



# Mi'gmaq History Month (Part 2)

## PROFILE

# Exercising the right to hunt

Oakley Barnaby shot his first moose this year. It was given to the Pow Wow. He just turned 12 years old.

He's been hunting with his mom, Jill Metallic, and Ricky Condo his whole life. Condo likes to bringing kids hunting and fishing.

Among many things, Condo reminds people of the recent past, when First Nation hunting rights weren't being acknowledged. When he was growing

up, some people were even scared to hunt. He makes sure the kids never feel that way.

"Nowadays it's not the same," he said. "We go everywhere and anywhere there's moose. Whenever we want – to practice our rights."

But Condo certainly doesn't take every moose he sees.

"My god, there'd be no moose left out there," he said.

He tries to teach the kids the many aspects of hunting, like when, how, and why to hunt.

"You don't just shoot it for fun," Barnaby says now, pulling a stool up after school. "You have to have a reason to have it."

"Anybody can shoot a moose," Condo said. "It's what you do with the moose after."

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## FEATURE

# Origins of Treaty Day at SSHS

Anita Basque arrived at Sugarloaf Senior High School as a teacher and counsellor in 1993. At the time, there were no signs of First Nation's influence anywhere in most New Brunswick schools.

In a matter of years, Basque would go on to pilot the Native Studies 120 class, create the Culture Centre

and clubs like a drum group and shawl dancing, as well as organize the first Treaty Day celebration.

She now works at AGS.

Recently, she was cleaning out boxes. She just happened to come across old photos from her time at SSHS – the groups she started, the speakers she brought in, the field trips and lessons she taught.

She mentioned this to Darcy Gray – the current guidance counsellor. She thought he might want to use them for the 20th anniversary of the celebration this year. She never imagined she would end up speaking at it.

She created a presentation, with photos of all the different ways First Nation content was included in her classes, and the school.

It was very different 20 years ago. And even more different when Basque's generation grew up.

"We've come an awful long way," Basque said later. "You walk in [to SSHS] and there's a totem pole for god sakes! You never would have seen that in any provincial school in the province of New Brunswick 20 years ago."

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A guest shawl dancer in 1996, the year the totem pole was built. It is still in place at SSHS. (PHOTO: Anita Basque)

## PROFILE

# Glenda Wysote-Labillois



Glenda Wysote-Labillois. (PHOTO: submitted)

Mi'gmaq history is a complicated term for Glenda Wysote-Labillois.

"This is our history," she said. "This is our way of life. This is how we live."

Wysote-Labillois is an elder, owner of the Sacred Fire Healing Lodge, and a fluent Mi'gmaq speaker.

When discussing "Mi'gmaq History Month," she says her perspective is completely different. She lives everyday as a "traditional person that's living with culture, and practicing culture, and doing that on a daily basis for the past 24 years."

Wysote-Labillois grew up speaking Mi'gmaq as her first language. It wasn't

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## ANITA

The origins of the Treaty Day celebration was simple – provide information. To everyone.

“What is a treaty, and what are the rights that were guaranteed to us in the treaty,” said Basque. “And what did we give up in return. You know – what did we lose. Our culture? Our land? Our heritage? At times – our dignity.”

Basque was surprised to see how much there actually was to teach in the early 90’s.

“What really bothered me one day, was when some of the students in my class had never been in Listuguj,” she said.

Basque later found out that some students were told by their parents not to visit Listuguj. She decided to organize a field trip.

She remembers a lot of the kids being shocked at the size of some of the lawns and houses. She realized there was a lot to teach.

She would go on to find many more ways to familiarize students of all sorts with Listuguj, and First Nation’s history and culture.

Scan the QR code below to go see Basque’s photo presentation online at [news.listuguj.ca](http://news.listuguj.ca).



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## GLENDA

until Grade 1 that she was forced to speak English, and even then, she wasn’t aware that English was her “second language.”

“I never knew that, until I went to university,” she said. “I just always thought that I had a hard time to read, or a hard time to write.”

She now travels home to Listuguj as often as she can, even if only to speak the language.

She has friends, family, and neighbors that are fluent. Speaking with them can be deeply familiar.

“I can actually hear my parents speak,” she said. “Because they spoke in the same dialect.”

She says she’s very fortunate to practice a way of life that has been practiced for thousands of years.

“We’ve been so assimilated, with the church, with the language, with all these material things – that’s not what’s important. The children need to learn about mother earth. Where the food comes from ... We need to learn hunting, fishing, you know. We need to learn how to respect one another. Respect the youth, respect the elders. Again – like the four directions that I talk about, with the children, women, and men and the elders. We need to go back to that again, and respect again.”



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## OAKLEY



Oakley Barnaby and Ricky Condo. (PHOTO: ADAM HODNETT)

Condo and Barnaby were driving on “Pow Wow Road,” when they spotted a big dark moose about 350 yards away. Barnaby had been practicing, so he got out, and steadied the gun in between the door and truck. His mom had her gun ready too, in case he missed.

Barnaby could only see the face. He shot. And everyone thought it fell just off the road.

When they got up, they saw the moose running down the hill – now nearly 1,000 feet from the road. It was heading straight for the trees.

Condo took aim and shot. The moose fell

With the help of a friend and lots of rope and pulleys, they managed to pull the moose all the way back to the road, and onto the truck.

“It was good that it was hard,” Barnaby says now. “So I know how difficult it could be.”



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## Treaty Day Photo Essay

(By: Anita Basque)

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### PHOTO ESSAY

Scan this QR code to see the photo essay of Anita Basque’s presentation at the 20th anniversary of Treaty Day at SSHS.



## Community Listings

### Logo Launch

Free Bar-B-Q Lunch. First 50 people get an embroidered t-shirt

WHERE: LMDC  
WHEN: Wed, Oct 28  
11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Walk A Mile in Her Shoes

A fundraiser to raise awareness and end violence against women. All funds go to Haven House

WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 25  
CONTACT: Holly Miller  
PHONE: (506) 987-3499

### Playground

Ribbon cutting at the new Listuguj Community Playground. Luncheon at the Youth Centre

WHEN: Sunday, Oct 25  
12:00 p.m.

### Fundraiser for carter

A fundraising spaghetti luncheon for Carter Cyr.

WHEN: Thur, Oct. 29  
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
WHERE: Elder’s Lodge

### EDITOR’S NOTE:

This issue wraps up our attempt to pay tribute to Mi’gmaq History Month, as difficult as that is.

History is a very broad term. We tried to represent several interpretations – as far back as pre-contact history, history written in the passed decades, and the history that continues to live on through

continued traditions.

We were able to incorporate interesting new multimedia to tell these stories, and we hope to continue improving those skills.

As always – let us know if there’s something we should be covering, or someone interesting we should be talking to.



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