Chaleur Local Service District to examine the feasibility of amalgamation.

In a bid to increase service and cut costs, Tilly O'Neill-Gordon's office was moved out of the Belledune Recreation and Cultural Centre in 2011 and into the home of the woman who staffed the office. It is now at 3026 Main Street and the phone number is 237-2333.

In November, The Belledune Messenger offered a glimpse into Port of Belledune CEO Rayburn Doucett's passion for antiques.

The top exec also owns and manages the biggest antiques store in the Maritimes, Antiques Plus.

As the year drew to a close, the former Belledune School was sold to local entrepreneur for \$59,350 plus tax.

## 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)*

<b>Belledune District Planning Commission</b>	<b>542-2688</b>
<b>Belledune Public Library</b>	<b>522-3701</b>
<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Environment New Brunswick Emergencies</b>	<b>547-2092</b> <b>1-800-565-1633, afterhours</b>
<b>MLA Roland Haché - Nigadoo Chaleur Riding</b>	<b>542-2424, during business hours</b>
<b>MP Tilly O'Neill-Gordon - Miramichi Riding</b>	<b>1-800-567-5564</b> <b>237-2333</b>
<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 / 557-9790 emergency</b>
<b>Roman Catholic churches - St. Gabriel The Archangel &amp; St. John the Evangelist</b>	<b>237-2027</b>
<b>Royal Canadian Legion Durham - Jacquet River</b>	<b>237-2983</b>
<b>Village of Belledune Municipal Office</b>	<b>522-3700</b>
<b>Interim Chief Administrative Officer - Mel Parker</b>	<b>522-3703</b>
<b>Community Development Officer - Andy Flanagan</b>	<b>522-3797</b>
<b>Administrative Assistant - Nicole Carrier</b>	<b>522-3700</b>

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Every month, Jacquet River School teacher Shana Hicks offers us examples of her students' writing. This month, Mya Courier offers us *Letters to God*, Emily LaPointe brings us *Goodbye*, and Megan Joncas pens *Never Forget*. All three literary contributions are in honour of the men and women who sacrificed themselves for us and whom we honoured on Remembrance Day.

## Letters to God

Sara got the ring and she threw it away. She couldn't believe her eyes her loved one was gone. She slept the night with her eyes wide open. When she woke up she said something in a soft voice "Why me God did

## NEVER FORGET

Never forget the way they died,  
Never forget their battle cries,  
Never forget  
how they laid their  
life down,  
Never forget  
how we now live  
in peace,  
Never forget the  
ones we love,  
Never forget the  
ones up above,  
Never forget  
how to show  
respect,  
Just remember and never forget.



By  
Megan Joncas

I do something wrong? Are you unhappy with me?"

Then there was a response "No Sara I am most pleased with you it was just his time."

Sara took a moment of silence. Did that really happen did I really just talk to god?

Then she heard another voice "Yes you did it is me and don't worry, he's in a better place."

Sara knew he was in a better place but still Sara wondered, well why did he have to go he was perfectly safe right here in my arms. She heard her husband's voice "Think Sara, think what I went through."

Sara just nodded her head. She slowly approached the trash can she took the ring out of the garbage and slipped it on her finger. That night she held the ring close to



By  
Mya Courier

her heart she said I will never forget you. You were my one and my only. My true love my savior so goodbye for now I'll see you soon.

## Goodbye

This is for all the men that died  
For all the family's that didn't have  
time to  
say goodbye  
For that one little  
girl that asked  
"is daddy  
coming home"  
The war has  
taken many  
lives  
They were taken  
from their kids,  
husbands, and  
wives  
They died for us  
They fought for us  
This is for everyone that didn't say  
Goodbye



By  
Emily LaPointe

## The Book Corner



Judy Blume's *Fudge-a-Mania* is the fictional story of a boy, Peter Hatcher, who

suddenly finds himself stuck with his nemesis, Sheila Tubman, living next door for a whole three weeks. Along the way, Peter's little brother, Fudge, discovers a bizarre new use for Oil of Olay and Peter himself learns he can't control people's minds when picking out sports teams. A charming story of kids growing up together.

**Books featured in The Book Corner are picked from various libraries and bookstores in the region and may or may not be in any one particular library at any given time. Should you have a favourite book you would like to share with readers just send an e-mail to The Belledune Messenger and we will do our best to feature it in a future issue.**

*How to Be Cool in the Third Grade*, by Betsy Duffey, is admittedly outdated in its style. Kids just don't dress or have the same stuff anymore. But the angst over degrees of coolness is still as relevant today as it ever was. Grade 3 student Robert Hayes York worries



about being cool and accepted. He thinks the answer lies in the clothes he wears and how his mom acts but learns an unexpected lesson in this story.

Jenny Dale's *Snowflake and Sparkle* is the story of a dog, named Snowflake, and a cat called Sparkle. Although the two are very different, they are the best of friends. Maybe it's because Sparkle is a lot like a dog. She begs for treats, scares letter carriers and chases balls. Snowflake kind of admires his friend and wants to be more like her. But when she gets into trouble, he discovers his unique gifts as a dog are pretty good too.





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