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AFN National Chief Visits Listuguj

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The Assembly of First Nations National Chief, Perry Bellegarde, visited Listuguj during the Powwow weekend last year. It was his first time in the community.

Bellegarde met with people from the community, and heard the concerns of various organizations. He spoke

at the Powwow, and sat down with Nujignua'tegeg for a video interview that can be found online.

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In-Community University Graduates

(Issue 24, July 2016)

The first-ever university course offered in Listuguj graduated 19 students on June 30th. The Bachelor of Arts in Community Studies (BACS) was offered through the Cape Breton University. It began in 2013.

"This program was truly a collective achievement," said Dr. Fred Metallic, at the convocation at Alaqsitew Gitpu School.

Many classes were taught by Listuguj teachers, and was for the community in a variety of ways.

The high percentage of graduates is proof that the model works.

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Mesgi'g Ugju's'n Wind Farm at full capacity

(Issue 30, Dec. 2016)

A celebration on December 1, 2016 marked the opening of the wind farm, and Troy Jerome's resignation from the MMS.

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'Nnui'sultinej Let's speak Mi'gmaq

(Issue 27, Sept. 2016)



Excerpt:

There is a red line at the Listuguj Education Complex that can't be missed. The line divides three classrooms from the rest of the building, creating the only English-free zone in Listuguj. Anyone crossing that line has to speak only in Mi'gmaq.

The line is more than red tape on the floor. It is a compelling symbol of the protection of the Mi'gmaq language that

evolved on this territory for thousands of years, but is now vulnerable.

There was never such a "language line" in Listuguj. Maybe that's the reason why in the last 50 years the English language had entered the homes, stayed there and with time, displaced Mi'gmaq as the main language. Those were the times when Canada's assimilation policies forced Aboriginal peoples across Canada into Residential Schools and they were pushed to believe

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FEATURES

Women's voices of Mi'gweite'tm

(Issue 23, June 2016)



Excerpt:

This year marks 35 years since the raids in 1981. But even after all this time, there are still "as many stories as there are people who fill this room," as Victoria LaBillois said before the Salmon Feast at the Bingo Hall on June 11. This year – just like in 1981 – women of the community stood alongside the men.

Images of men standing up to Quebec Provincial Police are close in everyone's mind, and stories of men from nearby nations coming to help are often retold with pride, but the fact that women came from other nations as well is mentioned less often...

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Passing on Traditions

(Issue 25, Aug. 2016)



Excerpt:

Tanner Sage Barnaby, the son of Tara Barnaby and Robby Ouellette, has been salmon fishing for the last six years and he's only twelve. He leaves the quarry in the middle of a rainy afternoon and when he arrives to the fishing area he slows down the motor to set the net. A very attentive boy, Tanner drives the boat with the seriousness that his tasks require.

As the rain continues to fall, he stops the boat and initiates a conversation

with Aurele Isaac, his mentor. They talk about the places where other fisherman set their nets. "We have to respect them," he says. "If you see that one person has a good catch on his place you just can't come the next time and occupy his location. We have laws and we have to respect them," he says to Tanner...

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Echoes of the Powwow
(Issue 25, Aug. 2016)

Painting: A healing journey

(Issue 22, June 2016)



Excerpt:

When your work is displayed around the continent, attracting the attention of famous artists, and selling within 30 seconds of being posted on social media, some people could probably call you an “artist.” But Tracey Metallic-Barnaby is still getting use to the title.

She’s only been painting for a year, but her work has clearly been resonating with others. She has shipped her work

to Alaska, her prints caught the eye of a television set designer while on display in Thunder Bay, and her work has recently been commissioned to be installed in a new health center in Michigan.

All the recognition has definitely been exciting. But it’s all secondary. “I’ll never give painting up,” Tracey said. “It’s way too therapeutic for me.”

Tracey says she’s always been crafty, but she gave up drawing when her daughter was born. She was 18 at the time. She then raised two more children, until she was 31 and decided she needed to go back to school.

Three degrees later, after years...

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ARTS

Don Burnstick

(Issue 30, Dec. 2016)



Don Burnstick was invited to Listuguj for National Addictions Awareness Week in November. He gave a few shows, and sat down with the Nujignua'tegeg for a video interview and a story.

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Listuguj mourns death of Chief of Police Henry Vicaire

(Issue 21, May 2016)



Excerpt:

Listuguj Chief of Police Henry “Hank” Vicaire was rushed to the Campbellton Regional Hospital on Friday the 13th under emergency circumstances, but was unable to recover. He passed away several hours later. He was 50.

On May 18, at around 10.30 a.m., various delegations of Police, SQ, RCMP, Firemen, Ambulance technicians from around Listuguj, and a representatives of Henry’s Bike Club, gathered in front of his house. A solemn march to St. Anne’s church followed, where political banners were covered and painted with

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the number 21, in respect to the badge of the Chief of Police.

The Church was packed and the mass started with the Spirit Bear singers chanting the Mi’gmaq Honor song. Native and non-natives families and friends of Henry “Hank” Vicaire gathered to pay respect to a person that the eulogies described as a humorous, sensitive, respectful and a talented human being.

Henry Vicaire was born in Campbellton, N.B. in 1965. He attended the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) where he earned his policing certification in 1994. He served as a Listuguj K-9 officer from 2002 to 2010 with detector dogs Echo and then Bonzai. He became Listuguj Chief of Police in 2012...

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Going Into 2017

Firefighter Graduates from first course in 15 years



The group of firefighters trained in Listuguj for the first time in 15 years, at their graduation on Dec. 16 at the Bingo Hall.

Firefighters from the first course offered in Listuguj in 15 years graduated just before the new year. The graduation was held on Dec. 16 at the Bingo Hall.

The 10-week course began in September. They could be seen running various training exercises throughout that time.

Some of the new firefighters, like 18-year-old Cody Duguay tried getting in early, but didn't hear back. He received a call the day the course started. Someone had dropped out. Duguay was there five minutes later.

"What have I gotten myself into," Duguay quickly thought.

"I would just start, take a step back, think why I'm doing this, and is this really what I want to do," he said. "As I read through the course books and looked at everything, I found this would be something I would really love to do, so I kept going with it."

The training did its job – it taught Duguay how to keep a level head in a stressful situation.

He remembers one time during training when he was under a firetruck, practicing how to conserve air when an air tank is low. He rolled over, and didn't realize his air was off. Then he got stuck.

"That scared the hell outta me right there, I was ready to quit the course," he said.

His instructor pulled him out, and he decided to go back the next day. Now he has five different certificates qualifying him as firefighter.

"We earned this and it was a hard road," said Duguay. "While I will – and always shall – be happy that we have completed this course, I will miss this training. I will miss doing this everyday."

Professional Development Day



The Alaqsite'w Gitpu School is always growing and developing. One of the ways that the staff at AGS does this is through professional development days.

Some of the professional development subjects were learning disabilities, which was presented by an individual from the Ottawa Learning Disabilities Association. The session was to target ADHD Oppositional defiance disorder to try and show the teachers what it's like to walk in the shoes of someone with ADHD.

"We're also doing training on indigenizing the curriculum here at AGS," said Principal Jeff Grass. "Coming up with ways to make the curriculum that they're teaching have more local flavour, more indigenous content, more Listuguj Mi'gmaq."

Events & Notices

• Teachings of the Feathers

The Haven house will be hosting one day event on Teachings of the Feathers which will be done by Elders Josie & Frank Augustine from Elsipogtog.

WHERE: Elder's Lodget

WHEN: Feb. 7, 10:00 a.m.

• Community Engagement Session

WHO: Listuguj Economic Development Strategy

WHERE: The Elder's Lodge

WHEN: Feb. 3rd from 11:30 a.m to 1 p.m

• Valentine's Day Bake Sale Fundraiser

Hosted by FNRAEC. Orders can be made until February 10th.

Delivery date: Feb.14 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m

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