A deluge of warblers

Geneviève Gélinas

GASPÉ: – On May 28, many Gaspesians observed an abnormally high number of warblers, which were hopping and flying over their lawns, or hitting their windows. The scientists who counted them on the North Shore observed half a million passerine birds in one day.

“It’s probably the largest movement of neo-tropical passerine birds ever registered in North America,” states the director of the Tadoussac Birds Observatory, Pascal Côté.

The term “warblers” refers to a group of passerine species, often very colorful, of about 15 centimetres in length.

The observatory team was on the Bergeronnes wharf, in the Upper North Shore, on May 28. They counted, one by one, 183,000 warblers between 5 a.m. and 4 p.m. The observers of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, who were on the Tadoussac dunes, estimated their number at 720,000. That coincides with Mr. Côté’s statement that at least 500,000 warblers flew along the Coast in one day.

“Seeing between 10,000 and 50,000 warblers in one day happens yearly. However (on May 28), we were seeing 10,000 every 20 minutes!” the director points out.

This black burnian warbler was feeding on the ground on May 28 in the Bergeronnes area on the Upper North Shore, after an “overshooting” which is when migratory birds fly past their migration target and have to fly back.

Optimal wind conditions, combined with the peak of warblers’ migration, explain that exceptional phenomenon.

The Maine radars in the United States had detected the mass arrival of passerine birds. “In the night (from May 27 to 28), a strong southwest wind pushed the warblers northeast. It was a high altitude wind, ideal for migration,” Mr. Côté explains.

The warblers migrate at night. The wind was between 50 and 80 kilometres per hour, at an altitude of 1,000 to 1,200 metres. Thanks to that force, combined with their wings flapping, they can fly hundreds of kilometres in one night.

The next day, those mass movements lead to a migratory correction. The warblers are carried too far north or too far east. When the sun rises, they observe that they went too far,” Mr. Côté explains. So they fly back south and west.

That’s this phenomenon of “correction” that people saw on May 28 in Charlevoix, on the North Shore, in the Lower St. Lawrence and on the Gaspé Peninsula.

An observer on the Trois-Pistoles-Les Escoumins ferry even saw warblers as they were turning around. In Matane, dozens of warblers hit windows of buildings in their movement. It was the case at the Victor-Côté elementary school, where almost 50 warblers, dead or groggy, were found under the windows.

Mr. Côté hypothesizes that the warblers observed to the east, at the tip of the peninsula, could have found themselves over the Gulf of St. Lawrence after their night of migration and had to fly back to the Coast.

The team at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, in New York, was in Tadoussac especially to observe the bird migration, because Tadoussac is usually a good spot. Starting at 6.30 a.m. on May 28, they saw quite a show.

“For the next nine hours, we counted a nonstop flight of warblers, at times covering the entire visible sky from horizon to horizon. The volume of flight calls was so vast that it often faded into a constant background buzz,” wrote Ian Davies, of the Cornell Lab, on the eBird website.

The Tadoussac reputation has risen with American ornithologists. “People want to come next year,” reports Pascal Côté.

The warblers spend the winter in southern United States, Mexico, Central and South America. In the spring, they begin a 7,000 to 8,000 kilometre trip to reach our boreal forest, where they nest. Approximately 20 species of warblers breed in Quebec.

Among the half-million warblers observed on May 28, the bay-breasted warblers (20%), the Cape May warbler (15%) and the Tennessee warbler (10%) were particularly abundant. The population of those species is growing because of the spruce budworm outbreak, an important source of food for them.
Chandler council agrees to seek help to resolve conflict

CHANDLER - The municipal council of Chandler unanimously adopted a request for external assistance so that the working climate of the elected representatives, as well as executives, will be analyzed to prevent any harassment and conflicts.

The atmosphere at Chandler’s town council has drawn a lot of attention in the news in the last few months. According to some councillors, the situation is not any better for the exectutive staff members, who are allegedly being harassed by some elected officials.

No allegations have been situations that deserve attention. We need help, some experts can tell us what’s going on now and what has happened in the past.”

During a special meeting held in May, the council voted unanimously to send a request for assistance to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy and the Municipal Commission so that these bodies will look into the situation and advise the elected on their way of acting.

The four councillors filling their first term had agreed to call that meeting. “I wanted to do it too,” said Mayor Aubert Bonn.

Louisette Langlois, explaining that she stands by her councilors in the process.

Possible harassment toward executives

“We want (town) employees to work without worries,” says councillor Bruno-Pierre Godbout. “We asked for intervention, then we will see if there is a possible mediation and then we would like to have an investigation into the possible harassment experienced by some directors,” he adds.

During the question period, a citizen asked Mayor Louisette Langlois if she had harassed employees.

“I do not know, I’ll learn it. It will be a surprise for me,” replied the mayor.

The citizen then turned towards director general Roch Giroux to ask him if he was aware that the mayor had harassed municipal employees or himself. Mr. Giroux replied, “Listen, we are not experts in harassment. But certainly, there have been situations that deserve attention. We need help, some experts can tell us what’s going on now and what has happened in the past.”

Ms. Langlois immediately supported the director’s words, seemingly ready to be evaluated.

A rare unanimity

The position taken by the town council of Chandler was unanimous. “After the debate on the salary of the public works director, we realized that we could not reach consensus and that we needed help,” says councillor Meggie Ritchie.

Councillor Richard Duguay adds that the conflict between elected officials had a negative impact on the image of the town and that it was time to move on for the better. “It’s a gesture in the right direction. There are so many beautiful projects to come, we must work together for the good of the municipality,” added councillor Bruno-Pierre Godbout.

“I think it’s wise for everyone to think about getting help,” added Ms. Langlois.

New projects for seniors in the Gaspé

BRIDGEVILLE - The federal government has allotted $522,904 for 25 projects destined to improve seniors’ lives in the Gaspé Peninsula and the Magdalen Islands. Diane Lebouthiller, minister of National Revenue and Member of Parliament for the riding of Gaspé Peninsula-Magdalen Islands, announced the grant recently in Bridgeville. Every project presented for 2018 can benefit from a maximum funding of $25,000. Ramps for people with reduced mobility, community centre renovations, equipment acquisition and activities are among the projects admissible to receive funding.

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On June 1 at the New Carlisle courthouse, one of the two minors charged with offering an indignity to human remains at the Caplan cemetery vault entered a plea of guilty. He also entered a plea of guilty on charges of break and enter. The charge of mischief on the casket was dropped.

Those acts were committed between April 28 and May 6. The identity of the accused cannot be revealed even if he turned 18 on May 17 because he was a minor at the time of the commission of the offences. His attorney, Yves Desbiens from Chandler, had informed the court on May 23 that his client could enter a plea of guilty.

Judge Celestina Almeida remanded the young offender in custody to a youth centre until his sentencing scheduled for July 20. In the meantime, a pre-decision report will be prepared in order to assist the court in the determination of the sentence. Crown prosecutor Florence Frappier-Routhier informed the court that she will not ask for the imposition of an adult sentence in that case, despite a previous notice to do so. “After consulting the jurisprudence in the matter, I dropped my initial intention,” she said.

Two adults must also face similar accusations. They are Jean Roy, 18, and Jérémie Bugeaud-Ferlatte, 25. They were granted bail on May 25 and May 24 respectively. Jean Roy will return to court on June 20 and Bugeaud-Ferlatte on August 13.

A few days after his arrest, the second minor, 16, charged in that case was released on bail under numerous conditions. The remains of the deceased lady in the cemetery vault was struck several times with a shovel. One of the most striking aspects of that case is the fact that images of that indignity to human remains were shared on social media. Some high school students of École aux quatre vents in Bonaventure were so shocked by those images that psychological support was made available to them by their school board.

On May 31 at the Percé courthouse, Holly Ann Patterson, 43, from Gaspé pled guilty to theft charges. The accused admitted to Quebec Court Judge Denis Paradis that she had committed thefts of merchandise at the Jean Coutu Pharmacy and Canadian Tire store in Gaspé between October 2017 and January 2018. She also admitted having stolen money and personal belongings from four different people who were at the Gaspé hospital receiving care between February 7 and March 23, 2018.

The total value of stolen money and items is over $2,000. Because of the financial situation of the accused, no reimbursement was required by the court. Some of the stolen goods were returned to the Jean Coutu Pharmacy. Ms. Patterson will serve a 90-day intermittent sentence on weekends at the New Carlisle detention centre.

However, given the numerous offences committed, the judge warned her: “If you come back again for theft, we will not talk about 90 days.” For an 18-month period, Holly Ann Patterson must keep the peace, respect other conditions and refrain from going to the Jean Coutu Pharmacy and Canadian Tire store in Gaspé.

On May 31, 2018, at the Percé courthouse, Michel Leblanc, 67, from Chandler, pled guilty to charges of indecency and gross indecency committed in the 80s, and sexual interference and invitation to sexual touching involving a minor child under the age of 16 in 2016 and 2017. He was acquitted on charges of break and enter. The Crown and defense attorneys made a joint suggestion on sentencing of two years less a day of imprisonment. The accused will return to court on June 15 for sentencing.
Since Donald Trump became president of the United States in November 2016, many Gaspesians have been wondering when will some of his unpredictable measures hurt the region? The question resurfaced at the end of May when Trump imposed a 25% tariff on steel imported from Canada and 10% on aluminum. That was a week before the G7 meeting in La Malbaie, Quebec, and the decision set an awkward tone for the upcoming trade discussions.

The question about the impact of Donald Trump’s decisions is relevant here because the Gaspesian economy depends heavily on exports to the United States. Annually, the region sends goods worth over $500 million in value south of the border. If you have doubts about that figure just look at the following examples. The windmill blades exported by LM Wind Power to Texas are worth hundreds of millions of dollars annually. The company doesn’t own its books but based on international prices for such commodity plant exceeds $300 million yearly and 100% of that is sold to American customers. Our fisheries products largely take the same route. In 2017, which was an exceptional year, the total value of the Gaspé Peninsula fisheries’ fishing near $300 million once processed and at least 50% of that was exported south of the border. The value of the region’s lumber production is not as easy to calculate but it is reasonable to think that it exceeded $200 million last year, based on the annual output of the Gaspé Peninsula in millions of board feet, at about 300 million times the high price, between $600 and $700 per 1,000 board feet. A lot of that wood, probably somewhat below 50%, was sent to the United States.

Not included in the additon are electricity and tourism. The amount of Gaspé Peninsula’s wind power exported to the United States is impossible to calculate, even if it counts in Hydro-Québec’s revenues. In tourism, the share of spinoffs created by American visitors is also very difficult to compute. We know that tourism spin-offs in the region surpass $250 million annually but a breakdown is a highly complicated exercise.

So when will President Trump be preoccupied with windmills, food, lumber, electricity imports or tourism?

He has already hit the lumber industry with various tariffs and the settlement of that dispute will probably take years with Canada winning it, as always, but also suffering from it because the payment delays. For now, very good lumber prices are making up for the penalties imposed by the American government.

He would gladly hurt the wind energy industry because he wants to favour coal and probably sees renewable sources of energy as a threat to his beloved hydrocarbons but the states and the towns are playing a major role in the deployment of energy down south. So far, Trump’s measures to give an edge to coal have fallen short of any result. Wind energy is booming in the United States, whether he likes it or not, and that will not likely change.

Donald Trump would probably just as gladly use fishery products as a way to blame Canada for job losses in his country but, there again, he likely will not do it. Sea resources are either depleted from over-fishing in the United States like snow crab in Alaska, or hurt by climate change like lobster along some parts of the northeast coast.

So, the American food industry needs our products, for their restaurants, fish shops and supermarkets, Cutting Gaspesian or other Canadian fishery products from the list of imports by the United States wouldn’t make economic sense.

However, economic sense is not often important in Donald Trump’s decisions. The tariffs imposed on Canadian steel and aluminum exports to the United States don’t make economic sense from the American perspective because it will hurt the production of added-value goods south of the border.

Donald Trump uses those tariffs mainly for partisan purposes, since the midterm elections are coming soon. He wants to reassure his political base. He seeks international trade like a zero sum game. He doesn’t understand the win-win concept.

So Gaspesian exporters shouldn’t be too stressed out about the impact of the Donald Trump’s next decisions. They should keep an eye on the situation but watching the evolution of the Canadian dollar is more important. Our dollar is quite favorable to exports right now. The context remains sound.

Correction
Please note that in the May 30 issue of Spec on page 8 credits for both photos should have read: Appleby photography.
Cement traffic has contributed to the increase of carloads at the Gaspé Railway Society but that rise would be much better if cement could be loaded at the Port Daniel plant.

Eric Dubé and Gaspé. An update study on the Caplan to Port Daniel stretch of line has helped in that regard. “We have identified the critical points on the three sections of the line. On section 1, between Matapedia and Caplan, there is only one critical point, the Cascapedia-St-Jules bridges. Between Caplan and Port Daniel, there are three, the Ruiselet wooden bridge in Caplan, and the two Port Daniel bridges, one just west of the station and the big bridge near the fishing wharf. We don’t know yet if the Ruiselet bridge needs to be replaced. The Port Daniel
### VIA Rail still committed to returning to the Coast

**Gilles Gagné**

NEW CARLISLE – VIA Rail will be ready to return to the Gaspé Peninsula when the railway is fit for the circulation of passenger trains. On May 29 at the corporation’s annual general meeting, the president of the public transporter, Yves Desjardins-Siciliano, repeated that statement following questions from the audience and online viewers. Mr. Desjardins-Siciliano said that the train will be back when the line is safe. He added that the Gaspé Peninsula is one of the most beautiful regions of Canada. He had made the same statement during last year’s annual meeting. The service is suspended east of Matapédia since September 2013. VIA Rail’s trains have not rolled east of New Carlisle since December 2011. Matapédia is the only stop of VIA Rail in the Gaspé Peninsula, on the Ocean train route. That train links Montreal to Halifax.

### Family Ties wins big at provincial awards

**Gilles Gagné**

NEW CARLISLE: – Family Ties, the New Carlisle based organization providing a wide range of services to community members, received a second provincial award from Quebec’s Department of Health and Social Services for its exceptional work, especially with vulnerable individuals and groups. The Prix d’excellence is awarded annually by the Department of Health and Social Services. Family Ties’ coordinator Heather MacWhirter said on the facebook page of Family Ties that she and her team are “very proud” of the invitation to accept the award. “We are honoured to bring this prestigious award back to our members on the Gaspé Coast.” Within two hours, more than 50 people had congratulated Family Ties on the page, and 63 after three days. The prize came with a cheque for $6500! This money will be used to help continue the Destination Family Program next year. The award is given for its exceptional work, especially with vulnerable individuals and groups. The recipient is chosen by the Council of the Department of Health and Social Services for its exceptional work, especially with vulnerable individuals and groups.

### Job Offer

**Human Resources**

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**Position Title:** Director of Human Resources

**Location:** New Carlisle, Gaspésie, Quebec.

**Starting Date:** Immediately

**Remuneration:** Competitive salary and benefits

**Position Summary:**

In respect of the Council’s culture and values and under the Council of the Micmac Nation of Gespeg (CNMG) responsibility, the administrative, financial, human and material resources of all the Micmac Nation of Gespeg in order to achieve the mission and to reach the set objectives. He implements the CNMG decisions, supervises and coordinates the management team and oversees the coordination and improvement of all organizational services. The Human Resources management includes different teams, totaling nearly 60 employees. Therefore, he or she acts as a leader by maintaining an organizational culture oriented towards the contributors collaboration and the satisfaction of the customer’s needs.

**Expected Skills and Expertise:**

- **Sense of planning and organization.**
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- **Knowledge of software Office Suite;**
- **Tolerances to uncertainty;**
- **Policy and Strategic Direction;**
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- **Tolerance to uncertainty;**
- **Interest in learning;**
- **Ability to negotiate;**
- **Knowledge of laws and regulations surrounding the Labour Code and the Employment Standards;**
- **Knowledge of culture of First Nations structures;**
- **Knowledge of software Office Suite;**
- **Sense of planning and organization.**
- **Coordination mandates in a complex organization which will require:**
- **Demonstrate competences in Information Technology (IT),**
- **Demonstrate leadership, management and strong decision-making skills.**
- **A permanent Quebec teaching licence issued by the Minister for Education, and responsible for:**
- **Accomplish various tasks required for the realization of the strategic planning of the CNMG;**
- **Ensure the continuous Human Resources development under his responsibility and his own skills development;**
- **Establish and ensure compliance with internal policies and governance rules related to the Indian Act;**
- **Take the necessary actions to ensure proximity with the community and meet its needs;**
- **Ensure the proper functioning of the organization’s activities and the retention of a work environment focused on mutual aid and collaboration.**

**Qualifications required:**

- **A Bachelor’s degree in a relevant field with at least 8 years of relevant leadership experience.**
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- **An undergraduate degree is required under the minimum qualifications.”**

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Daniel Gagné is an actuary by training but first and foremost, he’s an entrepreneur and has been since he was a teen. He first travelled the world while owning a food-services enterprise before falling in love with Gaspé and settling here permanently a dozen years ago. François Charbonneau – mechanic, carpenter and firefighter – has lived in Douglastown with his family for eleven years. Multi-talented and involved in his community, the people around him are important to him.

Experienced entrepreneurs, the two businessmen appreciate wood, beautiful things, construction, modern materials and sustainable development. Doing things right and providing impeccable customer service are other values they share. This explains why they founded Vitrerie de l’Est, located at 17 des Cerisiers in the Augustines Industrial Park, in 2017.

They provide tailor-made professional advice, and sell and install quality doors and windows, superb and robust tempered glass or aluminum handrails and made-to-measure wainscoting. All of their services are available in English and French. Gilles Gagné, CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES – On April 26 the bridge at Trout Brook was destroyed by a quick snow thaw and heavy rain that inflated the flow of the stream. Thirty-seven days later on the evening of June 2, Quebec’s Department of Transport reopened Route 299 at Trout Brook. Following a two-week rush, Construction LFG delivered the temporary bridge, which consists of a span recuperated from Ontario. The value of the work is not known for now, according to Transport Quebec spokesperson, Alexandre Bougie, because it was a contract awarded in an emergency context. In that case, the total amount is determined once everything is completed, although there are financial parameters. In mid-May, once the stream had receded, many fishing camp employees were able to cross Trout Brook in waders to go to work.

Reflections by Diane Skinner Flowers

Things you don’t hear anymore

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Go out and pump a pail of water for the tank on the stove.
Don’t cross your eyes. They will stay like that.
B*ld some water. I’m going to defrost the freezer.
Our phone rings: 1 long, 2 short.
The neighbour’s is 2 long, 1 short.
Eat everything on your plate.
Pour the cream off the top of the milk bottle.
Take a nickel from my purse and buy yourself an ice cream.
Do not bring that dog in the house. Dogs stay outside.
Speak like that and I’ll wash your mouth out with soap.
If you get in trouble at school and I find out, you will get it twice as bad at home.
It’s just rain! Go outside, you are not made of sugar.
Darn! The typewriter keys jammed again.
I forgot to wind my watch.
Take this roll of film to the store to get developed.
The photos should be back in a week.
Pinkie swear!
Nice little girls don’t do that.
Let’s have a game of kick the can this evening.
Do you think money grows on trees?
I’m as full as a tick.
That woman was vaccinated with a phonograph needle.
Watch that you don’t get your hands caught in the wringer washer.

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Hayes: Leonard Ralph

The family of Leonard Ralph Hayes was deeply saddened by his sudden passing on May 5, 2018, at his home in Port Daniel West, Quebec. Born on April 14, 1927, in Shigawake, Quebec, Leonard was blessed to have recently celebrated his 91st birthday.

Leonard was the son of the late Joseph J. and Minnie (Sauton) Hayes, and was predeceased by his five brothers: Diddridge, Weedon, Gerald, James and Joseph. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, family and friends and could entertain them for hours on end. Leonard will be well remembered for his quick wit, countless jokes, stories, poems and knowledge of local genealogy and history. Many of his humorous stories are recorded in his 1999 book Listen to this One, Me Son.

How do you sum up 91 years of life? Leonard did that himself with his final three words: “GOOD IS GOOD!”

The Lord gave our family a wonderful, loving husband, brother, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Psalm 118:1 says, “O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.” To that, we say AMEN!

Thanks from the Hayes Family

The family of Leonard Hayes would like to thank all those who supported us by coming to the funer al home in St-Godefroi and attending the funeral at St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Shigawake. We would also like to express our thanks for the flowers, food, phone calls, cards, visits and online and social media messages. The donations in Leonard’s memory to The Hayes Bursary Fund, Fair Haven Bible Camp and other charitable organizations have been greatly appreciated. We would like to thank St. Paul’s Anglican Church and, in particular, cousin Pat Hayes for all her time, support and comforting words in preparation for and during the funeral service. Also, thank you to Rev. Joshua Paetkau for his participation in the service and to Danny Sullivan for his singing.

Thank you to the Anglican Church Women for preparing the food and serving at the Shigawake Community Center reception following the service and burial. We thank Mr. Michel Belanger, the funeral director, for his kind and efficient service to our family. Finally, we wish to thank all medical, home support care and pharmaceutical personnel who cared for Leonard over the years in Gaspé, Chandler, Gaspereau, Paspebiac, Maria and in his home.

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who made my 80th birthday such a wonderful day and evening. The party at the Legion was a treat and superbly decorated. To the gals and guy that made the lunch (including Pat and Bently out west) and the delicious cake from Ada, thank you.

It was a delightful surprise to have my son Billy, his wife Lynn and friend Paul from Welland present as well as my cousins from New Carlisle and family and friends from the area. The musicians and singers were a lovely addition to the evening. Having Larry donate his time to tend bar was great. Once again, thank you all so very much for a marvelous time and amazing gifts. I truly appreciate it.

Betty Corrimer

Thank you, Leonard

Normand and Judy Desjardins proudly announce the graduation of their daughter, Leandra, from Vanderbilt University’s Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology on May 11, 2018. Leandra’s PhD work focuses on coping and peer relationships in children diagnosed with cancer. A Pre-Doctoral Internship was completed at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, where Leandra is currently employed as a research and clinical fellow. Wishing you continued sunny skies, musical interludes and amazing adventures!

Much love,
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Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 16: A diceo- san picnic will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at the shrine of Pointe-Navare. A community picnic will follow. Bring your lunch. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday, June 19: We will celebrate the anniversary of the death of Father Watier at 7 p.m. at the Shrine of Pointe-Navare. We will give thanks to the Lord by recalling the life of Father Watier and his mission among us.

YORK:

** Advance Notice**

York ACW will be holding its summer sale and afternoon tea on Saturday, July 14, beginning at 2 p.m. at the York River Community Hall. There will be baked goods, handicrafts, and a white elephant table. Afternoon tea will be served for $5.

YORK:

** Upcoming Activities**

The York River Senior Citizen’s Club will be hosting a Brunch on Sunday, June 24, at 9:30 a.m. at Biard’s Restaurant in Percé. $10 for members, $20 for non-members. Tickets must be purchased before May 21 by contacting Alfred Cassidy (418-368-2011) or Ron Mundle (418-368-5227).

DOUGLASTOWN:

Douglas Community Centre

Registrations are open for the Douglastown summer day camp. Register before Friday, June 22 for reduced rates and get special rate. For more info: campjournadouglas@gmail.com, message us on the Facebook page, or come to the reception of the Douglas Community Centre.

Thursday, June 14: Board games starting at 7 p.m. Come play your favourite games.

Sunday, June 17: Community breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. $8 for adults (12 and over), $4 for children (5 to 11) and free for children 4 and under.

Monday, June 18: Workshop on meditation techniques starting at 9 a.m. Cost $20. Presentation about finding inner happiness starting at 7 p.m. Cost $10. Please register on facebook. (offered in French)

Tuesday, June 19: Douglas Community Centre AGM starting at 6 p.m. Light meal offered.

BARACHOIS:

Barachois Rec Centre

The Barachois Recreation Centre will be holding 18+ money bingo at 7 p.m. on June 8 and June 22. Bilingual. Over $600 in cash prizes. We invite you to join our walking club “Making Strides” on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning beginning Monday, June 11, at 9 a.m., leaving from the Barachois Recreation Centre. Followed by tea/coffee/social.

BARACHOIS:

Legion Branch 261

Upcoming Events

Every Monday: The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 261, will be having a bingo at 7 p.m. in the Legion.

Wednesday, June 13: Sandbags from 7 p.m. Come, join us for an evening of fun and exercise. Drop in program. New teams each week.

Sunday, June 17: Brunch from 9 a.m. to noon. Adults $8, children 12 and under $4.

BARACHOIS:

Barachois Reunion

The 2018 organization committee, Gerald Girard, Dianna Francis and Stanley Ste Croix will be hosting a bonfire on Friday, July 27, at the Barachois beach starting at 8 p.m., as well as a dinner at the Port Prevel Golf Course on Saturday, July 28, starting with a cocktail hour (cash bar) at 5 p.m. Dinner served at 6 p.m. There will be a two-choice, five-course menu: $22.95 for chicken or $27.95 for salmon. Taxes not included. The criteria has been modified to include students from the Belle Anse School born 1950-1954. To be eligible to attend the dinner, you must have been born in one of the following years: 1945, 1946, and 1947 and have attended school in Barachois or Belle Anse. If you fit the above criteria and would like to attend, you can be accompanied by your spouse or a friend. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Gerald Girard: gerrygirard@bell.net, 450-619-9655 / 514-913-1350, Dianna Francis: diannafrancis32@icloud.com, 418-385-2427 or Stanley Ste Croix: stcalcolve.net, 705-726-6132. Everyone is welcome, with your names, telephone number and your menu choice. Please spread the word about the reunion to Barachois and Belle Anse students.

PORT DANIEL:

Strawberry Social

The Marylin Institute will be holding its annual strawberry social on Friday, July 27, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Three Star Golden Age Club on 126 West, Port Daniel West. Entrance $7. Children under 6 free. Door prizes, bake table, sales table, 50/50. For more information call 418-752-8132.

PORT DANIEL:

Upcoming Events

The 2018 organization committee of the Anglican Church will be held at the Three Star Golden Age Club in Port Daniel.

Saturday, June 23: Military Whist at 8 p.m. $5 per person. Saturday, July 7: 750 card party at 8 p.m. $5 per person.

PORT DANIEL:

Fundraisers for St. James Anglican Church

June 30: Canada Day Enter- tainment Evening

July 8: Annual Bazaar

October 6: Harvest Supper

SHIGAWAKE:

St. Paul’s ACW

Thursday, July 12: St. Paul’s ACW will be holding a tea, bake and craft sale at the Shigawake Community Center (across from the Anglican Church) from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Adults $7, children 6 and under free. Door prizes, 50/50. Come out and enjoy an afternoon with family and friends.

Saturday, September 8: Harvest Supper beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Shigawake Community Center Adults $15 and children 10 and under $6. Take-outs available. Everyone welcome.

SHIGAWAKE:

Advance Notice

Barn Dance Saturday, July 14: Dance with Nash Stanley at the Shigawake Fairground’s barn, starting at 6 p.m. More info to follow.

SHIGAWAKE:

Upcoming Activities

The following events will be held at the Shigawake Community Center.

Saturday, June 23: Fish Cake supper - $12 per person

Saturday, July 7: Country Hoedown with live music, D.J. and light lunch. Dress up in your best country outfit.

HOPE TOWN:

Upcoming Activities

The following activities will be held at the Hope Town Community Centre.

Saturday, June 9: Military Whist.

Friday, June 29: Gift bingo starting at 7:30 p.m. organized by the Hope Town sports and recreation club.

HOPE TOWN:

Service

Hope Baptist Church welcomes you. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. and Corporate Worship at 11 a.m. on Sundays. Prayer Meet and Bible Study at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Young Peoples for grades 7-11 on Fridays at 7 p.m. on 305 Route 12 West, Hope Town, 418-752-2136.

NEW CARLISLE:

Royal Canadian Legion

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 9: Musical night from 8 p.m. to midnight with Vern Huntington, Bert Hayes, and Sally and Doug Re- souf. $5 entrance fee.

Saturday, June 16: Mussel supper starting at 5 p.m. $15 per person. To reserve your spot: contact 418-752-6799 or 418-752-5495.

NEW CARLISLE:

Bible Chapel Services

Sunday, Breaking of Breads for Believers - 9:30 a.m. • Sunday night service - 7 p.m. • Wednesday: Bible study and prayer - 7 p.m. “You Must Be Born Again.”

NEW CARLISLE:

Life Association

Upcoming Event

Saturday, June 23: Dinner at 7 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in New Carlisle. $10 se- rvice or 3/$20.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

Book Room

Please note that the book room is now closed for the summer months. For more information, please contact Kathleen Paquet at 418-392-4896.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 172 Upcoming Events

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 172, meets monthly every third Saturday at the Le- gion located at 55 Gallagher Street. Please be advised that the Le- gion will remain open during the summer months. Doors open at 1 p.m. Bring your friends and family for conversa- tion and celebrations. For fur- ther information please contact sharoncdavid@gmail.com

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

50+ Club

Upcoming Activities

Every Thursday: Dame de Pique at 1 p.m. per person.

Every Tuesday Night: Gro- cery Bingo at 7 p.m. (2 cards for $5, each additional card $1). Friday, June 15: Jam Session for all musicians and spectators. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Music be- gins at 7:30 p.m. Free admis- sion. Canteen service on site. Sunday, June 17: Father’s Day brunch beginning at 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at 319 rte 299. $12 for adults, $10 children 12 years old and under. Everyone is welcome to attend.

GESGAPPIAG:

N.A. Meetings

N.A. Meetings held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Mawiomi Treatment Centre located at 85 School Street in Gessgapieag. Everyone welcome! For more information: 418-759-3322. N.A. is a non-profit fellowship of men and women for whom drugs have become a major problem. We are recovering ad- dicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. This is a program of complete absti- nence from all drugs. There is only one requirement for mem- bership, the desire to stop using.

ROBOTER COUNTRY WINNERS

The winners for the week of May 27 are: Nellie Budd-Charron, Susan Legouffe, David Sawyer, Solange Landry, Gisèle Boudreau, Noëlla Belange, Diane Arbour.

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lacking in your life right now, you may want to surround yourself with some friends who provide inspiration and compel change.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, rather than looking to others for validation, take an inward look and praise yourself. There are so many things you do well, and these are deserving of attention.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you could have some psychologically tuned feelings this week and will seem to know about things before they happen. Trust your instincts.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Make yourself more available to your loved ones over the next few days, Virgo. Try connecting with them by discussing your goals and asking advice.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 22

Libra, compassion and understanding will drive your actions over the course of this week. You seem especially connected to others and their feelings.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, a hectic schedule may have you feeling tense and resentful of all your responsibilities. Concentrate on one task at a time rather than obsessing about it all.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Reminiscing about the past can be a good way to connect you with your history, Sagittarius. Just do not dwell too much on what should’ve been. Use it as a chance to grow.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, strengthen relationships by letting other people know how much you appreciate them. This will help you feel a greater sense of joy as well.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you may feel enthusiastic this week about what life has to offer. Make the most of your rejuvenated spirit. Make an effort to reconnect with an old friend.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Feeling nervous about the outcome of some endeavors is natural, Pisces. But if you work through various scenarios, you will feel more relaxed.

Why do we SAY...

By Gary Briand

Although I regularly recall hearing the expression “all gussied up” in the Gaspe-sie, I first heard it in Bathurst when I spent a weekend with a teenage friend in 1956. We had all gone to church on Sunday morning. All of us returned home while my friend’s grandmother remained at the parish church for a meeting of a women’s group. When she returned home in the afternoon, her son queried her about another lady at the meeting. Calmly she replied, “Oh, Betty was herself, all gussied up.”

A gusset is a triangle piece of material inserted into a garment to make it fit better, to make it more comfortable and perhaps even to make the suit or dress more fashionable. The word comes from the French word “gousset” that was in use as early as 1300 in France.

Until 1730, the idea was encapsulated in the English verb “gusseted”. Today “gusseted” indicates one has a gusset or gussets in her clothing. The vernacular of the day soon transformed the idea into the colloquial “gussied up.” A lady (I’ve never heard it applied to a man) with many gussets in her dress, many improvements in it, came to be described as “all gussied up” which was equivalent to mean dressed in one’s best clothes.

I strongly suspect that the expression illustrates fertilization between French and English. I shall appreciate any hints as to where readers may have heard this expression in our Gaspesie.
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