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Looking to the future

Con O'Brien brings his big booming voice to the fight to stop Muskrat Falls

It may be hard to credit, given the richness of that big bass voice and the success he has enjoyed in the music industry, but when Con O'Brien was a boy, fishing figured a lot more prominently than singing.

By age 10, O'Brien was working in the family fish plant in Bay Bulls, washing pans. Life for him looked to be a future career in the family business.

"We were big codfish (processors)," O'Brien allows. "We were a going concern. We had three or four plants and we needed a million pounds of raw material a day to keep some of them going... But you could see it dwindling. We saw the writing on the wall long before it happened... Fish started to get smaller. You needed more fish to fill up the pan. We were catching more numbers of fish, but you couldn't do that forever."

O'Brien lays a lot of the blame for the over-fishing at the feet of politicians who wouldn't take a stand against it, who kept putting up the Total Allowable Catch to secure votes. But he agrees Newfoundlanders were culpable too.

"Who killed the fish?" says O'Brien. "We all did. The Portuguese, the Spanish, the Newfoundlanders, the Canadians, everybody who had a hand in it, killed it. We didn't look after it... I get a good kick out of John Crosbie coming out and blaming the scientists. We all have a lot of blame. We all took it. But there's been no one, in the 20 odd years since this happened, who has tried to figure out a way to get it back... And damn it, it's the reason we're here and it's probably the reason we'll be able to stay here. Oil is not going to last forever."

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Irish Descendants' front man Con O'Brien on the wharf in his hometown of Bay Bulls. The music industry veteran is lending his voice against the Muskrat Falls project. "My children will be getting their old age pension before this is paid off. Do I want them to pay double or triple the rates I have to pay or that the rest of North America is going to be paying?"

Paying homage

Goulds students organize poignant ceremony to honour veterans

War veterans need have no far that younger generations of Newfoundlanders in the Goulds will forget the sacrifices they made in Afghanistan, Korea and earlier wars.

Proving that pausing to reflect on the horrors and sacrifices of war is as relevant now as it was when the guns finally quieted on the battlefields of Europe some 94 years ago, students at St.

Kevin's High School in the Goulds staged an hour long ceremony last week that was remarkable for its poignancy.

The session, held before the entire student body in the school's gymnasium, began with a marching in of a colour party composed of local cadets and Royal Newfoundland Regiment Reservists.

Student Raylene Mackey opened and closed the cere-


mony with the singing of Oh Canada and the ode to Newfoundland.

Teacher Craig Halliday welcomed the students and teachers as well as the invited guests, which included members of the Canadian Forces and representatives of the Royal Canadian Legion.

"Veterans' Week 2012 is a time to recognize and honour veterans who have served

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'Never again can we allow these things to happen,' says Principal Power

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during war," said Halliday. "It is our opportunity to preserve their legacy and to encourage new generations to remember the important contributions so many brave Canadian men and women have made to our country and the world."

Halliday noted that since last year's Remembrance Day ceremony at the school, human suffering due to conflict has continued in places around the world.

"Take time to appreciate the democracy in which we live," Halliday urged, "for it has come at a great cost that we can never repay."

Last year, Halliday added, some students and teachers from St. Kevin's had the privilege of attending the Vimy Ridge ceremony in London, England where it was noted that Canadian and other Commonwealth countries stood by Great Britain during the Great War and just over two decades later when war came again and the country suffered its darkest hour. British citizens have not forgotten the sacrifice and service provided by our soldiers, Halliday said.

"I was very proud to be Canadian and to have our service people held in such high regard," Halliday said.

Next to the podium was Stephen Connors, who spoke on behalf of the School Council.

"First I would like to thank each and every one of you for being here today," Connors said, adding that instead of seeing the day's ceremony as a way to skip classes for a while, the St. Kevin's students used the occasion to show their respect, pride and gratitude. "I hope you will do the same this Sunday, November 11 as the 11th hour dawns... I hope

that you take a moment, two minutes of silence to remember and to be thankful."

For those who don't attend Nov. 11 ceremonies, Connors said, that is their right too, a right won for them by the countless soldiers who suffered and in some cases sacrificed their lives to protect our principal rights of equality, democracy and freedom.

"We pause to remember - not only to show our respect for soldiers past and present - but to reflect on the true cost of war, to remind ourselves that even a single life lost in violence is a life too many," said Connors. "We must remember them, their sacrifices and their triumphs, so that never again may such an evil as that which they fought against be allowed to enter into our world."

Connors was followed by Kevin Martin, a former navy member who now works at St. Kevin's and serves as an officer with the 37th Service Battalion in Pleasantville. Martin told the students he wasn't much older than many of them when, at the age of 18, he enlisted in the Canadian Forces. Martin trained at bases throughout North America and served in the first Gulf War.

Showing slides of his days in the forces, Martin said the military offers the best training in the world and he once spent eight days living in a hand dug foxhole as part of that training. "I know the suffering I went through," said Martin. "I can't imagine in World War I what they went through (living in the trenches) for weeks and months on end... Soldiers past and soldiers present put everything on the line to keep democracy safe and to keep you safe. So don't forget what we do for you."

Another Canadian Forces member, Rick Windsor, who has 14 years in the forces, told the students he has worked all over the country and a number of places around the world, including a recent eight month stint in Afghanistan.

"That was a different world," said Windsor. "You guys are so lucky here in North America, me included. I'm from here, I live in the Goulds, but oftentimes we're in a bubble and we have to realize there is a whole other

world out there. Don't ever take for granted what you have... Be thankful for everything you have."

The assembly was then treated to two films edited by student Devin Sooley. The first showed the names on the War Memorial at Petty Harbour and highlighted the Caribou Memorial at Bowring Park, which was erected to honour the sacrifices of Newfoundland soldiers in the first world war. The film was punctuated with interviews conducted with students and teachers at St. Kevin's reflecting on Remembrance Day and what it means to them.

Sooley's second film contained footage of battles in both world wars as well as the Korean War and the current one underway in Afghanistan.

The Remembrance was punctuated with powerful musical offerings, one by Holly Martin and Christina Doran, who performed Angel by Sara McLaughlin, another by band members Zachary Clarke, James Piercey, Anthony Chafe and Keegan Ridgely, who backed-up singer Raylene Mackey. Bugler Matthew Howlett performed The Last Post.

Teacher Phorsha Joseph added a traditional aspect to the occasion by reciting In Flanders Field as a prelude to a procession of the students who, one at a time, pinned a Poppy to a cross at the foot of the stage.

"It's really important that we pause as a school today to remember all those who have fought and are still fighting so that we can have an assembly like this today, and in Canada we're talking over 116,000 men and women," said principal Tony Power. "As Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, I think it's especially important that we remember."

Power reminded the students of the horrors that members of the Newfoundland Regiment faced on July 1, 1916, when during the Battle of the Somme, most of the regiment was killed or wounded at Beaumont Hamel.

"Their legacy is to remind us all, young and old, that never again can we allow these things to happen," Power concluded. "It's very important, as you heard the



Arrival of the colour party at St. Kevin's High School's Remembrance ceremony last week.



Holly Martin and Christina Doran perform Sara McLaughlin's Angel.



Students pin Poppies to a Remembrance Cross in the gymnasium.

message very clearly today, that we must remember them."

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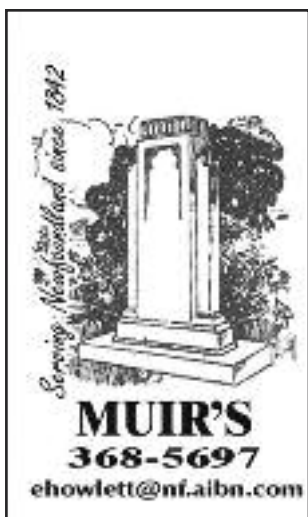
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Nine in time

A group of workers travelling to their job saves a Trepassey man who crashed on the Burin Peninsula

Ted Winter isn't saying much about the experience, but there's no doubt the retired teacher is grateful for the efforts of a group of travelling workers who rescued him after his car ended up in a gulch off the Burin Peninsula Highway. His wife Margaret is even more thankful.

The accident happened on August 21, said Winter's wife, Margaret. Winter was driving back from Marys-town after spending some time with their daughter. Somewhere between Terrenceville and Swift Current a moose stepped into the path of the car and Winter swerved to avoid crashing into the animal.

"When he swerved the car got caught up in the loose gravel and ended up bottom up (in a gully)," said Mar-

garet. "There was not a soul around. That road is a very lonely road."

With the car sinking in the water and mud, Winter was unable to open the windows or doors or even get his seat-belt off, said Margaret.

Soon, however, three cars happened by carrying workers from Belfor Power Vac, who were heading to Cow Head to carry out some work.

"The manager, Brian Critch, said, 'We don't have much time here, we've got to do something immediately,'" Margaret said. "The car was sinking. It was a very deep gulch and it was right full of water... So they all jumped in, all nine of them."

Margaret said the men themselves started to sink in the mud. Somehow they managed to break a window

and pull Ted from the vehicle.

"They got him out and he was very disoriented and very confused," said Margaret. "Someone called for an ambulance. He was shivering and freezing and I guess he had hypothermia a bit. The manager (of the workers) gave him a tee shirt to put on and they put him in the ambulance."

Margaret said as he was being put aboard the ambulance, Ted was calling out his thanks to his rescuers. (The Winters later learned one of the paramedics hails from Renew, but they never got her name).

As all this was happening Margaret was back at home in Trepassey oblivious to it. A couple of hours later, she got a call from a Mountie in

Clarenville.

"She said, 'Is your husband there?' recalled Margaret. "And I said, 'I o, he's not here right now. Is there a message?' And she said, 'When were you talking to him last?'"

Margaret soon found out Ted was in an accident and had been taken to hospital. Margaret called the Burin Hospital looking for him, but he wasn't there. Then she called the one in Clarenville.

"They kept him there for three or four hours, and then he did come home," Margaret said.

After they had time to relax from the ordeal, Mar-

garet suggested to Ted that he get a Thank You card and send it to the men who rescued him. After a week or so, not trusting that Ted would actually do it, Margaret sent one herself, just to be safe.

A manager at Belfor Power Vac, Darrell Hynes, framed both of the cards and made copies for all the men and invited them and the Winters to a company dinner at The Keg restaurant in St. John's.

"They brought Ted in and said he was the man of the hour and were clapping and hugging him," Margaret said. "And Ted said, 'I o, I'm not the man of the hour, you're

the men of the hour. I wouldn't be here tonight if it wasn't for you.' It was really sad and joyful at the same time. And I felt within me that I had to say something."

Margaret said she had happened to scribble a few notes on a card earlier that day and read them to the workers. Ted was given another company shirt, a cap and one of the framed copies of the Thank You cards.

"I thought it was really, really nice," Margaret said. "People here in Trepassey don't even know about this... Only for these men he would have smothered that day."

Celtic CBDC numbers in the black

The contribution from TACO was smaller this year but thanks to funding from other government programs and investment income from its portfolio of loans to small businesses in the region, the Celtic Community Business Development Corporation managed to finish up in the black again this year.

The Celtic CBDC reported its financial numbers during its annual general meeting held at the Ferryland Arts Centre last month.

"We had an extremely busy year," said chairman Sam Stack, who pointed out the year included a number of senior staffing changes. Long time executive director Cathy Perry left to take a job at Memorial University and was replaced by veteran CBDC staffer Loretta Ryan,



Celtic CBDC chairman Sam Stack.

who was in turn replaced in her former job as Employment Services Counsellor by fellow CBDC staffer Marie Hawkins. All the jobs were posted publicly and filled through a competitive process, Stack noted.

Stack thanked Perry, who was on hand for the AGM, for her many years of service to the organization. "Cathy truly lived the values of CBDC Celtic," Stack said.

This is the 21st year of operations for the CBDC in the region. Stack reminded the more than two dozen guests on hand for the meeting of Celtic's central function, which is to provide loans and counselling to small business operators and to help people find employment in the region from Petty Harbour to Mall Bay.

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A clear, crisp day greeted the many people who turned out for the Remembrance Day ceremony in Bay Bulls this past weekend. The event began with Mass at St. Peter and St. Paul Church followed by a march to the War Memorial in front of the Town Hall and the laying of wreaths. Turnouts were strong at all Remembrance Day ceremonies held throughout the Irish Loop.



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An amazing year for the amazing Bolands

Sons win gold medals provincially, nationally and internationally as Dad gets inducted into Softball Hall of Fame

**By Sherry Maher
Softball Newfoundland
For the Irish Loop Post**

Dave Boland of the Goulds will be inducted into Softball Newfoundland's Hall of Fame on Nov. 23, 2012. And to add icing to the cake, his son Shane will be named this province's Junior Player of the Year.

In fact, both of Boland's all star sons recorded great seasons this past year, with Ryan serving as catcher for team Newfoundland, helping this province win the gold medal at the Senior Men's Canadian Championships, before going on to play with Team Canada, where he also won gold at the Pan American Games. Ryan Boland's club team was also a winner: He helped it win gold at the International Softball Championships.

Shane, meanwhile, also played on the Team Newfoundland and Team Canada squads that won gold medals, serving as a short stop and outfielder, as well as the Jarvis Travellers group that won the International Softball Championships.

Dave Boland began his playing career with Outer Cove in the St. John's Junior League. His team won the St. John's Junior Championship in 1982, a provincial championship in 1984 and that same year he won the batting title.

Boland played for 20 years in the St. John's Senior A Softball league, serving as an integral member of six championship teams. He won the league batting title in 1988, won All-Star selections five times, the RBI title in 1995, and was both the league's regular season and playoff MVP in 1988.

Boland's Senior A stats include 281 games played, 787 at bats with 263 hits for a career batting average of .334, 34 home runs, 12 triples, 31 doubles, 173 RBI's, and a .974 fielding average.

At the Provincial level, Boland played on seven Senior A championship teams. He was provincial batting champion in 1982 and 1984, and won the award for Sportsmanship and Ability in 1993.

At the National level, Boland played at nine senior men's

championships. He was a member of the 1989 and 2001 bronze medal teams and was a member of the 1995 silver medal team. He won the 1991 National All-Star selection at third base.

Dave is being inducted into the Hall of Fame as an athlete but he also could be inducted as a builder. Every year he spends hundreds of hours training and coaching teams from the Goulds. Dave has coached locally, provincially and nationally, winning medals at the provincials, nationals and Canada Games. But more importantly, Dave continues to share his knowledge with minor players across the province and gives back to the game.

As minor director of SIFL, I am constantly counting on the Bolands to help share their talent, knowledge and experiences with our minor program and all three are always there to lend a hand. Our male softball program in Newfoundland is a direct result of players and coaches like Dave, Shane and Ryan. We at SIFL could not be prouder of such amazing ath-



Ryan, Dave and Shane Boland at Lions Park in 2010 where Dave achieved his dream of playing one game of Senior ball with his sons.

letes and individuals.

Let me conclude with another word on Shane, who just finished an incredible season that saw him become the first player in the history of the Intermediate league to win the Triple Crown of batting. He is the first Canadian player in history to play on gold medal teams in the Junior Nationals,

the Senior Nationals and the International Softball Congress Championships in the same year. Locally, Shane was a member of the Goulds intermediate team that won both the "Swing into Summer" and Intermediate League Championships. He was named to the All-League teams in both the Intermediate and Senior

Leagues at the short stop position and won a Golden Glove Award in Senior. He also pitched in a total of 12 games in both leagues with a 3-1 record and 4.00 ERA. Shane's overall stats from two leagues and six tournaments were as follows; 75 GP, 185 AB, 59 R, 75 H, 10 D, 2 T, 20 HR, 56 RBI's, and a .405 Batting average. Shane, like his brother Ryan and his Dad Dave, continues to give back to the game by instructing hitting, bunting, fielding and pitching clinics for SIFL during the season and the off season. He is a busy 21 year old, who is level-headed, exhibits leadership skills way beyond his years, and enough raw talent for an entire team. Watching the minor ball players look up to him is a complete honour. And no matter what he accomplishes, he keeps his feet on the ground and stays humble. Shane is also a multi-sport athlete, playing as a junior in the Senior hockey league with the Gander flyers. This won't be the last you will hear about Shane or his brother Ryan making history. The Bolands are great athletes and great people.



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St. Philip's group weighs in on future of Ruby Church

Dear Editor:

Please accept these comments on the October 3 article about the St. Matthew's Church, known also as the Ruby Church, in the Goulds. It is unfortunate that even after 26 years the owner (i.e. the Diocesan Synod of Eastern I L) appears still to want to demolish this historic church. This is evident by the agreement that was practically forced on the Historical Society in 1986 and the Oct. 3 2012 Rector's comments that "they" want to see what happens in St. Philip's. The heritage group there, including many parishioners, want to reattach the steeple and save their heritage church, but the Diocese is again appealing the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's decision of an "Order to Repair" this designated Municipal Heritage Church Building. An appeal date is yet to be set. Why is it that the mentality to demolish seems to prevail in this modern day and age of preserving history, not destroy-

ing it?

Maybe the present St. Matthew's Rector is unaware that a main reason why the Ruby Church is not in good condition today is as a result of item 8 of the 1986 Diocese agreement, stating, "the Historical Society will perform restoration work to the exterior of the Church Building only". How can one properly maintain a heritage building when one cannot even restore the interior? Item 9 states, "the church building and lands will not be used by the society for any purpose whatsoever". This seems designed by the Diocese so that community interest cannot be maintained in the church, nor can family and supporters hold any events (including fundraisers) at the iconic church: therefore leading eventually to apparent demolition by neglect.

The rector refers to St. Matthew's church as just a building: well, many people see it and think of it as a church. She stated, "all the

insides need to be redone". If the Historical Society had been allowed to maintain the inside, then this would not be a problem. There was the \$10,000.00 in funding available, yet the Diocese would not accept it. That grant amount today is \$30,000.00 through the Heritage Foundation of I L. There is \$30,000.00 available for Topsail's Heritage designated St. John the Evangelist's 150 year old church (which has received historic property designations from both the provincial government and the Town of Conception Bay South.), and the St. Philip's 1894 Church – if only the Bishop would simply agree to it. Here is possibly \$90,000.00 that the Diocesan Synod and Parishes are not accepting or applying for.

There is a reference to the St. Paul's Parish having "enough on its hands and the other parish buildings". If the Historical Society had been allowed then it would have looked after the Ruby



St. Matthews Church in the Goulds has fallen into disrepair. The Anglican Church, which like many Church groups is struggling to maintain its active buildings, feels it cannot afford to fix up the unused building. Some heritage minded people would like permission to restore the structure.

Church at no cost to the Parish, plus I suspect it would have brought funds into the Parish as a whole. Imagine saying that it takes "a lot of paperwork" to turn over St. Matthew's to look after its upkeep. It is a straightforward matter of an agreement without negative constraints. St. George's Church in Brigus, and All Saints Anglican Church in

English Harbour have been successfully turned over to volunteer groups.

The church hierarchy apparently still want to demolish the Ruby Church, seemingly because they said so and to show that they have the power to do it eventually. Those interested in their history and heritage need to keep an eye on what might be done to the St.

Matthew's church tower now – after all, a steeple was actually torn off in St. Philip's, and the Parish rector and the Diocese refused to even ask the police to investigate that major vandalism.

Steve Sharpe: President - The Church By The Sea Inc. www.SaveOurSteeple.ca PO Box 1894 Stn C St. John's A1C 5R4

Hutchings defends Muskrat Falls

Dear Editor:

There has been much dialogue and commentary on the pending Muskrat Falls project throughout our region and the province. As the MHA for the District of Ferryland I felt that highlighting some of the benefits and opportunities attached to this project was important.

Why is Muskrat Falls the right answer? Muskrat Falls is being developed first and foremost to meet energy needs for I ewfoundlanders and Labradorians. The sale of surplus power into export markets is not the primary focus of Muskrat Falls. Muskrat Falls provides an opportunity to export 40 per cent of the power from the project into export markets to earn revenue but gives us the ability to recall it for our own use at anytime. The 2007 energy plan *Focusing our Energy* is clear that we will seek long term stability for the ratepayers of I ewfoundland and Labrador and acquire a secure environmentally-friendly source of power.

The environmental benefits of the

Mskrat Falls project are significant and are often overlooked. Over one million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions are emitted from Holyrood annually and Muskrat Falls will help reduce the release of emissions and other pollutants. Closing Holyrood would be equivalent to taking about 300,000 cars off the road and Muskrat Falls will create an electricity system greater than 98 per cent carbon free. If the island remains dependent upon oil-fired generation from Holyrood, electricity rates will continue to rise well into the future and would be much higher over the long term. Muskrat Falls will help keep our rates amongst the lowest in Canada because we will no longer be dependent on the volatility of oil prices.

Some opponents have indicated rates will double under Muskrat Falls but in actual fact they will be stabilized in 2017 as opposed to continuing to rise annually. In the past 10 years electricity costs have increased at least 40 per cent. I ot acting and providing a solution will see

electricity costs continue to rise at three or four per cent annually. This is not acceptable to the ratepayers of I ewfoundland and Labrador.

The provincial government has always maintained the importance of presenting the most current, up to date information to the people of the province. This fall, our government will use the decision gate three numbers to help us make an informed decision on Muskrat Falls.

Muskrat Falls will transform I ewfoundland and Labrador from an economy dependent on non-renewable resource revenue to an economy built on sustainable energy resources. Our government welcomes the upcoming debate and questions associated with Muskrat Falls and we want to provide the information to the people of the province. The only way Muskrat Falls will be developed is if it is in the best interests of the people of I ewfoundland and Labrador.

*Keith Hutchings
MHA Ferryland District*

Conservative actions speak louder than words on veterans: Critic

Dear editor,

The Conservatives go to great lengths to convince Canadians they care about our veterans. Yet actions speak louder than words and they continue to neglect our veterans while using them as political props.

Consider this: the Conservatives spent \$750,000 and 5 years dragging our veterans through the courts over their pensions. They fought tooth and nail to prevent them from getting what they earned and deserve. The government lost that battle when the Federal Court, in a stinging rebuke, ruled in favour of our disabled veterans.

Then consider the situation of veterans who pass away: the 'Last Post Fund' is supposed to pay up to \$3600 to help cover veterans' funeral costs. This amount is already inadequate to meet the actual costs of a funeral. But to make the situation worse, the Conservative gov-

ernment's rejection rate of over 60% since 2006 for applications to the Fund is staggering. Likewise, we are now learning from media reports that funeral operators from across Canada are absorbing the costs because many of the veterans and their families have been left twisting in the wind by this government.

Imagine how much more decent and honourable it would have been had the Conservatives spent that \$750,000 to help pay for the funeral costs of our veterans instead of fighting them in court over their pensions.

When the Conservatives brag about their record on veterans, remind them of the truth. I o amount of government spin can change that reality.

Yours sincerely,
*Sean Casey, MP
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Archaeological work uncovers evidence of violent rivalry between Ferryland and Placentia

Not all the artefacts connected to the Colony of Avalon have actually been found in Ferryland: Some have turned up in Placentia.

The ties between the two settlements were forged in blood during the late 17th century when settlers from Ferryland attacked Placentia and were themselves raided six years later.

With Ferryland being an English colony and Placentia a French one, the raids were tied to a larger war in Europe between England and France.

Steve Mills, an archaeologist who has worked at both Placentia and Ferryland, talked about the historic ties between the communities during a presentation to the Colony of Avalon Foundation at its annual general meeting last month.

"Like nearly everywhere on the island of Newfoundland, Placentia was founded on the cod fishery," said Mills.

And like Ferryland, the first visitors were Basque and Portuguese fishermen. Placentia's attraction, Mills said, was its substantial beach, which was good for drying fish. It has changed much since, due mainly to human

activity, but that's where many of the settlement's artefacts have been located, including some that originated in Ferryland.

In the 1660s, about 40 years after Calvert's settlers reached Ferryland, the French set up their colony at Placentia. It was done as a reaction to the English settlements at Ferryland, Renewes and other places on the 'English Shore,' Mills explained. "They wanted to get their own foothold."

Life was tough in Placentia in the early years. The mingling of French settlers with Basques fishermen made for strife, said Mills. Like Ferryland and most other settlements, many of the town's supplies came from Newfoundland. "They were bringing in a lot of liquor, a lot of fresh produce, wood, everything that they needed to survive," said Mills. "All the taverns in Placentia, of which there were many in the early period from the 1660s to the 1690s, were run by English owners out from Newfoundland."

In 1690, a half dozen or so of the principal men of Ferryland, including the Kirkes, paid a visit on Placentia

where they were "wined and dined" by French authorities.

The hospitality didn't take. "They went back to Ferryland and then six weeks or so later they came back with 45 of their pals and they ransacked the town," said Mills. "They locked up everybody in the community inside the church, ransacked everything and stayed there for six weeks, took whatever they wanted, threw all the cannon that were there in the ocean, ruined the fortifications and then hightailed it back to Ferryland."

The following winter the French Governor led a rebuilding effort that included a new palisade.

"A couple of weeks after they finished building the palisade, the Ferryland boys came back," said Mills.

In 1696, Placentia had its revenge when French Canadian commander Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville led an overland attack against Ferryland, marching his French regulars and Aboriginal warriors across the bog and brush of the Avalon peninsula to

reach their target. Half starved by the time they arrived in the cold November weather, one of the first things they did was kill and roast some horses. They also burned the town and deported the residents to England, taking some of the principal citizens, including three Kirke brothers, back to prison at Placentia where two of them died. The third later died after making it to St. John's. (The settlers who had been deported, meanwhile, managed to return the following year to rebuild and resume their lives at Ferryland.)

The sight of Indian warriors coming over the hills likely struck panic in the heart of many Ferryland residents. "The English were petrified of these guys," said Mills, "because they didn't fight clean. They scalped you and did all kinds of stuff that was horrific."

But prisoners weren't the only trophies taken during the raid. The French force pillaged Ferryland and took whatever loot they could carry back to Placentia.

"Tonnes and tonnes" of artefacts have been uncovered in Placentia, Mills said, including some of the goods taken from Ferryland. That included roof slates that were found during archaeological work.

"This is the major connection between these two sites," said Mills.

The roof slates, some of which contained etchings of pictures and words, are solid proof of the connection. One appears to have been part of a sun dial.

"There are no roof-slatted houses anywhere in Newfoundland in the 17th century except here (in Ferryland)," said Mills. "We have a number of these roof slates (found at Placentia) and they are clearly the same thing."

Another artefact connecting Placentia and Ferryland, as well as Bay Bulls, is an Ottoman pipe, which is very different in make and look than traditional English pipes.

"The only places in the

New World where these pipes were found are Placentia, Ferryland, and in Bay Bulls on board the *Sapphire*, which was sunk by the French during the 1696 raid," said Mills.

Meanwhile, the links between Ferryland and Placentia live on, though on a far more friendlier level these days. Barry Gaulton, the lead archaeologist at Ferryland, actually helped find the original French fort at Placentia, Mills noted.

"I think there is lots of room for collaboration between sites like Placentia, Cupids and Ferryland," Mills said. "It's the same time period and the people there went through the exact same struggles... Hopefully one day, particularly as money gets tight and as we are trying to extend our whole tourism draw for the Avalon peninsula, we can really work together and tell a more complete story of the history of Newfoundland and Labrador."

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Take notice that the Town of Witless Bay Municipal Plan Amendment No. 12, 2012, and Development Regulations Amendment No. 13, 2012, as adopted by Council on the 14th day of August, 2012, has been registered by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

In general terms, Municipal Plan Amendment No. 12, 2012, *will re-designate an area of land on the east side of the Southern Shore Highway, Route 10, from Public Assembly to Commercial.*

Development Regulations Amendment No. 13, 2012, *will re-zone the same area of land from Public to Commercial Local.*

The Town of Witless Bay Municipal Plan Amendment No. 12, 2012, and Development Regulations Amendment No. 13, 2012, comes into effect on the day that this notice is published in the Newfoundland Gazette. Anyone who wishes to inspect a copy of the Town of Witless Bay Municipal Plan Amendment No. 12, 2012, and Development Regulations Amendment No. 13, 2012, may do so at the Town Office, Witless Bay during normal working hours.

Geraldine Caul
Town Clerk
Town of Witless Bay

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O'Brien on warnings the government won't give him any business: 'I couldn't care less'

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When the moratorium struck, sinking the jobs of tens of thousands of people, O'Brien found a unique life raft - the music business. Instead of working in the fishery, he would sing about the unique culture the fishery spawned in Iewfoundland.

"I had never thought of it (music) as a career choice," O'Brien says. "As children we grew up in a house where there was always a bit of music - Dad played accordion and all kinds of instruments - but I guess the transition for me was getting bitten by the performance bug early on during some volunteer stuff, community events where people knew you could sing and they would ask you to come up."

Singing was also a way for a young fellow who was a bit overweight to look differently to people, he admits, and maybe feel a bit differently about himself.

"It gave me the opportunity to express myself and affect people and I didn't have to worry about what they

were thinking about me," O'Brien says.

Realizing that he could make someone cry or laugh through the power of his voice and music resonated strongly in him.

O'Brien well remembers his first paying gig - singing at a nomination meeting for Charlie Power at Tors Cove Hall.

"I'd say it was 1985 or '86, so I was around 20 years old," he says. "I had picked up my first guitar at 19, so I can tell you I have lots of gall."

O'Brien was playing around St. John's with fellow Bay Bulls native Ronnie Power when they met a band called the *Irish Coffee Boys*. In May of 1990 the bands merged and became the *Irish Descendants*. Another Southern Shore boy, Thomas Battcock was also part of the outfit.

"We were the *Descendants* first, then we became the *Irish Descendants*," O'Brien notes. "Ralph O'Brien gave us the name because he was tired of peo-

ple calling Erin's Pub wondering if 'Con, Ron and Tom are playing?'"

Since then, the *Irish Descendants* have become a household name in Iewfoundland and in many places throughout Canada. O'Brien has produced 14 albums of music, including the first CD ever made in Iewfoundland, which went on to sell some 17,000 copies. His bands have toured the country frequently and helped give a start or employ a good 80 musicians at one time or another over the first 20 or so years of his career so far.

The music business is a business and O'Brien knows it.

"It's a lot like the fish business," he says. "You don't know what's coming. You don't know how much you're going to catch. So it's exciting that way - because you have the anticipation of what's coming, or you work hard to get something to work for you."

Being from an entrepreneurial family helps, he says. "In any business, I suppose,

there are common business practices. You've got to know your responsibilities and recognize at the end of the day that you've got to make money. You can't go around with the love of your art forever without being practical. Once I take the band on the road I've got to know that I'm going home with a cheque. I've got a family to feed. It's one of the things that gets lost on a lot of the younger musicians, that the actual performing part of the business is about 20 per cent."

It's the future well being of his family, and the families of all Iewfoundlanders, that has O'Brien taking to the public airwaves, and - more frequently - using the social media technology of Twitter to share his concerns about the Muskrat Falls project. O'Brien has two boys and he can't help worrying about what the government is doing to their future by saddling their generation with a multi-billion hydroelectricity project that many informed critics say we don't need and can ill afford.

Aside from actor, comedian and VOCM Iightline host Pete Soucy, aka Snook, O'Brien has been the only prominent artist to take a stand and raise doubts about a deal that could double or triple our electricity rates while sending free power to Iova Scotia and possibly subsidizing Chinese and other international mining companies that operate in Labrador.

Some people speculate the reticence of Iewfoundland's artist community to speak up is rooted in its dependence on government grants and subsidies, that they are afraid to bite the hand that now feeds them. O'Brien doesn't give that notion credence. He has his own reasons for opposing the project.

"I'm looking to the future of Iewfoundland and the future generations of young Iewfoundlanders who are going to have the responsibility of paying for this big mega project," he says.

O'Brien adds he is not against mega projects, nor is he against developing the lower Churchill River.

"But I do think it has to be based on prudent decision making," he says. "And Iewfoundland is in a precarious situation."

O'Brien points out the

tremendous good luck Iewfoundland had in that as the fishery was being lost oil prices were peaking.

"We have to be the luckiest people on earth," he says. "We hit the jackpot. But all of a sudden we're going to take that jackpot and put it into something that potentially runs the risk of losing it all and for no sound reason other than a whole bunch of gobbledygook about why we need it and when we need it. And we're doing it without checking all the facts. So do I want my little boys paying for that for the next 60 years? My children will be getting their old age pension before this is paid off. Do I want them to pay double or triple the rates I have to pay or that the rest of Iorth America is going to be paying?"

O'Brien says Iewfoundland is living in a bubble: We don't see the recession that has gripped the rest of Iorth America, where electricity prices have tumbled as demand grows stagnant and in some cases shrinks. Even the price of oil is dropping. For Iewfoundland, lower oil prices means smaller revenues for the government to pay for services. And this government, O'Brien says, has been spending more and more money to make itself popular. He would like to see it admit it has made a mistake on Muskrat Falls and back away.

As for why other Iewfoundland artists haven't come out against, or for, the deal, O'Brien ascribes it more to a general lack of understanding of the project than a fear of bucking the government.

O'Brien says he is often approached by fellow musicians, especially younger ones who have seen his tweets, asking him to explain Muskrat Falls.

"My job is not to explain to the arts community of Iewfoundland what Muskrat Falls is," he says. "But if it's not getting out there I feel I have a little bit of responsibility, if I know the difference, to at least try to get the information out there."

O'Brien's efforts have made a difference. One of his tweets sparked the formation of a Concerned Citizens Coalition.

"My idea is to have a democracy rally and I'm working towards that end now," O'Brien says. "The

other day I saw 2,000 people on the steps of the legislature in Victoria, protesting the pipeline going across BC. It struck me how 2,000 people made the national news that night. Two thousand concerned citizens have the right (here) to ask why the Public Utilities Board is not being allowed in this process."

O'Brien says the attack on the members of the PUB, because they wouldn't go along with the Muskrat Falls deal, is an attack on democracy. The PUB has a legislated responsibility to protect the interests of Iewfoundland citizens, he says. "For them to say 'We don't trust the people who are there to protect us, we're going to do it our way,' that doesn't tell me that things are good."

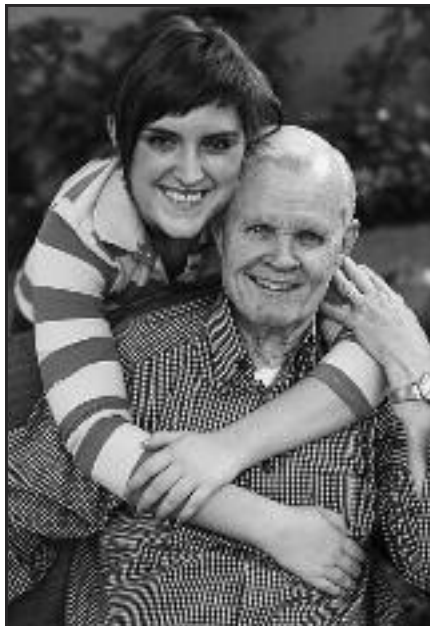
I either is O'Brien impressed with the so-called Millionaires Club, a collection of rich businesspeople, such as former Ialcor CEO Cathy Bennett and others, who to many minds have a personal or financial stake in seeing the project go ahead and are lobbying publicly for the deal. O'Brien says they are asking the men and women who work for them to take their word that it's a good deal and to bear the brunt of paying for it without even knowing how much it will really cost.

"How can you believe in something if you don't know how much it is going to cost or that doesn't have the alternate options studied?" says O'Brien.

Is he worried that he may be punished for expressing such views in a place where the government has a reputation for blacklisting citizens who express their doubts openly and are even ostracized by some in the business community who want to be seen as staying on the government's side?

"I couldn't care less," O'Brien says. "People say 'You won't get many government jobs now.' I've done a bit of government work over the years, a fair bit of it, and I'm grateful for all of it. But if I can't stand alone as a businessman in the music business and make a living from it without having to worry about what I'm going to get from the government, or whether I'm going to face some gang who are going to be against me, I'll never survive anyway. I don't need

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'Nalcor is spending a Sprung a month - put it in perspective'

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government grants to keep it going... Maybe the Labrador miners won't be giving me any sponsorship money next year to get to Labrador on a Christmas tour, but if I can't get to Labrador without that I shouldn't be going at it anyway."

It is surprisingly, O'Brien is being asked a lot whether he intends to enter politics.

"That's not something I'm ever going to really commit to, I don't think," he says. "But on a daily basis I'm being asked if I'm running, and no, I'm not running... I'm halfway through my music business career. I'm only 46 years old and I have no pension plan or any other alternatives... I've been promoting myself for 20 odd years now and that's what I do best, and to get through the next 20 odd years of it I'm going to have to keep doing it, so music will be a big part of that for me as I delve into other things."

Asked to comment on the current crop of government

MHAs, many of whom seem to lack the passion of a Cabot Martin or Richard Cashin, or some of the big personalities of our past, O'Brien points to Mount Pearl MHA Steve Kent to make a point.

"I know he has reason and I know he has principle... but he's just like a puppet," says O'Brien. "He's able to spew stuff off the top of his head in order just to keep himself in the limelight. And that's for opportunity, that's not for service. That's to promote himself. He wants to be in the cabinet. And I'm not just picking on Steve... I know they all have to vote along party lines - that's how it works. But surely someone up there sitting amongst them 40 odd people has to have a question mark in the back of his head, someone has to be sitting down asking 'Are we doing the right thing here?'"

But O'Brien isn't only picking on the PCs. It's been only recently that the NDP started calling for the PUB to be allowed to do its job and

examine the deal in full, he notes. And the Liberals, well they have their own problems, says O'Brien, with the caucus opposed to Muskrat Falls and the leaders of the Renewal Tour for it.

"It's very confusing for the everyday person."

But for O'Brien, who has taken the time to educate himself about the costs and risks of Muskrat Falls the matter is pretty basic. The money that is being spent now and that will continue to be spent by the fistful on this project is money that won't go into hospitals or schools, O'Brien says.

"We don't have a decent ferry to ride on around the province now," he says, pointing to what he perceives are real needs around the province. "I got a kick recently when Brian Peckford came out (talking about the problems he sees with the project) and (David) Cochrane on CBC brought up Sprung. Well, Nalcor is spending a Sprung a month. So put it in perspective."



An early incarnation of the *Irish Descendants*: From left, Ronnie Power, Con O'Brien, Eamonn O'Rourke and Larry Martin. Some of the faces have changed over the years, but the mainstay has always been O'Brien, who has led the band through the production of 14 albums and countless performances across Canada.

"It's like a gift."



"There are so many little things that you don't even know you're missing. And then when you can hear them, it's like a gift. I sat at the beach for 2-1/2 hours listening to the waves hit the rocks. I didn't know they made noise!"

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CBDC approves \$700,000 in loans

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"Even though our region, like some other regions of Newfoundland and Labrador, is facing challenges due to changing demographics and inter-provincial migration, our corporation approved over \$700,000 in loans (last year)," Stack said. "As of the end of March, our total loan portfolio was \$2.5 million, representing 58 current loans."

Most of the loan portfolio, some 31 per cent, was made to businesses in the fishery, with 16 per cent of the portfolio going to manufacturing enterprises, 14 per cent to tourism operations, 13 per cent to retail, 11 per cent to food services, 10 per cent to service industries, three per cent to companies providing business services, two per cent to social enterprises and 0.5 per cent to craftspeople.

"There is great potential for growth in each of these sectors," Stack added.

On the employment services front, Celtic CBDC staff provided services to 952 un-

employed individuals, Stack said, helping 553 of them to find work. Another 207 people received help returning to school or college.

"I think these numbers are very impressive," Stack said.

"Like all other CBDCs, our organization is managed by a volunteer board of directors," Stack said, noting the volunteers are drawn from through the region, representing a variety of business sectors. "Every community in this region has potential for growth and CBDC Celtic is waiting on your call."

Stack concluded his remarks by thanking the CBDC's staff and his fellow directors for their support and hard work.

Stack was followed by Amanda Kavanagh, Celtic's volunteer treasurer, who lives in Bay Bulls and works as a financial analyst with Chevron Canada. Kavanagh presented the audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2012. She reported total revenues for the year at \$468,630, despite ACOA cutting its funding to

the group by \$40,000 to \$150,000. Total expenditures for the year came to some \$409,133, leaving a surplus of over \$59,000.

Kavanagh pointed out the Celtic CBDC also administers a \$1.1 million employment services contract, which contributes about \$62,000 in revenue towards the organization's bottom line. Some 17 people are employed by Celtic CBDC to administer the contract.

Also addressing the session was Yvonne Hardy of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, who said CBDCs is one of the organization's most important partners.

"CBDCs are critical in achieving the agency's overall objective to promote opportunities for economic growth in Atlantic Canada and more especially to implement our strategic priorities of community economic development, access to capital and entrepreneurship," Hardy said. "I look forward to working with you again in the coming year."

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Reflection: Fear and failure

A U.S. president once said, "We have nothing to fear only fear itself."

What a load of nonsense. It is only an idiot who does not have a healthy fear of some thing or some situation. If we did not have this caution, we would wind up dead or in serious trouble.

All of us face fears outside ourselves and of our own making. It is easy to understand terror in war or in violent situations where our lives are in real danger. It is much harder to understand and come to terms with anxiety created in our own mind such as the fear of flying, public speaking, crowded spaces, going to the dentist, etc.

Many people we know



REFLECTIONS
By Fr. Peter Golden

have to face challenges like the above on a daily basis. To their everlasting credit they face these fears, sometimes frequently, because their livelihood depends on it. No matter how often they have to repeat the process, it just does not get any better. They are the real heroes. We

read of professional hockey players who vomit into their helmets before taking to the ice before every game. Great singers at times can be nervous wrecks before facing large audiences.

One of the greatest fears is fear of failure. The marvellous Anglican Archbishop Michael Ramsey said, "Jesus Christ never preached about success or failure. I think we are all doing fine if we just cope with life's challenges."

Coping is a great word: It means just getting by somehow. In my experience we learn very little from success and risk becoming overconfident. Failure can be a great teacher. It forces

us to sit back and examine our actions to see where we have gone wrong and how we can do much better in the future.

Perseverance is a marvellous virtue. John Diefenbaker was rejected by the voters over a dozen times before being elected to Parliament. I also think failure can be great for the soul and our humility. I once lived with an old priest who told me, "Peter, when you fail, do it big; make a complete balls of it."

I have found that after a complete let down, when I am very exhausted and drained mentally, I am then forced into a situation where I have to examine my actions and somehow move forward. Life can be complicated.

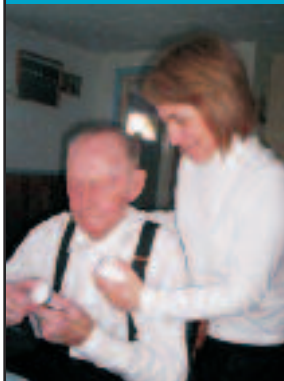
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