

Honoured for improvement

BY MYRIAM LALLÉE

CAMPBELLTON ▶ Emotion was in the air on May 12 when Jeunesse Restigouche Youth held its 8th Annual Turnaround Achievement Awards. In all, 32 students from Belledune to Saint-Quentin were honoured during the evening. They had overcome obstacles and have begun a shift that has changed their lives. One student each from primary schools, second-

ary schools, learning centers and academic studies was chosen based on achievement.

For Donna Cormier-Pitre of Jeunesse Restigouche Youth, a night like this means a lot to young people.

"Often, we will recognize the first class, the athletes, the best in math or English, but often we forget the everyday youths with challenges in their lives.

Whether it is illness, or learning or personal challenges, they need encouragement. They need to be told they are appreciated and that we are there for them. We will encourage them and they can achieve success," she said.

Jared McNulty of Sugarloaf Senior High School was one of those recognized. He repeated the ninth grade three times, he was abusing drugs, he did no homework, and he missed many days of school. However, after

taking his life in hand, he is getting his high school diploma in June. He took courses in anger management and substance abuse. He will enter NBCC next year.

Another example is Natasha Lebel. She delivered a very moving testimony. The mother of two children, she left school at 17 when she became pregnant. Over the years, she had always had the desire to return to school. After several attempts that failed for various reasons (including the fact that her son was diagnosed with a brain tumor) Lebel finished high school this year. She plans to go to university to study nursing.

Cormier-Pitre recalled the case of a young woman who was honored at the first gala.

"She was a single mother with a young child, and she was 15 or 16 years at the time. She had many difficulties. She went to university, she got educated, and she raised her little boy. She found a job in social services. We know that the gala was the beginning of a shift in her life. I remember she had a testimonial that had everyone in the room crying, but we know that she has come to a good end."

Other success stories like this may be heard in 2011, when Jeunesse Restigouche Youth is planning something special for the tenth gala. Even if the format is not yet determined, the organizing committee plans to invite the recipients from the first to the ninth galas too.

The recipients this year were as follows:

Jared McNulty, SSHS, Campbellton; Francis Roy, Polyvalente A. J. Savoie,

Saint-Quentin; Chandra Dralle, Lord Beaverbrook School, Campbellton; Miguel LeBlanc, Ecole Echo-Jeunesse, Kedgwick; Eve Bosse, Ecole le Rendez-vous des Jeunes, Saint-Arthur; Mitchell Thompson, Dalhousie Middle School; Hugo Maltais, Coindes-Amis, Dundee; Zackary Hickey, Ecole Arthur-Pinet, Ed River Crossing; Caitlin Richelle Boudreau, Tide Head School; Gabry Saway, Ecole Mgr. Melanson, Val D'Amour; Carol Simonson, Dalhousie Regional High School; Michelle Doucet, Ecole Aux Quatre Vents, Dalhousie; Sara Frontette, Versant-Nord, Atholville; Nikki Murchie, Jacques River School; Sarah Doyle, Ecole Marie-Gatane, Kedgwick; Rock-Claude Beaulieu, Ecole Apollo XI, Campbellton; Bryson Finnamore, L.E. Remsborough, Dalhousie; Kevin LeBlanc, Ecole Domaine des Copains, Balmoral; Gabriele Caron, Ecole Mgr. Caron, Saint-Quentin; Ken McIntyre, Ecole Academie Notre-Dame, Dalhousie; Aaron Furlotte, Campbellton Middle School; Kristina Boris, Polyvalente Roland-Pepin, Campbellton; Roch Levesque, Polyvalente Roland-Pepin, Campbellton; Jean-Rene Lanteigne, Campbellton Learning Centre; Trevor Carrier, Dalhousie Learning Centre; Jessica Melan, Centre priorite jeunesse, Campbellton; Janica LeBrun, Centre d'apprentissage, Dalhousie; Jonathan LeBlanc-Roy, Centre d'apprentissage, Dalhousie; Jean-Charles Moses, CCNB, Recuperation scolaire, Campbellton; Joyce Castonguay, CCNB, Recuperation scolaire, Saint-Quentin; Judy Eslinger, NBCC, Academic Studies, Belledune; Natasha Lebel, NBCC, Academic Studies, Campbellton.

Belledune upgrade

▶ FROM FRONT

No reason was given in discussion at that time as to why council then unanimously rejected its unanimous resolution of April 6.

Duivenvoorden, who had to miss the May 4 meeting due to a family commitment, said on Thursday that the new decision reflected the wishes of the residents of the street, who will be paying for the system in the long run.

"Last fall, when we had the information meeting with them, it was stated at that time that no charges would be applied until the ownership of the system had been transferred from Xstrata to the Village of Belledune. In the interim, because the project took a little longer to get completed, it was thought by the village and by the province that nevertheless it would be a good idea to start collecting fees as soon as possible because ultimately, the service is still being provided even if the system is not completely refurbished yet. It is still there," he explained.

"By collecting some fees ahead of time, it would have helped to build a little bit of a kitty, if you will, and the result of that of course would be that we would try our best to maintain fees at \$50 [a month]. But because we issued a letter that we were going to collect fees prior to the transfer of ownership...the people of Chaleur Drive were offended by that and made their feelings known to us. We advised them that rescinding the motion was something we could do but as a consequence we could not guarantee that once the transfer were complete the fees would stay at \$50. And I guess it was a trade-off they were happy with."

Duivenvoorden said that the Chaleur Street project is self-sustaining. It would have to be paid for by the residents of the street and not by the village as a whole.

"We made it very clear to them that it was a utility. Because it was a utility, it needed to be funded by the users. It was not going to be supported by the

general operating fund. That may have disappointed some of them a little bit but that is a legal thing. There is no recourse there. The comparison I used is NB Power. NB Power is a utility. You don't pay for it in your taxes. You get a monthly bill and you pay for what you use. Your neighbours don't pay for your shortfalls or your extravagances. You pay for what you use. It is as simple as that."

Sewerage

Duivenvoorden also commented on a sewerage project the village is just getting underway elsewhere in Belledune. This system would take in the area from the western border of the village with Nash Creek eastward to Veterans' Street. Right now, the area is served entirely by septic tanks or fields.

"What kind of condition they are in is another question, from ultra-modern to ultra-ancient," he said.

The project is just in the early planning stages.

"At this point, we have just put in an application for funding. That's step one of many steps. There will be public information sessions, there will be opportunities who have concerns to have their concerns addressed, and there needs to be an EIA process."

He estimated that the project would cost "somewhere between six and seven million dollars."

"I think there are ways we can incorporate the system that can make it financially doable and financially palatable for most of the users. When you bring a project like this to the community, there is usually some resistance, but once it is finished people get used to it very quickly. I think the thought of having not to worry about an infiltration of sewage, their own or their neighbour's, into their water system is something they'd like to have."

He noted that many small communities elsewhere have sewerage systems, citing Newfoundland as an example.

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Mayor Nick Duivenvoorden



These were the achievers honoured by Jeunesse Restigouche Youth. (Myriam Lavallée/La Voie)



The Turnaround Achievement Awards included a banquet at the Campbellton Regional Memorial Civic Centre. (Tim Jaques/Tribune)

Relay For Life

June 13, 2009

Inch Arran Park, Dalhousie

A celebration of survival and a tribute to the lives of loved ones lost.

A night of fun, entertainment, friendship and fundraising for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Survivors' Victory Lap

Cancer survivors are invited to walk the first lap of the Relay For Life to acknowledge and celebrate their courage in their fight against cancer. To watch hundreds of survivors walk proudly around the track is inspiring and touching. Survivors are given the opportunity to share and celebrate success in their battle against cancer, give hope to people living with cancer, and thank everyone who helped them through their struggle.



Luminary Ceremony

Light the way to a cure for cancer by being a part of the Luminary Ceremony.

Luminaries are special candles that are placed in bags that will line the track. Each luminary is in honour of cancer survivors or in memory of loved ones lost. In a moving ceremony after sunset, the candles are lit providing light and inspiration. Luminaries can be purchased in advance or at the event.



Teams

Relay For Life involves teams of 10-12 people who participate in an overnight non-competitive relay. Participants take turns walking, running, or strolling around a track. Teams consist of people representing corporations, communities, families and friends.



Canadian Cancer Society / Société canadienne du cancer

To find out more about your local event, Please contact:

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Campbellton Chair Event: Cindy Levesque 753-7958

River patrols

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Other canoeists and outfitters have been complaining about

those making the river a less friendly place to be. He said a busy day would see between 150 and 200 boats being put into the water.

The RCMP has a canoe in St. Quentin. For patrols closer to Campbellton, an officer boards a canoe operated by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans or conservation officers from either side of the river.

"We aren't going out there to pick on anyone, we just want to make the river more friendly for everyone who uses it," said Pepin.

For more information, visit the RCMP detachment on Arran St. in Campbellton or the offices of the Surete du Quebec in Matapedia.

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