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Fusion Fest
Miramichi Fusion Fest is set to go tomorrow, June 4 with several new events in and around the Golden Hawk Centre.
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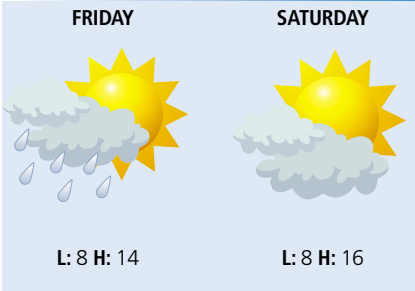
Benefit
A benefit at Flo's Hideaway Sunday at 2 p.m. will help pay travel expenses for the LaPlantes, who went to Nunavut to be with their gravely ill daughter in her final days.
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Track and field
MVHS and JMH students will compete in the track and field provincial competition tomorrow at the Canada Games Stadium in Saint John.
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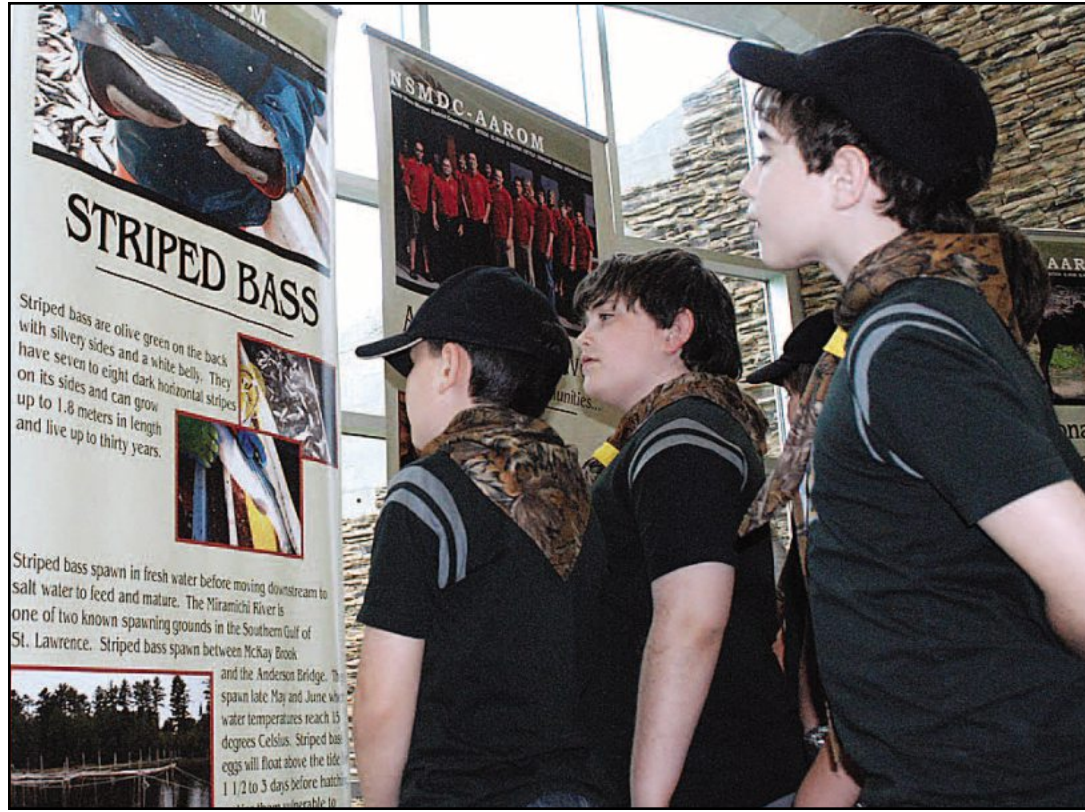
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Charlene MacKenzie photo

Aidan Keenan, Malcolm Vickers and James MacWilliams (left to right), members of the 1st Dungarvon Cubs, check out an educational display about fish before attending Rick Rosenthal's presentation, Encounters in the Open Sea, at the Metepenagiag Heritage Centre Wednesday night.

Undersea dramas hook audience

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METEPENAGIAG – Going between warm and cool waters like the bluefin tuna he's been following, Rick Rosenthal came to the Miramichi this week from filming in the Azores.

The ocean cinematographer surfaced long enough to give a fascinating account of his work filming Miramichi salmon as well as some of the ocean's fastest predators and most majestic creatures.

His presentation at the Metepenagiag Heritage Centre Wednesday night hooked a group of Cub Scouts and reeled in local anglers, naturalists and a crowd of curious folks wanting to see the work of a two-time Emmy award winner.

"Encounters in the Open Sea" featured amazing footage of marlin, sailfish and other predator fish herding sardines into tight "bait balls" - swirling silver swarms from which underwater hunters grabbed their prey. He also had jaw-dropping footage of whales, dolphins and false killer whales.

A marine cameraman, Rosenthal has been diving for 50 years and has won two Emmys for work featured in BBC's Blue Planet series, the feature film Deep Blue, Disney Nature's Earth and a National Geographic series.

Sometimes he "free dives" without an oxygen tank to get closer to some shy species spooked

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Miramichi judge hangs up robe

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MIRAMICHI – Judge Denis Lordon closed the door on a long and distinguished judicial career Thursday morning. Sort of.

Lordon, a provincial court judge since 1992, will no longer be keeping regular hours.

"This is my last day sitting as a full time judge," Lordon told the people in the courtroom as he adjourned the trial of a man charged with cutting wood on Crown land for the second time.

"However, I'll be doing some guest appearances for the next little while," he said to laughter from the courtroom.

Lordon will become a supernumerary judge. He will continue to hear cases for a portion of the year, though at a reduced rate.

Brimming with compassion one minute and

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Dan Benoit photo

After 19 years on the bench provincial court judge Denis Lordon has called it quits.

Flushing behind water main breaks

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MIRAMICHI – The recent spate of water main breaks in the city is likely due to the city flushing the system.

Public works director Frank Duffy said since flushing began in mid-May, there have been four breaks reported in Newcastle so far, and one in Chatham as of Wednesday.

"It definitely does put a strain on your system, and if you have weak areas, you know, generally that's the time they show up," Duffy said.

"It's a little more than what we would nor-

mally expect. It's a hard one to answer."

Duffy said the breaks have been of variable severity, some needing just a steel band to close the leak, others needing the replacement of whole segments.

Duffy said the city is alerted fairly quickly whenever there is a leak, and tries to get leaks fixed as fast as it can.

He added the recent breaks have not been severe enough to trip water level sensors in the city's reservoirs, and system-wide pressure has rarely suffered.

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Police to share fire dept. boat

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MIRAMICHI – It seems the Miramichi Police Force will have greater access to the Miramichi Fire Department's rescue boat in the coming season.

The police will now officially be sharing the fire department's craft, using it for river patrols and boat safety education.

"The number of water craft on the river has seemed to increase each year," Deputy Chief Paul Fiander said Thursday. "What we're looking at is to make some patrols, educate people as far as boating safety [goes], checking to make sure they have the proper licenses to operate the water craft. And, obviously, if there is somebody out there who is misbehaving, then we'll certainly deal with that also."

The decision to share came after meetings between Police Chief Earl Campbell, Fire Chief Ian Gavet and councillors Bill Treadwell and Jason Harris.

Fiander said the police service had wanted to be more vigorous in enforcing water safety, but aside from a brief period in the mid-1990s when the department rented a boat, little was done up until now.

Fiander said all city waterways were the police force's responsibility, but the cost of buying a new boat altogether, upwards of \$20,000, isn't feasible at the moment.

"Given the economic situation in the city, it certainly doesn't really make a whole lot of sense to have two vessels," he said.

"There certainly is a real need for us to make patrols of the river."

Patrols will be conducted at times when river use is expected to be heavy. The fire department uses the boat for river rescue operations and it is usually housed at the Miratech Building.

Gavet, for his part, welcomed the chance to share the craft.

"I would say it's going to vastly increase the effectiveness of the boat, because it's going to be out there a lot more than just waiting for somebody to be in distress," he said.

He said boats of that type have relatively long shelf-lives. The engine and body, he said, is relatively easy to service, although the rubber tubes must be replaced every decade or so.

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Armed robbery suspect denied bail

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MIRAMICHI – An Eel Ground man charged with armed robbery and aggravated assault had a bail hearing Wednesday in Miramichi provincial court.

Danny Steven Ginnish of Eel Ground was charged Monday along with Vincent Theodore Simon, also of Eel Ground, with assault with intent to steal from Matthew King. They were also charged with aggravated assault against King.

Ginnish was wearing a grey hooded Steelers sweatshirt and sported a Mohawk-style haircut and a week's worth of beard. He was handcuffed and escorted by several sheriffs' officers.

A middle-aged woman blew kisses at Ginnish from the public gallery, while family members smiled and waved from the front row.

John Calver represented Ginnish. John Matters represented the Crown.

Judge Geri Mahoney ordered a ban on the publication of evidence from the bail hearing.

Miramichi Police Force Criminal Investigation Division Det. Shane Henderson, Ginnish's sister Jessica, Ginnish's mother Edwina White and Ginnish all took the

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