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## JURY CHOSEN FOR BOARDWALK TRIAL

**William Ronald Jordan, 21, faces manslaughter charge in connection to death of naval veteran**

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**SAINT JOHN** • The jury has been chosen for a high-profile trial of a young man accused of fatally injuring a naval veteran on the Saint John boardwalk.

More than 50 potential jurors filled a room at the Saint John Trade and

Convention Centre Monday, marking the first jury selection process in the city since the COVID-19 pandemic struck this spring. A 12-member jury, with two alternates, was chosen after a 90-minute selection process for the trial of William Ronald Jordan, 21.

Jordan is charged with manslaughter in connection to the death of retired master seaman Anthony Dwyer, 54. On the evening of July 13, 2018, Jordan and Dwyer got into a disagreement on the Saint John boardwalk. Jordan was later accused by police of striking Dwyer in the head, resulting in the navy vet dropping to the ground.

Dwyer was transported to Saint John Regional Hospital where he succumbed to serious injuries days later.

Jordan, who is being represented by Dennis Oland defence lawyer James McConnell, appeared at the convention centre for Monday's jury selection. Potential jurors whose numbers were drawn from a bowl were required to enter a smaller room one at a time to field questions from Justice Darrell Stephenson.

Jordan and his defence counsel, along with Crown prosecutors, were also present in the room.

Potential jurors were asked if they had

formed any strong opinions on Jordan's possible innocence or guilt, if they have any relationships with people involved in the trial, and if they can avoid outside information on the case while serving on the jury.

After the selections were made, jury members were sworn-in and asked to attend court for the start of the trial Tuesday morning.

Stephenson returned to the main room to dismiss the other potential jurors and thank them for their time.

"Jury duty is a fundamental bedrock of our criminal justice system," he said. "Thank you for coming here,

particularly during these challenging times."

The trial was originally slated to begin in March, but it was adjourned to October for medical reasons on behalf of Jordan. It's expected to last three weeks and will be the first jury trial in Saint John since the start of the pandemic.

It's expected several witnesses will be called to testify. The disagreement between Jordan and Dwyer happened on a Friday night in the thick of Saint John's patio season.

A well-known local musician, Dwyer's

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## Art studio reopens to combat isolation

Creative Connections hosting fundraiser Friday

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**SAINT JOHN** • A local arts studio providing people with intellectual disabilities a chance to show their talents and make friends has reopened to the public and is in need of donations, says its program leader.

"We depend heavily, heavily on fundraising and obviously during the pandemic, all our in-person fundraisers were put on hold or cancelled altogether," said Gray Gillies Mott, program leader for Creative Connections.

Creative Connections is a collaborative arts studio where artists with intellectual disabilities can come to work alongside volunteer local artists, said Gillies Mott. It's a branch of L'Arche Saint John, a non-profit organization focused on working with those with intellectual disabilities.

The Prince William Street studio opened for in-person workshops again in early September much to the delight of regular participant, Kathryn Titus.

Titus, who attends the studio a couple of times a week, said she likes it at Creative Connections, especially when she creates posters for the Saint John Sea Dogs. She's also made a lot of friends there.

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Creative Connections participant Kathryn Titus has been looking forward to the return of in-person art classes at the uptown studio. The studio, which provides programming for those with intellectual disabilities, is hosting a fundraiser this Friday to support its efforts. PHOTO: SUBMITTED

## Museum facing 'very serious and very urgent' issues: CEO

Damage to exhibition centre sparks a renewed call for a new building

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**SAINT JOHN** • Part of the New Brunswick Museum remains closed to the public this week due to damage caused by a rainstorm, triggering a new discussion about the state of its Market Square location.

Doors were shuttered to the entire facility Oct. 13 after the New Brunswick Museum reported a large hole in its ceiling following a significant rainfall. Wet Sheetrock fell onto several ship model artifacts, requiring each of the models to be removed, according to Bill Hicks, chief executive officer of the New Brunswick Museum.

Some display panels were also damaged in the ship gallery.

"Our conservators are assessing the situation," Hicks said in an interview last week. "Although there has to be some conservation work that has to be done... we were really lucky."

As of Monday, the New Brunswick Museum had reopened its boutique, but its exhibition centre remains closed until further notice due to building repairs, according to a press release.

Over the last year, the New Brunswick Museum has been having its roof done, but a portion of it that wasn't yet

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## 'A proud warrior for equal rights': LGBTQ advocate remembered

Uptown memorial pops up for the late Parker Cogswell

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**SAINT JOHN** • Parker Cogswell wasn't just an advocate for the LGBTQ community in Saint John but an advocate for all people from all walks of life, say his close friends and family.

No matter if he had known them for years or just met them, Cogswell loved the people he knew.

"Parker was a person who was able to disarm other people with his smile and his personality and his character, from the time that he was a small child, a baby really," said his mother Judith Meinert Thomas.

A well-known uptown resident, Cogswell died on Oct. 10 at the age of 55

after being diagnosed with esophageal cancer a year ago.

His death was too soon, Meinert Thomas said, but the past week has been proof that his memory will live on. In recent days, a memorial of flowers has cropped up uptown and a vigil was recently held by friends.

"God blessed Parker with many gifts," reads his obituary. "With great integrity and a quiet determination Parker was a proud warrior for equal rights and human dignity. He was a mentor for many people who strove, like him, just to be themselves."

**A trailblazer and an inspiration**  
Cogswell came out as gay in 1982 when he was only 17.

He still had a year left in high school — a year that wasn't easy, according to Meinert Thomas. She heard stories from his classmates that attended Milledgeville North High School.

"People would be cruel!"  
Still, Cogswell carried on playing basketball and volleyball, serving as a

"shining light" for the gay community, she said.

In fact, he inspired her to become an advocate for the LGBTQ community.

In the 1990s, Meinert Thomas and Cogswell appeared on a CBC radio series called Mainstreet. It discussed coming out and the impact on families. Meinert Thomas went on to become one of the founders of Saint John's PFLAG chapter, a support group for families with LGBTQ members.

She and Cogswell also spoke in front of the New Brunswick legislature when it was having hearings on whether to include sexual orientation in the New Brunswick Human Rights Act.

Longtime friend Deanne Christie said she met Cogswell 34 years ago when they worked at the same restaurant. She said he wouldn't take bigotry and slurs from anyone and never held back from who he was.

"He was just an outgoing person," Christie said. "He loved doing things

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Judith Meinert Thomas is pictured here with her son Parker Cogswell. She says her son was a person who was able to disarm other people with his smile and his personality. PHOTO: SUBMITTED

# Museum facing 'very serious' issues: CEO

## MUSEUM →B1

completed allowed for rainwater to come into the museum, Hicks said.

Over the last several years, Hicks said the museum has been working to address building issues with its landlords, along with New Brunswick's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI).

"Working with DTI and the landlords, there has been a major effort to address these [issues] over the last few years," Hicks said. "This incident was a tad unexpected and has created a bit of a

situation where we have to do some construction work and we've closed the exhibition centre for a few days."

In a statement, spokesperson Melanie Sivret said the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, which is responsible for the museum's lease, "is aware of the damage to the New Brunswick Museum and is working with the landlord to address the situation."

"Roofing work was being completed in phases by the landlord as part of a project to replace the roof on the entire museum. DTI has been assured that the last

phase of roofing work will take place early [this] week, weather permitting."

However, Hicks continues to advocate for a new building.

He said museum officials continue to have talks with the government about a new facility.

"The issues that are facing the New Brunswick Museum are very serious and very urgent," he said. "It's taken awhile to get everybody up to the point where they fully understand that, and it's not about wants any more and it never was, it's about needs. Urgent needs."

In December 2018, the New Brunswick government cancelled its \$50-million commitment toward a new \$100-million waterfront facility for the museum. The new building would have brought together the archives on Douglas Avenue and the exhibition centre in Market Square into one location.

When asked about a new building, Sivret said the province is "in the process of identifying projects for the upcoming capital budget and this project will be considered along with many other initiatives."

# Jury chosen for trial

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death stunned family and friends who recalled his friendly nature. Up until his death, Dwyer welcomed friends and fellow musicians to "Dwyer's Irish Pub," his nickname for his residential garage, in Petticoatic.

"It had a never ending revolving door of friends just coming by," his sister Lisa Dwyer said shortly after his death in 2018. "The 'pub' would have friends and musicians and everyone else who was just there. He kept his door open for everyone."

None of the allegations against Jordan have been proven in court.

—With files from Mike Landry and Justin Samanski-Langille

# Local art studio reopens to combat isolation

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Gillies Mott said the studio has about six local artists that come in each week and mentor participants, lead activities or introduce new methods of teaching.

All the slots are booked right now, she said, with the organizers waiting for a waiting list. All of the participants that attended before the pandemic have returned.

She said the organization helps people to connect and share their

talents and gifts.

"Isolation is rampant in their population in the best of times," she said. "During the earlier days of the pandemic, the studio switched to online Zoom arts meetings and social media to help people connect. They reopened in September."

"Isolation is something we try to fight here to bring people together to make meaningful friendships and relationships," she said.

Creative Connections is now hosting a fundraiser called Dinner In to

support its efforts. The last day to buy a \$50 meal package is Wednesday, with the meal package available for pick up on Friday.

The meal package includes a Moosehead tin bucket, a Vito's gift card, two cupcakes, soft drinks, popcorn and alpine glasses. Packages can be picked up Friday between 3 and 6 p.m. at the Thistle-St. Andrews Curling Club, and if they can't pick it up there, they can pick it up at 545 Hampton Rd.

Gillies Mott said the sale of meal packages will help the organization

pay for their services – something she said L'Arche Saint John needs just like any other non-profit during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Fundraisers like this help to make sure we can continue the work of L'Arche Saint John and the work of Creative Connections building community and making a difference in people's lives every day."

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# 'Proud warrior for equal rights': Advocate remembered

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and going out and meeting new people."

**Legacy lives on**

Every day Meinert Thomas visits the memorial in honour of her son at the corner of Mecklenburg and Carriethen streets. The flowers and pumpkins there were put together by about 15 people who would show up and chat with Cogswell and his husband André Gallant throughout the summer.

Gallant and Cogswell travelled the world in their 27 years together, with help from Gallant's job as a travel photographer, and tried to integrate themselves into the cultures while there. When home, they were known for their parties hosted a couple of times a year.

In Cogswell's final months, Gallant and some friends made a book for him filled with good memories and how Cogswell had impacted them. It took the couple an hour and a half to read the book filled with Gallant's photos and submissions from those closest to

Cogswell.

"Parker was really taken by how much people supported him through this ordeal."

"And he says, 'I had no idea how I affected people, so many people in my life,'" said Gallant.

Cogswell's funeral saw the maximum number of people who could attend, so that included the volleyball team he used to play with up until his 40s, said his mother.

"We'll continue to enjoy his memories that he left behind and all the love that is left behind," Meinert Thomas said.

Gallant said Cogswell's personality will stay with people.

"I think that's what is his mission in life, to make people laugh and feel good about themselves. And to live happily and not to ponder too much on the negative side of things," Gallant said.

"And that's what he brought to my life as well."

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André Gallant, left, said he thinks his husband Parker Cogswell's mission in life was to make people laugh and feel good about themselves. PHOTO: SUBMITTED

# Weather Around the Province

**Edmonton:**  
Tuesday: Rain into the afternoon (POP 90%). High 12. Mainly cloudy overnight. Low -4.  
Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a few showers in the afternoon (POP 90%). High 7. Cloudy with light rain overnight (POP 90%). Low 1.  
Thursday: Variable cloudiness. High 10. Cloudy periods overnight. Low 1.  
Normals: High 9.1, Low -1.5

**Fredericton:**  
Tuesday: Fog patches in the morning with showers developing in the afternoon (POP 60%). High 16. Fog patches overnight. Low 6.  
Wednesday: Cloudy with showers in the afternoon (POP 80%). High 12. Cloudy with light rain overnight (POP 80%). Low 11.  
Thursday: Sunny with cloudy periods. High 14. Mainly clear overnight. Low 5.  
Normals: High 11.4, Low 0.7

**Fundy National Park:**  
Tuesday: Cloudy with showers ending in the morning, cloudy with sunny breaks in the afternoon (POP 40%). High 15. Fog patches overnight. Low 9.  
Wednesday: Cloudy with showers in the afternoon (POP 40%). High 13. Cloudy with light rain overnight (POP 70%). Low 11.  
Thursday: Isolated showers (POP 40%). High 15. Clear overnight. Low 6.  
Normals: High 11.8, Low 2.7

**Miramichi:**  
Tuesday: Fog patches in the morning with showers developing in the afternoon (POP 40%). High 15. Fog patches overnight. Low 3.  
Wednesday: Partly cloudy with isolated showers in the afternoon (POP 40%). High 10. Cloudy with light rain overnight (POP 90%). Low 9.  
Thursday: Sunny with cloudy periods. High 13. Mainly clear overnight. Low 3.  
Normals: High 10.9, Low 0.6

**Moncton:**  
Tuesday: Fog patches in the morning becoming cloudy with sunny breaks in the afternoon. High 19. Fog patches overnight. Low 7.  
Wednesday: Cloudy with showers in the afternoon (POP 40%). High 13. Cloudy with showers overnight (POP 70%). Low 12.  
Thursday: Sunny with cloudy periods. High 15. Clear overnight. Low 4.  
Normals: High 11.1, Low 0.9

**Saint John:**  
Tuesday: Fog patches in the morning becoming variably cloudy in the afternoon. High 16. Cloudy with showers overnight (POP 40%). Low 10.  
Wednesday: Cloudy with showers in the afternoon (POP 40%). High 14. Low 13.  
Thursday: Sunny with cloudy periods (POP 40%). High 15. Clear overnight. Low 7.

**St. Andrews:**  
Tuesday: Fog patches in the morning becoming variably cloudy in the afternoon. High 16. Fog patches overnight. Low 9.  
Wednesday: Cloudy with showers in the afternoon (POP 70%). High 13. Cloudy with showers overnight (POP 60%). Low 12.  
Thursday: Sunny with cloudy periods. High 15. Mainly clear overnight. Low 7.  
Normals: High 12.3, Low 1.3

### Tomorrow's Weather

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### Canada today

Calgary	p, cloudy	2/6
Edmonton	m, sunny	1/7
Halifax	showers	16/12
Regina	cloudy	3/3
Montreal	rain	12/5
Ottawa	rain	11/4
Quebec City	rain	12/2
Regina	snow	1/12
Saskatoon	flurries	0/12
St. John's	p, cloudy	16/12
Toronto	showers	17/13
Vancouver	showers	12/7
Victoria	p, cloudy	14/7
Winnipeg	flurries	2/3
Yellowknife	p, cloudy	-5/10

### World tomorrow

Amsterdam	showers	19/13
Atlanta	p, cloudy	25/16
Bangkok	showers	29/24
Beijing	sunny	15/5
Berlin	showers	16/13
Boston	showers	20/15
Brussels	showers	20/13
Chicago	p, cloudy	14/12
Hong Kong	showers	26/21
Honolulu	p, sunny	31/24
Jerusalem	sunny	25/16
Las Vegas	sunny	33/16
London	rain	17/13
Los Angeles	m, sunny	24/17
Madrid	showers	19/15
Mexico City	p, cloudy	25/11
Miami	storms	29/25
Moscow	showers	4/3
New York	showers	21/15
Orlando	showers	28/24
Paris	p, cloudy	21/12
Rome	p, cloudy	21/9
Sydney	showers	23/17
Tokyo	p, cloudy	19/14
Washington	p, cloudy	25/16

### TIDES FOR TODAY & TOMORROW

Location	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Saint John	2:40(H)	8.1	8:38(L)	0.3	13:07(H)	8.4
	Tomorrow	3:40(H)	7.8	9:53(L)	0.9	16:02(H)
Miramichi	4:26(H)	0	10:12(L)	0.9	14:58(L)	0.5
	Tomorrow	5:28(L)	0	11:09(H)	0.7	15:19(L)
St. Andrews	3:03(H)	7.4	9:22(L)	0.3	15:23(H)	7.7
	Tomorrow	3:54(H)	7.1	10:13(L)	0.6	16:15(H)
The Rocks	2:59(H)	13.5	8:28(L)	0.4	15:20(H)	13.7
	Tomorrow	3:49(H)	13	10:18(L)	0.9	16:11(H)
Shediac	0:22(H)	1.3	6:46(L)	0.4	15:28(H)	1.5
	Tomorrow	1:09(H)	1.3	7:36(L)	0.4	16:15(H)
Bay of Chaleur	1:26(L)	-0.1	7:01(H)	1.4	13:09(L)	0.2
	Tomorrow	2:29(L)	0	7:49(H)	1.3	13:46(L)

### MOON PHASES

First Quarter Oct 23, Full Moon Nov 08, Last Moon Nov 15, New Moon Nov 15

### PRECIPITATION

Location	Yesterday to 2pm	Day	Month
Bathurst	0.0	0.0	11.1mm
Doaktown	0.0	0.0	70.7mm
Edmundston	0.0	150.4mm	56.5mm
Fredericton	0.0	66.2mm	62.9mm
Moncton	0.0	52.1mm	65.0mm
Saint John	0.0	65.0mm	65.0mm

## Greater Saint John journal

### Traffic interruptions in south end Wednesday

**SAINT JOHN** • Lane closures on four streets in the city's south end will impact motorists on Wednesday. According to a traffic advisory from the City of Saint John, there will be short-term temporary lane closures on Brittain Street, from Wentworth Street to Pitt Street; Pitt Street, from St. James Street to Broad Street; St. James Street, from Germain Street to Sydney Street; and Charlotte Street, from St. James Street to Broad Street.

The lane closures are due to "surveys and inspections to support future infrastructure upgrade projects," the traffic advisory said.

There will be traffic control personnel site to direct traffic. The closures will last from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Words in season

Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Psalm 37:4 KJV

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