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Bush Pilot George Theriault's Fountain of Youth



George flying us out.

Theriault through his

book Trespassing in

By James Smedley

eorge Theriault rkills the 2hp motor near a rocky point and drops a jig and yellow twister tail to the bottom. In an instant his rod is arced sharply as he angles a large walleye to surface. The 87-year-old bush pilot reaches into the water and hoists the fat 25-inch fish. George flashes a boyish grin while I take a few photos, then slides the fivepound fish back into the water. "This is usually a good spot," he says, tossing out his jig.

I was first introduced to George

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Gods Country. I remember being glued to pages describing his adventures in the far reaches of northern Ontario, Ouebec and Labrador. In more than 70 years of flying George Theriault has served in World War Two with the Royal Canadian Airforce (RCAF), flown survey crews throughout the Arctic, established three different air services in northern Ontario as well as hunting and fishing camps in Northern Quebec and the Belcher Islands in Hudsons Bay. Through it all he's fished trout, char, grayling and walleye in remote areas most of us will only dream of. The book is required reading for anyone interested in bush planes and angling in remote corners of Canada. I said as much

in a book review I wrote

for a few newspapers and magazines and now it's my pleasure to be fishing with the venerable bush pilot at his private camp on a small float-plane-accessed lake north of Foleyet.

Earlier in the summer I got an email from Theriault thanking me for the favourable review and wondering if I'd like to join him for a "few days of fishing and swapping stories." A date is set and I drive to Air Ivanhoe in Foleyet, now run by Theriault's son George Jr., and I'm flown in to a long and narrow lake where George Senior is waiting at his one room frame cabin. Theriault welcomes me and I throw my gear on one of two sets of bunk beds. It's a cosy spot, nestled amongst the thick cedars that grow at the base of a large mountain rising up behind the small white cabin. Wooden walkways lead down to a pair of docks: one with a boat and motor, the other where Theriault's Cesna 180 is tied. Any uncertainty about spending a few days with a man I've never met dissipates as we enjoy a cold beer on the front deck. When George suggests we go fishing I know we are going to get along just fine.

After George's initial walleye we catch four more from 18 to 24 inches during a few slow drifts along the steep cedar-shrouded shoreline. We keep two 18-inchers for supper and once the food fish are landed George starts up the 2 hp and says, "Okay now bend your barb down." Still within shouting range of the small cabin George starts a quick troll along the bottom end of the lake. The shoreline is a mixture of sandy points, rocky drop-offs and weedy flats, and walleye and pike are everywhere they should be, aggressively striking quarter ounce jigs and soft plastic dragged behind the sputtering

outboard.

By the time we troll back to the dock long shadows are encroaching on the cabin cast from the steep hills that envelop this productive little lake. George docks the boat and points me to a fish cleaning board nailed to a stump near the dock. I extract four meaty filets but that's about all the help

George will accept insisting on doing all the cooking and the bulk of the clean up. "Relax," he says, "you're my guest."

We eat walleye, fried potatoes, salad and his wife Joan's home made pickles along with some of George's home made wine. We remain at the table for a long time settling into stories of the north. Fluent in French and English George tells me his father was an Acadian and his mother from France and he grew up in Timmins during the Depression. "I had a motorcycle with a side car and would collect empties from prospectors coming out of the bush and cash them in... we just wanted enough so we could do the things we wanted to do." And for George that was hunting and fishing.

Theriault smiles as he recalls his early days fishing the Mattagami River system with "...fullblooded Algonquin and Cree who paddled birch bark canoes. We used to wear moccasins in the canoes because they were so delicate. I'd stay with their families who still were living in tepees on Gogama Lake." Discussions of George's early years continue into evening when he tells me how the natives got the birch bark for their canoes. "They'd wait till the winter, -40 or so and cut around the top and bottom of the tree and slit the side," he said. "Then they'd build a fire at its base and it would pop off with a huge crack," he said.

Theriault's introduction to flying came in 1934 when a Waco bi-plane on floats landed near the 14year-old's campsite. He took the pilot fishing in exchange for ride out of the bush. "What a thrill," he said adding that the 20-minute flight covered the same territory as the two-day hike in. "I remember thinking 'My God this beats walking", he said. Two years later Theriault got his private pilot's license and by 1942 he'd earned his pilot's wings from the RCAF and spent the remainder of the war years flying the east coast of Labrador and the gulf of St Lawrence in small twin engine planes looking for German U-boats.

George never lost his interest in angling and through 1949 and 50, when he flew a Norseman transporting survey crews throughout the North Western Arctic, he fished trout, char and grayling in areas then known only to the Inuit and a handful of other bush pilots, he said.

Theriault left the RCAF a senior flight lieutenant in 1954 to operate his own air service in Chapleau. He later established an air Cont'd on P.6

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CHAPLEAU'S FAVORITE RECIPES!



MOOSE LASAGNA

Submitted by Doreen Gagnon

1 lb. ground moose

1 pkg. (8 oz) uncooked lasagna noodles

1 (32 oz) jar spaghetti sauce

(16 oz) container ricotta cheese

1/4 c. chopped onions

1 can drained sliced mushrooms

1 egg slightly beaten

1 1/4 c. shredded mozzarella cheese

Cook noodles as directed, set aside to cool. In 3 qt. casserole dish, crumble moose, add onions, and cover. Microwave on high for 4 to 5 minutes, drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce I and mushrooms. In a smaller bowl mix ricotta cheese and egg. In 12" x 8" baking dish, layer 1/3 of the noodles, 1/3 of the sauce and 1/2 of the ricotta cheese mixture. Repeat layers twice. Microwave on med. for 15 to 18 minutes or until hot, turning dish after 1/2 time. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese, Microwave on med. until cheese melts. Cover with foil and let stand for 10 minutes. Ready to serve.

The Superior East Community Futures Development Corporation helps shape the future of our communities

October 23rd, 2009, marks the day Ontario celebrates the valuable contribution Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs) make to our rural communities. CFDC Day serves to highlight the important role small and medium-sized businesses play in the economic well-being of our communities. The event is being held on the Friday of Small Business Week (October 18-24), an initiative of the Business Development Bank of Canada.

"We are proud of the role the Superior East CFDC plays in assisting entrepreneurs and rural communities throughout the region," says Luc Levesque, Chair of the Superior East CFDC. "As a locally-run, notfor-profit organization, we are in tune with the economic development needs and priorities of our communities."

The Superior East CFDC is a notfor-profit, locally-run organization serving the communities of Chapleau, Dubreuilville, Wawa, White River and surrounding First Nations and dedicated to helping small and mediumsized businesses grow and succeed. Last year, the Superior East CFDC invested \$706,867 in local SMEs to help create and maintain 351 jobs, contributing to an enhanced business community. In 2009, Superior East has invested \$523,000 in local SMEs to help create and maintain 37 iobs.

Superior East also offers the Local Initiatives Project funding which provides contributions to local nonprofit organizations for their economic development projects. 2009, there were 16 Local Initiatives Projects approved totaling \$60,500. These projects leveraged a total of \$556,227 from community partners. Since inception this program has approved \$480,246 in funds, which has leveraged approximately \$2.6 million.

In Ontario, there are more than 336,000 small businesses with fewer than 100 employees. These account for 97 per cent of all Ontario businesses and nearly 50 per cent of the total workforce. According to Statistics Canada, the small business sector is responsible for the creation of about half of all new jobs in Ontario.

The Superior East CFDC is one of 61 Community Futures Development Corporations in Ontario. CFDCs are funded by Industry Canada's Community Futures Program through FedNor. They deliver a wide variety of services in support of community economic development and small business growth. They employ local staff and are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors made up of local residents representative of the community.

This event marks the eighth year Ontario has celebrated the role Community Futures Development Corporations play in shaping the future of our communities.

For more information, please contact: Dan Friyia, General Manager at (705) 856-1105 or 1-800-387-5776

Wedding Engagement



Dee-Dee and Gordon Witty are very pleased to announce the engagement of our daughter, Lisa Witty, to Curtis Johnson, the son of Sandra Johnson and the late Greg Johnson. The wedding to take place on July 10, 2010 in Sudbury.

Congratulations, we love you.

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Wednesday October 21st 7:00 to 9:00pm

(Please note change from Tuesday, October 20" as previously printed in our newsletter)

Mid-Term Report Cards will be issued in mid-November. This is a great time to review your child's progress before the midterm report. Feel free to contact the school at (705) 864-1452 to pre-book appointment times, or simply come to the school the evening of October 21st.

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ESCHS students receive standing ovations for performances in World War II production

Chapleau **Moments**

by Michael J. Morris



Just recently I received a message on Facebook from Derek Lafreniere recalling "You'll Get Used To It ... The War Show", by Peter Colley, a play about World War II that I directed at Ecole Secondaire Chapleau High School just prior to Remembrance Day in 1987. Derek was a student in my drama course and played a leading role in the production. He later served in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Derek wrote: "I remember the Army play you directed that I was in. It was such a great experience. In addition, we put on one hell of a show if I may say so. If I remember correctly it was a fairly large production, singing, dancing etc..."

It sure was all that you write about it Derek and after a successful run in Chapleau we took it to Wawa for a presentation at Michipicoten High School.

As Remembrance Day on November 11 approaches it seemed a good time to bring back the moment that ESCHS students, staff and community members were involved in the production of Peter Colley's

play. Colley noted that his play looked at Canada at war through the eyes of the soldiers themselves, adding that if at times it seemed they did not take the war as seriously as some people would think, "it must be remembered that our soldiers didn't take it that seriously either." When they weren't actually fighting, they took a break from the

This play was produced in conjunction with Branch Number 5 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Chapleau.

I directed many plays during my years at CHS/ESCHS, and each one was very special to me, but this one really challenged the cast as it combined many dramatic techniques including mime, music and dance into a play set in a time period which was not even a distant memory to them.

When I first read the play I was studying drama at the Faculty of Education at the University of Toronto, and it was a play I knew I had to direct for two reasons: it would place new demands on my students to reach

beyond the ordinary in playing the respective roles, and because of the tribute it paid to Canada's ordinary soldiers in the ranks, including many from Chapleau. But they were not ordinary at all. They were the exceptional generation who left loved ones at home to serve. Some returned. Some, like my father, James E. "Jim" Morris, and other Chapleauites did

Twenty-seven years after "You'll Get Used To It: The War Show" brought audiences to their feet in rousing standing ovations from the packed houses, I remember it like it was yesterday, and I am still in touch with some of the cast.

Writing in The Daily Press, reviewer George Evans, said that a "wonderful ESCHS. "For the older people there was bittersweet nostalgia for the years of World War II, and for the younger folk there was the impact of seeing war as it really was for the 1939 generation of teenagers. From oldest to youngest, the audience was caught up in the banality, the humor, and ultimately, the irreversible waste of war."

The outstanding company included Marcel Morin, Michel Sylvestre, Derek Lafreniere, Dean Harvey, Jeremy Comte, Christopher Ivey, Tara Leigh O'Hearn, Anita Hoffren, Andre Bourgeault, Kyle St. Amand, Gerry Servais, Kyle Videto, Laurianne Martel, Desmond Larocque, Donna Old, Annalisa Meyer, Michelle Brunette.

Margaret Rose Fortin, of the ESCHS teaching staff, did an incredible job as the music director, with Mrs. Ruth Godemair as the pianist. Members of the ESCHS Chorus included Gabriela Dell, Carolyn Hryhorchuk, Gerard Lalonde, Juliette Payette, Dave Fagan, Yvette Joyal, Desmond Larocque, Mike Holgate and Alison Wedekamm. George noted in his review that it was "impossible to overestimate" the contribution of the chorus to the emotional impact of the production.

Also greatly contributing to the success of the production was the awesome use of sound and lighting particularly in the battle scenes in the very capable hands of William Mitchell, Sylvain Bernier and Scott Keech. Video was done by Derek Woods. Costumes and makeup were looked after most capably by

thing" happened at Meyer and Lori Yvette Joyal and Lisa Martel, and I must add that Mrs. Joyal pitched in to help with every aspect of the production. She was always available to help.

> Set design was by Roxane Duhaime, while official photographer was Michael Heintz, prompter was Yvonne Ranger, and properties and stage assistant was Allison Berry. Rick Dell and Crystal Collins produced the program.

> Production coordinator was Ross Hryhorchuk who noted that on the day before Remembrance Day there was also a special ceremony at the school to honour the members and veterans of Harry Searle Branch Number 5 of the Royal Canadian Legion as a simple thank you to them.

> Thanks again to all of you for making the last play I directed at CHS/ESCHS among my most memorable moment from the years I spent at the school. My email is mj.morris @live.ca.

Attention!

Community Bible Chapel Clubs Start Everyone Welcome! Monday, October 19th

Girls' Club

Girls Grades 3-7 Monday: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Community Bible Chapel

Boys' Club

Boys grades 3+

Monday: **Grades 3-7**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Grades 8 +**, 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Chapleau Public School Gym

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Le cowboy franco-ontarien Jean-Guy "Chuck" Labelle

traverse le pont entre sa carrière passée et celle qui continue sur Plus jamais comme avant, l'album qui représente le mieux ses convictions et l'être sensible qu'il est. La voix moins forte et plus basse, Chuck chante avec tendresse et sérénité

C'est pendant des soirées familiales chantantes que « Chuck », de son vrai nom Jean-Guy, développe l'amour de la chanson populaire et country. Depuis, il est devenu un pilier pour la chanson francophone et il excelle sur plusieurs scènes du Canada.

Avec son spectacle Plus jamais comme avant, Chuck nous présente son nouvel album ainsi que plusieurs chansons de ces trente années de tournées. . Accompagné d'une toute nouvelle équipe de jeunes et talentueux musiciens, l'énergie est au rendez-vous. Du country à son meilleur avec des textes et musiques qui reflètent la réalité de la vie des gens du peuple.

Ontarois 2009 à Toronto, Chuck Labelle a remporté le prix du ROSEQ 2009 (Réseau des organisateurs de spectacles de l'Est du Québec). C'est au souper Gala du Contact à Toronto que Chuck Labelle reçoit le prix du ROSEQ annonçant qu'il sera en vitrine à Rimouski au mois d'octobre. Les organisateurs du ROSEQ ont choisi Chuck Labelle comme leur coup de cœur pour Contact 2009. Ce n'est qu'un début...Plus jamais comme avant!

Le Centre culturel Louis-Hémon vous donne rendezvous le samedi 24 octobre au cafétorium de l'École secondaire Trillium à 19h30. Les billets pour le spectacle sont disponibles au Centre ou à FormationPLUS. dès aujourd'hui!

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CHADWIC Home and Turning Point will be hosting another luncheon gathering on October 28th at noon at Cedar Grove.

The speaker at this month's event will be Tawnya Parry, a Public Health Nurse with the Sudbury and District Health Unit.

With the approach of flu season, Tawnya will be providing information about immunization in general, including the flu shot and the new vaccine for H1N1. She will also have information about the HPV vaccine. She will present information about risk reduction,

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Admission to the luncheon is by ticket only. Tickets can be obtained at Turning Point, 8 Lorne Street South.

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October 28th, 2009 from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Cedar Grove dining hall. space is limited to 30, so be sure to get your ticket by October 23rd, 2009.

key information to have as we are potentially facing another outbreak of this newer virus, according to health sources around the world. As busy women, we don't have time to be sick, so incorporating prevention techniques into our daily lives should be of interest to us. We also don't want to carry any contagious illnesses home to our families from our workplaces or elsewhere.

All Chapleau women are invited to attend, and we ask that you get your ticket by October 23rd. Tickets

are \$6.50, which covers the cost of a delicious homemade lunch of soup, sandwiches, dessert, and fair trade and organic beverages. **Tickets** available at the Turning Point office located at 8 Lorne Street south (864-1919).



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Sudbury-grown recording artist returns to her northern Ontario roots.

Recent Northern Ontario Music and Film Award win brings Lickley full circle.



originally from Emerging singer/songwriter Sudbury and now Allison Lickley, based in Montreal, will be performing with her Music and Film trio in Chapleau on October 22nd at 7:30 p.m. The concert kicks off her Northern Roots Tour, which also takes her to Ginoogaming First Nations, Hearst, Cochrane, Moosonee, and Sudbury.

Encouraged by her impressive Vocal Performance of the Year win at the Northern Ontario

Awards last April, Lickley teamed up with the Canada Council for the Arts to embark on a concert tour that focuses on encouraging northern vouth in music.

Lickley completed her first full-length, fullyproduced album, "You Might Find Me Here", in March 2008.

Following the release of the album, she toured extensively in Canada and throughout the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan. Lickley's windswept music has been placed in two documentary films celebrating Canada's geography, and is regularly played on CBC Radio One and Two (including the Vinyl Café with Stuart

McLean).

WHO: Allison Lickley (www.allison lickley.com)

WHEN: October 22, 2009 - 7:30pm

WHERE: Chapleau High School Cafetorium

COST: Admission by season passport. Tickets also available at the door, \$25 adults, \$10 youths.

Une artiste de Sudbury retrouve ses racines au nord de l'Ontario.

Depuis son prix remporté au Programme de prix de musique et de film du nord de l'Ontario, Allison Lickley a bouclé la boucle.

L'auteure compositrice de la relève, Allison Lickley, originaire de Sudbury et maintenant établie à Montréal, se réjouit de présenter un spectacle à Chapleau le 22 octobre à 19h30. Ce spectacle fait partie

de sa Tournée des racines nordiques qui l'amènera à Chapleau, Première Nation Ginoogaming, Hearst, Cochrane, Moosonee, et Sudbury.

Encouragée par son impressionnant prix de «Meilleure performance vocale sur un enregistrement» au Programme de prix de musique et de film du nord de l'Ontario en avril dernier, Lickley s'est jointe au Conseil des Arts du Canada pour initier une tournée ayant pour but d'encourager les jeunes du nord de l'Ontario à se pencher vers la musique.

Lickley a lancé son premier album complet, réalisé à part entière, s'intitulant «You Might Find Me Here» en mars 2008.

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Depuis le lancement de son album, Lickley a présenté une série de spectacles à travers le Canada et dans le Royaume himalayen de Bhutan. Sa musique envoûtante a fait partie de deux films documentaires célébrant la

dienne et de plus, ses chansons tournent régulièrement sur les ondes de Radio Canada One and Two (y inclus le Café Vinyl avec Stuart McLean). **QUI:** Allison Lickley

Le 22

(www.allisonlickley.c

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Bush Pilot George Theriault's Fountain of Youth



George insists on doing most of the cooking and clean up.

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service at Ivanhoe Lake and another in the Wawa area. Through the 1960s he established hunting and fishing camps in northern Quebec and on Long and Belcher Islands in Hudson Bay.

I sit transfixed as he talks about the best flies for big brook trout in legendary rivers like Seal, the Brandt and the Sutton. "They're still good," he says, "with the price of fuel not so many people head up there anymore."

Although he talks of the far north with great fondness he says he does not miss it that much. He now has this little cabin equipped with a flush toilet and running water for his wife Joan, who was a nurse aboard one of the VIP aircraft he flew after the war. George's gravity feed running water flows from a never-used Beech 18 gas tank secured in a cedar tree. It turns out George was also a dealer in parts for Beechcraft planes. "That's where the money was, not in the outfitting and air service business, that was more for fun," he said.

Our energy fades with the late August light and we make our way to bed. As I stretch out in the bunk snippets of our conversation swirl through my head like a kaleidoscope of Theriault's experiences: Inuit children of northern Quebec who could speak Inuit,

French, English and Cree by age 7; Inuit women who smelled of seal oil; flying to Jamaica in the 1950's to bring back 55 gallon drums of rum at 55 cents per gallon; fishing with Outdoor Life writers Ben East, Joe Brooks and Bo Randal through the '50's and 60's; and meeting British General Bernard Law Montgomery who he described as "a very smart man." As I drift off to sleep I'm pretty sure that spending a few days with bush pilot George Theriault is destined to become one of my noted life experiences.

Early To Bed Early To Rise

George is up with the first hint of daylight. I crawl out of bed when I hear the coffee perking. George illustrates a keen understanding of an angler's desires and I feel truly spoiled when he suggests I head out for a morning fish while he fixes breakfast. It's a calm and misty morning and I troll as slowly as the 2 hp will allow with the little lake producing the same quality walleye as yesterday afternoon. A gentle rain starts as I drift off a shoal across from the cabin where I see George wave from the porch.

Over a classic bacon and egg breakfast we plan our morning. We'll fish the top end of the lake and cut a bit of firewood to bring back to camp. Although

intermittent showers now sweep across the lake there is no talk of staying put. "I love the rain," says George as he casts toward a small island nailing a fourpound pike on cue, "fish bite well." After an initial flurry the fishing slows and we start combing the shoreline for firewood. George noses the 12-foot aluminium boat to shore after eyeing a well-dried dead and leaning pine. He hands me the chain saw and I cut the tree into two-foot lengths while George carries them to the boat. I've had a stiff shoulder for awhile and I can really feel it as I toss the remainder of the wood to George who catches the logs and places them in the boat. I decide to grin and bear it rather than complain to a man more than twice my age doing the same work.

After splitting and piling the wood George and I sit down to a snack of fresh apple pie. I spend the rest of the afternoon on the lake while George putters around the camp. Simply trolling jigs and plastic is surprisingly effective but I watch my portable fish finder till I see where a 12-foot flat drops quickly to 20 feet. I kill the motor and work the edge with an eighth ounce jig and three-inch power minnow. It does not even reach bottom before it's attacked. It's a misty and windless afternoon that allows me to scour the bumps and edges of this small lake. I've yet to catch a walleye under 16 inches although George assures me there are small fish here.

We kept two fish this morning for our supper so taking example from George I bend down my barb and return every fish to the lake.

I look around at the white pine poking above the forested hills surrounding this elongated strip of walleye water. It's a relatively untouched work of nature, no signs of logging, miles from any bush road or rail line. It's easy to see why George Theriault loves it here and why he nurtures the inhabitants of what is essentially his own private lake. Before flying in here George Theriault Jr. tells me he's pretty sure his dad has every walleye in this lake named.

Around 5pm I see George out in the yard throwing potato peels and vegetable scraps to several whiskey jacks that hang out at the cabin. I troll back toward the camp and catch and release a 21incher right behind George's Cesna 180 before coming in out of the damp day to hang my rain gear by the wood stove. George suggests a rum and coke while he puts the final touches on yet another feast. Over a plate of walleye, salad, corn and potatoes we raise our glasses as George proclaims, "We may not be kings but we live like them."

Heading Home

I awake again to the sound of George shuffling about the cabin. First light brings more overcast, drizzly weather and although George hopes to fly us out today there is no rush under these conditions. We each cradle a cup of coffee and I ask how many types of planes he's flown in his career. After a long pause he looks up. "I think I've flown just about every little air plane that was available." Theriault says he tested aircraft during WW2 and probably flew about 25 different kinds of planes during the war and many more since. He says he's logged more than 4,000 hours in the Douglas DC3 and of the famous deHavilland Beaver, "I've flown that plane since the year it came off the assembly line in 1948."

"Life sure is short," says George pouring us each another cup of coffee. "Seems like yesterday I was walking 10 miles through the bush and living on the land for weeks at a time." Now into my early 40's I have an understanding of how the years fly by. And for a man like Theriault who has raised three sons and three daughters and filled his years with

required to pass a medical exam every two years but George takes it every year just to be on the safe side. He admits he is getting older and only flies when the conditions suit him. George looks out the large front window onto the lake. wont' be flying in this weather... you should go out fishing, I've got some things I want to do around here, " he says adding, "Why don't you keep two fish for me and two for your family." I'm getting really good at following these sorts of orders and disappear without protest. I'm hoping the low clouds and rain will continue indefinitely but by the time I've angled four big walleye there are patches of blue appearing overhead.

"Looks like



George with James Smedley with a few smaller 'eater' walleye

such a broad range of experience, I can appreciate how close to 90 years has slipped by.

I don't have to ask George his secret to a long and happy life because I think I've had a taste of George Theriault's fountain of youth in this small cabin on the lake he's shared with me. My guess is George has always worked hard doing what he enjoyed. In the short time we've spent together I've come to know a man who is generous, open minded and appreciative of all he has - an angler who takes the time to go fishing. Could this be the secret to longevity? I sure hope so.

In spite of his good health George has no illusions of perpetual youth. As a pilot he is

we'll get out today, I only need a 500 foot ceiling," says George as I filet the walleye under increasingly blue skies. Within the hour we've packed up our gear, closed the camp and climbed into the blue and white Cesna 180. As we lift off the productive little walleye lake and climb over the surrounding hills I feel honoured to be airborne with one of Canada's premiere bush pilots still behind the stick at 87 years old. Once throttled back at cruising altitude over the vast Northern Ontario collage of forests, lakes and rivers George speaks over the drone of the engine "We'll have to do this again when I'm 100."

I smile broadly, "It's a deal."

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NEWS RELEASES

Stunt Driver charged O n Friday October 9, 2009 at 8:37 a/m officers patrolling northbound on Highway 17, Hunt Township just south of White River had occasion to observe a southbound 2009 Ford F150 proceeding at a high rate of speed.

Subsequent RADAR reading confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 140 kph in a posted 90 kph zone. The vehicle was stopped and as a result the driver, Gary FOGARTY age 40 of HANMER, Ontario was charged with Stunt Driving and Speeding contrary to

the Ontario Highway Traffic Act. His vehicle and Driver's License was seized for 7 days. The driver will appear in court on February 17, 2010 at Wawa to answer to the charges.

Threats/Dangerous Driving

On Saturday October 10, 2009 at approximately 10:58 am Chapleau officers received a complaint from hunters in the SULTAN area on

Blamey Road that they had been threatened by a male subject who had also driven towards them a number of times in a dangerous manner with his vehicle. Officers, along with MNR Enforcement Officers attended the scene and spoke to all parties involved. As a result of further investigation Daniel GRAVEL age 48yrs of SULTAN, Ontario has been charged with the

following Criminal Code offences;

1. Utter Threats

2. Dangerous Operation of a motor vehicle.

Mr. GRAVEL will appear in Chapleau criminal court on December 2, 2009.

Motor Vehicle collision Highway 17 South

On October 11, 2009 Wawa officers attended Highway 17, Peever Township north of Montreal River regarding a report of a 2 vehicle collision involving a northbound Ford Focus and a southbound tractor/trailer unit. Investigation revealed that the Ford Focus had skidded sideways into the southbound lane coming into contact with the Volvo tractor/trailer unit. The collision resulted in the Ford Focus

becoming pinned between the tractor/trailer unit and the steel guard rails. The driver of the car; Kalyn KRYSTIA age 22 of SAULT STE MARIE, Ontario had to be extricated from the vehicle by the Wawa Fire Department and transported to Sault Area Hospital by Ambulance with serious but non-life threatening injuries. KRYSTIA was the lone occupant of the car. The two occupants of the tractor/trailer unit were not injured. Road conditions at the time of the collision were slushy with slippery conditions. charges are expected to be laid in this incident. Highway 17 between Wawa and Batchawana was closed for approximately 4 hours while the investigation and removal of vehicles was conducted.

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