



Photo: Johanne Fournier

Brothers Francis and Dan Dupuis with the Émilien D., their factory boat for shrimp fishing, built in Matane.

## Local shrimp fishermen acquire shrimp factory boat

Geneviève Gélinas

**RIVIÈRE-AU-RENARD:** — Brothers Dan and Francis Dupuis of Rivière-au-Renard, who are from a third-generation fishing family, will start the shrimp fishing season with a brand new boat. On their boat, the only shrimp factory boat in Quebec, they will be able to cook and freeze the freshly caught shell-on shrimp and attempt to break into a market dominated by Asian farmed shrimp.

The Matane shipyard, Méridien Maritime built the Émilien D., named after the Dupuis' grandfather. The mini plant is located between the hold and the deck of the 27-meter long boat. It's equipped with a fish separator, a cooker and a tunnel freezer.

The shrimp will be packed in five-kilo boxes, ready to export, especially to Europe. The Dupuis brothers are working in partnership with Crevette du Nord Atlantique, the Anse-au-Griffon shrimp processing plant that will sell their processed shellfish.

The Dupuis brothers decided not to peel the shrimp on the boat, and to sell it with its shell on. "The shrimp will be cooked less than one hour

(after the catch) and very fresh shrimp are more difficult to peel," explains Dan Dupuis.

The captain aims at producing a high-quality product because it will be frozen very shortly after the catch. On the shell-on shrimp market, the northern shrimp will distinguish itself from Asian shrimp by "its taste and texture," he emphasizes.

The Dupuis brothers will fish 1.7 million pounds of shrimp this year in the gulf of St. Lawrence. They bought the quota of another captain to reach that quantity. They also hold a processing license from the Quebec Agriculture, Fisheries and Food ministry.

Investissement Québec lent \$2.1 million to the Dupuis brothers, who refuse to reveal the cost of the boat.

The Émilien D. is equipped with twin trawls. The ship's crew will consist of six people; there were four on the Fran-Dan, their old shrimp boat.

Factory boats of 75 meters and more fish and process shrimp off the Labrador coast, but not in the gulf of Saint Lawrence. At the end of the 1970s and beginning of the 1980s, the Matane shrimp processing plant tried to adapt

ships like the Kristina Logos and the Lumaag into shrimp factory units but those attempts were not conclusive.

The Dupuis experience will be followed closely by other fishermen, but also by processing plant workers, who worry about eventual job losses if a general trend develops.

"It would take jobs away from the processing plants," says Omer Ouellet, vice-president of the Pêcheries Marinar workers' union in Rivière-au-Renard. The jobs added on boats wouldn't compensate for those losses, he believes. "The shrimp is going to be cooked and packed, but not peeled and it's the peeling that workers are required for."

"The price is very good at the moment for shell-on frozen shrimp. It should be a very profitable product this year and next year. Asian consumers are very interested in this product," states Patrice Element, director of the Office des pêcheurs de crevette du grand Gaspé.

Dan Dupuis hopes the Émilien D. will start fishing around mid-April. Shrimp fishing season opened April 1, as usual but when Spec went to press, the Gaspé plants and fishermen were still negotiating landing prices. In Gaspé, more than 100 fishermen work on 27 shrimp boats and deliver their catches to two plants employing a total of 400 people.

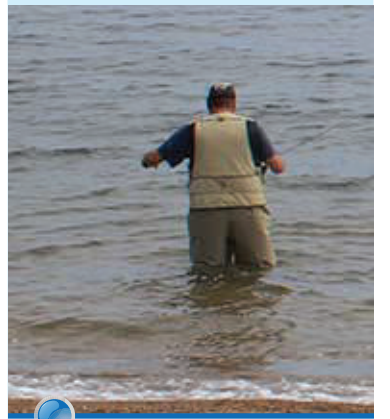


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# Lobster fishing likely to start on April 22 and 29 in the Gaspé

**Gilles Gagné**  
NEW RICHMOND – Lobster fishing is likely to start on April 22 and April 29 in most of the Gaspé Peninsula subzones, according to the federal department of Fisheries and Oceans spokesperson, Michel Plamondon.

As of April 10, subzones 20A2 to 20B7, covering a significant part of the south shore, will open on April 22, while subzones 20A1 and 21A, covering parts of the south shore of the region, will open on April 29. The opening dates of subzones 20B8 and 20B remain to be confirmed. They also cover

certain areas of the south shore. Regarding the areas covering the north side of the Gaspé Peninsula, the season kickoff remains to be confirmed for subzones 19A2 and 19A3, covering the west part of the coast stretch. Lobster fishing will start on April 29 in zone 19B. It remains to be con-

firmed in subzone 19C1 and will likely open on April 29 in subzone 19C2. It could be delayed until May 6th in that case if the weather conditions are unfavourable. Very little information has leaked regarding the prices but they are expected to be slightly higher than in 2016.



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- La taille minimale légale pour la mye est de 51 mm.
- Les cueilleurs doivent vérifier la taille de leurs myes et de leurs mactres de l'Atlantique afin de respecter ces limites de taille et ainsi contribuer à la conservation de ces espèces.

Pêches et Océans Canada surveille de très près la cueillette de mollusques et les zones fermées.

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Photo: Courtesy CRRI

The new building on Wayman Street will include three stories and 25 three-and-a-half and four-and-a-half apartments.

## Construction to begin in spring for CRRI apartment project

Thierry Haroun

GASPÉ: – The construction of a building with 25 apartments for people with mental health issues will start this spring in Gaspé. This apartment building is a project that has been pushed for more than ten years by the *Centre de ressourcement, de réinsertion et d'intervention de Gaspé*, which supports people with mental health issues.

The property located on Wayman Street, behind St. Paul's Anglican Church, was cleared at the beginning of the winter. Contractor LFG Construction will start building the three-story building once the snow is off the ground.

The cost of construction is \$3.8 million. However, the total cost of the project, including professional fees, taxes and soil analysis is \$5.5 million. The *Centre de ressourcement, de réinsertion et d'intervention* (CRRI) day centre will be relocated to the new building.

The CRRI has been working on the project for 12 years, but the idea has been around for more than 20 years. The organization helps people who have mental health problems. Those people are often faced with outdated or unhealthy apartments or with apartments above their financial means. Some others have to live in single room apartments.

"They're going to find a more affordable apartment, according to their means, a quality apartment in a healthy environment," says Pascal Soucy, president of the CRRI, who describes the fact that the project is moving forward as a "great relief" and a "celebration".

The CRRI day centre will relocate from its Chrétien Street premises, in the former Cegep residence, to the new building. "We'll really have a better-adapted space. There are three staircases in our current premises. A lot of people have mobility problems. We'll be in a one-level space, more

comfortable and less cramped," Mr. Soucy explains.

The vulnerable clients who will live at the Wayman Street building could be there for a variety of reasons, says the CRRI president. "One person could be a single mother who has experienced a depressive episode and who couldn't return to her job for that reason. It can be somebody who has experienced mental health episodes, but who is now stable, or a young person who has just turned 18-years-old, after having lived in various foster families," he explains.

"Dangerous people with a criminal past or people whose behavior with their neighbours is unacceptable are excluded," Mr. Soucy points out.

Some people in the area opposed the CRRI project in 2014. The CRRI met several times with a local committee. "It hasn't always been easy but it has been constructive. We feel like people who had concerns are now ready to welcome us."

The CRRI management would like the first tenants to move into the building in January 2018. There will be three-and-a-half and four-and-a-half apartments.

In October 2016 in Gaspé, the rental vacancy rate was 5.7%. The average cost of an apartment was \$562, a 4% increase in one year, according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The private homes in the Gaspé Peninsula and Magdalen Islands, owned or rented, need major renovations more often than in the rest of Québec, namely 12% on the Gaspé and 7.2% in the province, according to the 2011 census.



Photo: Geneviève Gélinas

"We feel that the people who had concerns are now ready to welcome us," says the president of the *Gaspé Centre de Ressourcement, de réinsertion et d'intervention*, Pascal Soucy.

## Police report

The trial of Réal Savoie accused of the July 27, 1996 premeditated murder and sex assault of Sonia Raymond on the beach in Maria resumed on April 10 at the New Carlisle courthouse, after two adjournments since the beginning of the trial on March 6. The crown prosecutor in chief of Eastern Quebec, Éric Morin, is now in charge of the case for the department of Justice.

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Kelly Dassilva, 21, from Grand River, was recently charged with dangerous driving causing bodily harm and obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duty following an episode of car surfing during which a 17 year-old was seriously injured. The accident occurred last fall in Chandler on a forestry road and the young man had to be transferred to a Quebec City hospital after falling from the vehicle. Kelly Dassilva was arrested a week after the accident, released on a promise to appear in court at a later date. She will return to the Percé courthouse on April 24.

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The Sûreté du Québec police officers are warning business owners and managers on the Gaspé Peninsula regarding a credit card fraud scheme that was used on several occasions over the last few days. Some individuals call stores to order merchandise and pay with a stolen credit card. An individual then goes to the store and leaves with the merchandise. A few days later, store owners realize that the credit card had been previously stolen. So far, the value of the fraud amounts to hundreds of dollars. Sûreté du Québec spokesperson Sgt. Claude Doiron invites store owners and employees to be cautious when transactions are not made by the customer in person.

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Fisheries and Oceans Canada recently released a list of fishers fined on January 30, 2017 for offences under the Fisheries Act. Pascal Blais was fined \$375 for catching cod during the closed season of recreational fishing and the fish was also confiscated. Sylvain Matton, from Carleton, was fined \$300 for digging clams in a closed zone. Jean-Yves Méthot, from Grand River, was fined \$300 for having an invalid registration number on his lobster fishing boat.

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## Commentary

Gilles Gagné

### The Story of us? Really?

Since March 26, CBC has started the presentation of a 10-episode "historical" series called "The Story of us", supposedly to depict most of the greatest moments in the history of Canada, notably through some heroic women and men that have marked the last centuries.

Since history is a discipline that is not an accurate science, that it leaves some room for interpretation, there is always a risk to tackle some chapters of a country's past and overlook important aspects of its time line, or flatly skip them. There is also a risk of misinterpretation, considering the multiethnic background of the country.

Three episodes have so far been aired. Some striking observations can be drawn. Two of them are related to skipping two highly important events, the foundation of Port Royal, Nova Scotia, in 1604 and the deportation of Acadians in 1755 and the following years.

Port Royal was founded by the mothers and fathers of the Acadians, four years before the foundation of Quebec City by Samuel de Champlain. Although that fact is often ignored by most Quebecers and most Canadians outside Quebec, it is not in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. It shouldn't have been forgotten by the "historians" that guided the CBC.

Before calling a series "historical", CBC administration should have made sure that the country's time line and its content are exact. So there is a noticeable mistake. While nobody expects such a series to mention an exhaustive list of events, how is it possible to skip the deportation of Acadians? Was it in order to avoid controversy? The controversy raised by that omission is way harder to deal with than its inclusion would have been. It would have been possible to explain that the deportation occurred in the middle of a war, and wars often lead people to use extreme means.

According to the CBC website, "The Story of us" is based on an attempt to demonstrate that people have transformed their differences in understanding and have then created a unique national identity. If such is the purpose of the series, then stop calling it a historical series. It is a nation-building series.

Nation building looks like the obvious goal of the

10 episodes. Past events are not used to explain what the reality was back then but to show what the present has become, or what the present possible looks like. The historical context is waved.

We understand from exchanges with national media that the CBC is airing the series for its viewers and that it won't be translated into French, which is a good thing. It would generate some durable uproar.

It is hard to understand why what occurred in New France from 1608 and on didn't deserve a full episode. The lack of historical references in that partial episode is also striking. The war of 1812, usually considered a relatively minor event in the history of Canada except for former Prime Minister Stephen Harper, was worth almost a full episode.

By the title of the coming episodes, we gather that the referendums of 1980 and 1995 will not be covered, as well as the repatriation of the Constitution in 1982. They are not the easiest chapters of Canada's history to reminisce, but they could have helped illustrate the understanding, or alleged understanding some Canadians showed despite their difference, a part of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's presentation about the series.

In that introduction, Mr. Trudeau mentions that "for generations, we have come together bridging cultures and communities to seek a more hopeful future for all. That is not to say Canada's history is perfect. It's not. There are dark chapters in our past that we have only begun to confront."

The series misses on showing a few of those dark chapters. There seems to be nothing about the imprisonment of the Japanese and Italian minorities during the Second World War, for example.

Who had the idea of asking martial arts fighter Georges Saint-Pierre, a fine man just the same, to explain the battle of the Plains of Abraham, in 1759? Up to 80 historians were apparently consulted for the series. One of them would undeniably have been better.

The series is not a total write-off in that the First Nations were given some visibility in some of the episodes.

However, a lot of people in Canada don't understand the "us" of "The Story of us." It is a missed opportunity.

## Letters to the Editor

### "In my own words"

There is much happening all around us in New Carlisle like the melting of snow, signs of springtime temperatures on the up beat and the feeling of Easter spirit everywhere. Easter blessings can be filled with many spiritual signals of divine love,

peace and friendship for all. The spirit of Easter is joyful, like the bough to bud and blossom. The residents of New Carlisle can continue their joyful spirit by being content in all the little things they do like faith, prayer and hope. Seasons come and go and at Easter it takes the spring season to make us feel, see and realize the impact of what the true meaning of Easter is. We may receive little Easter bunnies or Easter cards which may fill that void in our hearts, but Easter is rewarding in the spirit of love, peace and kindness with families here or across the miles. Have a "Happy Easter everyone."

*Ken Ross, New Carlisle*

### Hemodialysis in Gaspé, Maria and Sainte-Anne-des-Monts: a great victory for all the Gaspesian population

The decision has been made. Victory came, and beyond our expectations. Minister Barrette came to understand the Gaspé Peninsula situation and I thank him. After a symbolic demonstration, many representations in meetings, representations to the Member of the National Assembly and to media, as well as a petition signed by 8,500 people and all the travel made necessary by this action, those efforts and sacrifices are bearing fruit.

This victory is the victory for the whole Gaspé, our victory. That's why I want to thank all those who believed sincerely in it and who supported me. They are many and I couldn't name them all, but I must thank the population for its continued support. Thanks to all the persons who signed the petition (and the petition of Mr. Gibeault) and to the business people who accepted it in their business; to medias who did an essential and outstanding work; to the staff of the Gaspé Member of National Assembly and to the Gaspésie CISSS for all its efforts. Lastly, I cannot ignore all the people who have to live with this (kidney) illness and who have publicly come out to support that action.

Now that the minister committed to improve hemodialysis service and that the Gaspésie CISSS is preparing its deployment, the population could soon benefit from this service. As for me, I will make sure I pay attention to the quality of it.

*Jean Lapointe, Gaspé*



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# Why isn't our railine a priority?

Gilles Gagné

CARLETON: — Gaspésians eager to witness some kind of development in the railway restoration file will likely need more patience, considering that Sébastien Proulx, the minister responsible for the region, repeated once again on April 4 that improvements on the Matapédia to Gaspé line are “still under analysis”.

During the week prior to April 4, Gaspésians saw that the last Quebec budget made no reference to funding the upgrading of the railway. They had also heard Finance Minister Carlos Leitao say in two radio interviews that the dormant part of the line was “not an existential stake”.

On March 4, Minister Proulx repeated what he had been saying since December, that is to say that the “region’s priorities have changed” that the railway file “is dealt with by the department of Transport” and that he consequently has no control “over the decisions pertaining to the priorities, funding amounts and the time frame.”

Sébastien Proulx also repeated, “I was ready to announce the return of the passenger train down to Caplan in December.”

When he was told by journalists that there is no facility to turn a passenger train in Caplan, he added that “by mentioning Caplan, I meant New Carlisle. Once the line is upgraded to Caplan, it will be possible to get to New Carlisle”. He was obviously ignoring that work is required on the Ruisseau-Leblanc bridge between Caplan and Saint-Siméon.

Minister Proulx also indicated that “they (elected people of the region) said to abandon the passenger (train), which forced the civil servants to go back to analysis”. When asked to explain what he meant by the abandonment of the passenger train, he corrected his statement somewhat by saying the elected people asked to “delay” the resumption of VIA Rail service.

Mr. Proulx, who is also minister of Education, emphasized that the lack of mention pertaining to the Gaspé railway in the budget doesn’t mean anything, considering that the money could come from Quebec’s Infrastructure program,

However, SPEC consulted the document specific to that infrastructure program and there is no mention of any significant funding earmarked for



*Transporting the blades by truck between Gaspé and New Richmond diminishes the competitiveness of the LM Windpower plant in Gaspé.*

a railway project. There are only references to studies without a specific venture mention.

The Gaspé Peninsula line is functional over its west third, between Matapédia and Caplan. The last study, carried out by Canarail, stated that \$86 million would be required to upgrade it for the long term over its whole length. The line was acquired by Quebec’s department of Transport during the spring of 2015 following financial difficulties experienced by its former owner, the Gaspésie Railway Society, a body controlled by the munic-

ipalities located between Matapédia and Gaspé.

The stretch of line between Caplan and Gaspé was put in a dormant state just after the Quebec government acquired the railway, in 2015. Then Transport Minister Robert Poëti committed to reopening that stretch in the occurrence of business opportunities.

Business opportunities have appeared since the summer of 2016 and they are all coming from customers needing rail service on the dormant part. This year alone, Gaspé-based LM Windpower will ex-

port 1,000 windmill blades placed on 1,500 flatcars to the United States. It is a multi-year contract.

McInnis Cement will use railcars to ship cement out of the region a few weeks down the road. The first contract in that regard calls for the loading of 300 cars per year. The blades and cement are and will have to be transported by truck to New Richmond because of the dormant state of the line’s biggest stretch.

Millions of dollars of revenues are therefore lost by the Gaspésie Railway Society, the municipal body that owned the railway until running into financial problems. Freight cars generate revenues based on the mileage covered. So loading cars in New Richmond at mile 69 instead of Port Daniel, at mile 124 or Gaspé at mile 202 represents a significant drop in revenues. The customers like General Electric for the blades and McInnis Cement’s clients also pay more when the freight is hauled by truck.

The mayor of Gaspé, Daniel Côté, is stunned to see Minister Proulx once again using the excuse that the mayors and business people have changed the priority that was expressed in November and

December 2016 to postpone any government intervention. That position taken by many Gaspé Peninsula leaders favours the freight train to Gaspé over the passenger train to Caplan in the short term.

“LM Windpower’s announcement regarding windmill blade exports took place eight months ago and that is when the necessity to re-establish the freight service to Gaspé was identified. I find that the minister needs a rather long period of adaptation to change. Facing a closed envelope, reportedly of \$50 million, we expressed a preference for generating more profits, which would be the case if we could load the blades in Gaspé. The freight cars loaded with the blades are light. I do not minimise the passenger train. We want both! Feel free (Minister Proulx) to solve the passenger train issue all the way to Gaspé as well,” says Daniel Côté.

The Gaspésie Railway Society carried 1,624 carloads in 2015 and 1,741 in 2016. The number of carloads will surpass the 3,000 freight cars mark this year and will probably reach between 4,000 and 5,000 cars in 2018. The potential for 2020 could easily reach 9,000 to 10,000 freight cars.





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The nature and consequences of this exemption are the following:

- the nature of the minor exemption is :
  - to reduce of 82 cm of the minimal lateral back margin of 2 meters required at the HC-227 zone to the specification grid at the required at the article 8.7 of the zoning By-Law 1156-11;
  - to reduce of 1.29 cm of the sum of the lateral back margin required of 5 m at the specification grid of the HC-227 zone required at the article 8.7 of the zoning By-Law 1156-11.
- the minor exemption will have for consequence to :
  - allow the construction of a private garage annexed to the residence which will be implanted at 1.18 m of the right lateral line;
  - conform the sum of the lateral margins to 3.71 m.

During this meeting, the Town Council will hear the interested wishing to be heard on that request.

Given at Gaspé, April, 12, 2017.

*Isabelle Vézina,*  
Director of legal services and town clerk

## Reflections

by

Diane Skinner Flowers



### Treasures from the sea

*"The sea does not reward those who are too anxious, too greedy or too impatient. One should wait for a gift from the sea."*

Agates are uniquely beautiful. Driftwood is curiously fascinating. Shells are sweet little wonders of nature. But sea glass is something unlike these others. Behind each piece is a human connection, a story, a life. Every piece of sea glass has a history that we can only guess at, but that there is, or was, a human connection is undeniable.

Sea glass can be found along our beaches but is becoming more difficult to find and thus more precious. The sea glass has been smoothed by water, waves and sand to smooth off the sharp edges which leaves the sea glass with a frosted appearance. The best times to find sea glass is during springtime and after a storm at low tide. Beachcombers love to collect these tiny bits of beauty just to place in a bowl or jar and some with talents I do not possess make jewellery from it.

Sea glass can be found all over the world, wherever humans have tossed glass into the waters. Areas such as New England, Mexico, Italy and Spain are noted for their sea glass. But we who have walked these beaches going back decades know that we have and can still find sea glass on Gaspesian beaches.

The most common colours of sea glass are green and clear. These originate from bottles that once held pop or juice. Clear glass can also come from old windows or even very old windshields. This is not the romantic history we want our sea glass to have.

The colours that are found less often have a much more interesting history. They have a past we can guess at but can never know for certain. Brown sea glass likely started its life as a beer bottle. If you find a piece of forest green or soft blue it may have once been a medicine bottle, liquor bottle or even an old jam jar from the early 1900s. A piece of lime green glass likely comes from a pop bottle available in the 1960s. Sea glass that is jade green or amber may come from old medicine bottles, liquor bottles or even old glass Javex bottles. Modern plastic containers will never provide the beauty of sea glass.

The rarest colours of sea glass include indigo blue, likely from medicine bottles or Vicks Vaporub jars. If you find a rare aqua piece it may come from a very old mason jar, from the early 1900s. Red glass may come from the tail light of a car, when they were made from glass. Extremely rare is black glass which will be well over 100 years old.

Beware of artificial sea glass if you purchase some. Some retailers tumble broken glass in rock tumbling machines because the demand for sea glass remains high. This is NOT the real thing and does not give you the pleasure of imagining where it came from and who may have held it in their hands one day many years ago. Besides, the artificial bits are just not as beautiful.

Sea glass is becoming harder to find for obvious reasons. Glass containers have been replaced by plastic and people are just more aware of protecting the environment so do not toss things into the waters. Let us not judge those who went before us too harshly here. If not for the 'disposal at sea' of old glass, we would not have sea glass today.

# A good time for good news

Wendy Dawson

GASPÉ: - Vision Gaspé Percé Now wants to hear your good news story about health care in the region. This new initiative taken on by Vision aims to collect, compile and share positive experiences of users of the Gaspé Peninsula Integrated Health and Social Service Centre, be it at the hospital, using home care, at the CLSC or at long-term care facilities.

While the provincial government's recent budget promised some investment in health care, that same government has reduced health care spending by hundreds of millions of dollars since their 2014 election.

The result of those cuts has directly affected services to patients and the mental

condition of health care workers.

As a partner of the Integrated Health and Social Service Centre, Vision recognizes that working within a system that is burdened with negative sentiment can take a toll on health care professionals and so they are seeking to boost morale by sharing people's positive stories.

Angelina Leggo, communications coordinator for Vision Gaspé Percé Now explains, "There tends to be a fair amount of badmouthing, especially around healthcare and the services that are provided so we really want to hear about the good experiences that are happening."

Individuals wishing to share their stories are invited to communicate them by email, facebook messenger,

by telephone or in a letter. While the names of those that share their experiences will remain confidential, Vision will spread the positive messages through their Facebook page and on their website.

## MAKE TIME FOR FAMILY READING



## SHARE *your* STORY



Stories told by LORNA DUGUAY  
Written by MARSHALL BILLINGSLEY

### Sliding by Lantern Light

I was very young and things were very different than what they are now. The thing I remember most of when I was young is when my father and brother worked in the woods in the camp. They would leave on a Monday and come back Saturday afternoon.

This camp was just a one room log cabin with a bed made of straw and back then we would all save our bread bags so they could stuff them in the cracks of the cabin to keep the draft out. My father had an oil barrel in the cabin which he made into a woodstove. He made a front door on it and that was how he heated the camp, and could that barrel ever heat!

With both my father and brother leaving for a week, it was a big thing since we would be alone. So Sunday night we had to go to bed really early because my brother Neil and I loved to get up around 4 AM to see my father getting the horses ready, and we wanted to slide outside while the men were getting ready to leave for the woods. We had two horses, Roan which was my brothers' favorite and Doll which was my father's horse.

Every Sunday night my older brother would put on a buffalo rug and crawl on his hands and knees and growl like a bear. I would be so scared. My brother, Neil, would know it was my older brother but I wasn't so sure. After about ten minutes of scaring me half to death my mother would make him stop so we could get to sleep. I always had trouble getting to sleep when

he would scare me like that.

The next morning Neil would wake me up because we didn't want to miss dad getting the horses ready. Neil would be so excited. This was our favourite thing. When we went downstairs, my mother would be packing a big sack made out of about three 100 pound Robin Hood flour bags that she had bleached and sewn together, full of food for their week's trip. There was usually beef and pork, potatoes, carrots and turnips, sugar, tea and canned milk.

Molasses in those days came in a big vat, and they would fill a pail and tape it closed for traveling. My father would take the molasses for the horses, and put it in the oats to give them energy. My mother would be doing some last minute darning since my father would always forget to bring his mitts in from his last trip. Back then there was no such thing as a ski-doo suit so we wore many layers of clothing.

My father would come in and say he made steps for us up the snow bank and have a lantern lit, so we could go and slide while the horses drank. While my father was loading the skid with hay, oats, and his supplies for the week, we would be sliding. After the horses drank their fill, they would leave. We slid by lantern light until mom called us in for breakfast and then we'd go out and slide some more.

This is one of my favorite memories of my parents, of the happiness we shared.



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# Natural Resources Ministry burns “illegal” camp

Thierry Haroun

GRAND RIVER: - François Chiasson, a hunter from Grand River, is devastated. On March 6, the Quebec Natural Resources Ministry burned his hunting camp because it was considered illegal.

François Chiasson had a hunting camp 40 kilometres from Grand River on public land. He admits that his camp was illegal because it was permanent and not on wheels. In these situations, the Quebec Natural Resources Ministry advises the owners concerned, at least seven months prior to burning the camp. Mr. Chiasson says he was surprised to see his camp burned on March 6 given that he didn't receive a notice from the MERN.

This story was reported for the first time by the Grand River Community Television (TVCGR). It is available on their facebook page and was viewed more than 83,000 times so far.

“If I had received a notice I would have moved my camp on my land near Grand River. But they burned it all with my personal things, souvenirs, photos, the beds, etc. It was fully equipped.”

François Chiasson also shows a school bus that was previously used near his camp, and he says it was burned by the ministry three years ago. “It’s still there! In terms of environment, it’s not good news and in terms of security it could cause an accident if no one knows it’s there.”



Photos: T. Haroun

*François Chiasson’s hunting camp was deemed “illegal” and burned by the Natural Resources ministry.*

Refusing to comment on specific cases, the spokesperson of the ministry, Nicolas Begin, explains that normally “people’s personal objects are taken from the camp before burning it.”

That said, SPEC learned through the Access to Information Act and the Environment Ministry, which delivers the burning permits, that the Natural Resources department has the obligation to clean any hunting site it has burned. However, there’s no time frame set to clean up the site.

SPEC also learned that the Natural Resources Ministry received the permission to burn up to 70 illegal hunting camps in 2017. Well informed people say that this year alone,

some 40 of those camps were burned in the Gaspé Peninsula.

### Barbaric methods

Reached by SPEC, Member of the National Assembly, Gaétan Lelièvre, doesn’t support any illegal hunting site but he strongly condemns the fact that the ministry doesn’t have any schedule to clean up its mess once it has burned a site. “It’s unacceptable. I will sensitize the Natural Resources minister, Pierre Arcand. It’s a question of respecting the environment. We can see in the TVCGR report that a school bus, reportedly burned by the ministry is still there three years later. I re-

peat it, it’s unacceptable!”

Pascal Bergeron, president of Environment Vert Plus, points out that “just the fact of burning things is simply a barbaric method. What about the pollution it makes in the air. Why burn things? Just dismantle the site and clean it up!”

While in Carleton on April 4, Luc Blanchette, minister of Forest, Wildlife and Parks, was questioned about the policy in regards to the burning of camps.

“The file is under analysis. It is done according to the most civilized method,” he said. Mr. Blanchette added that people are usually advised way in advance before a camp is burned.



François Chiasson.

## ESSB launches seduction campaign for bilingual and francophone families

Geneviève Gélinas

GASPÉ: - Eastern Shores School Board is carrying out an advertising campaign to attract students from bilingual families into its schools. This promotion is worthwhile, believes the school board management, even if the results are modest.

Over the last few weeks, readers of francophone regional newspapers could see a publicity titled: “Do your children and grandchildren have access to an Anglophone school?”. It was followed by a list of criteria that could allow them to study in the Anglophone public system, according to Bill 101.

This is the second year that Eastern Shores School Board (ESSB) has been conducting

this campaign and it has led to the recruitment of five to ten students per year, estimates Howard Miller, director general of ESSB. The person responsible for giving information gets about ten calls per week during the three weeks of the campaign.

ESSB also has to refuse the requests of about five families each year, because they aren’t admissible.

The campaign costs between \$12,000 and \$15,000 per year. Each recruited student means an \$8,000 grant from Quebec’s government to educate him or her. So if ESSB did recruit only two students through the campaign, it would be worthwhile, Mr. Miller calculates.

However, beyond the schools funding, the recruit-

ment of a few students also allows us to stabilize some classes while the enrollment is decreasing. There were 1,132 students in ESSB schools on September 30, 2016, on its territory of the Gaspé Peninsula and Magdalen Islands, Lower St. Lawrence and the North Shore. It’s about one hundred students less than the previous year. If we go back to 2004, ESSB enrollment has decreased by 23% in 12 years, with 337 less students.

“The advertising campaign isn’t only designed for bilingual or francophone families. It also seeks to join “Anglophones who left our Anglophone system because they thought that they would learn a better French in the francophone system,” says Mr. Miller.

The presence of more fran-



Photo: G. Gélinas

*Gaspé Elementary School is one of the ESSB schools that has a large number of students from francophone or bilingual families.*

cophone students in the English system can contribute to improving the quality of French taught in its schools, he believes.

“We don’t consider that we’re competing with our neighbours, the francophone school boards. It’s not a real threat for them but for us, it’s a breath of air,” Mr. Miller adds.



# Good news for striped bass fishing enthusiasts

Gilles Gagné

CARLETON: – The duration of the striped bass fishing season will be longer along the southern shore of the Gaspé Peninsula in 2017. It will start two weeks earlier, on June 15, and will end on October 31, like last year, but sports fishermen will be allowed to keep their fish in October, unlike in 2016.

Moreover, sports fishermen will be allowed to keep two fish in 2017, instead of one like a year ago. The size of the fish that can be kept will remain between 50 and 65 centimetres.

“The resource was assessed scientifically and it is stable,” pointed out Forest, Wildlife and Parks Minister Luc Blanchette, upon announcing the new measures for striped bass. He added that the management of striped bass is carried out by a federal authority in the Maritimes, namely Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

“Aligning our decisions with the federal government is



Photo: G. Gagné

*Sports fishermen can catch striped bass all along the south shore of the Gaspé Peninsula.*

not always simple,” emphasized Minister Blanchette as if to explain why it was not announced earlier.

An evaluation dating back to 2015 states that striped bass fishing days on the Gaspé

Peninsula, have spinoffs of \$1 million. That fish can be caught all along the south shore of the region but not on the north side.

Forest, Wildlife and Parks biologist Valérie Bujold con-

firms that the state of the spawning striped bass stock is good.

“The evaluation is made in the Maritimes and is carried out by Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The number of spawn-

ing fish keeps increasing. In 2016, the number (of mature fish) was 316,000. Striped bass fishing resumed in 2013 because the target of 30,000 spawning fish had been surpassed,” explains Valérie Bujold.

In 2013, the catch and release rule was applied to all striped bass caught in the Gaspé Peninsula. In 2014, sports fishermen were permitted to keep one fish a day. That season lasted four weeks.

In 2015, the season was extended to eight weeks. In 2016, the season was first set for eight weeks. There was a one week break and the authorities decided to resume fish catches. The fishermen were allowed to keep one fish per day all through September. The catch and release rule was applied for October.

The Micmacs of Gesgapegiag and Gespeg are involved in the biological assessment of striped bass, notably of juvenile size along the Gaspé Coast.

## Quebec government confirms \$15M for sports fishing

Gilles Gagné

CARLETON: – Quebec’s minister of Forest, Wildlife and Parks, Luc Blanchette, confirms an amount of \$15 million for sports fishing over the next five years. \$10 million will be used for projects related to salmon fishing while the other \$5 million will be earmarked for other types of sports fishing.

Minister Blanchette made the confirmation of the amount in Carleton on April 4. The amount of \$15 million had been mentioned in the budget a week earlier.

The program is called Salmon and sports fishing development plan for Quebec. The details about how the program will unfold are at a very early stage, says minister Blanchette.

“The management will be made with the collaboration of the partners,” he mentioned, referring to the organizations managing the rivers and lakes of Quebec.

When asked if a call for projects would be the way to apply for funding, Luc Blanchette replied that “we are not there yet. We must be influenced and we want to influence,” added the minister, meaning that some exchanges



Photo: G. Gagné

*Luc Blanchette is Quebec's minister of Forest, Wildlife and Parks.*

will lead to the definition of the program.

The Salmon and sports fishing development plan comes years after the end of the Atlantic salmon development program, a joint federal-provincial program. There are 60 salmon rivers in Quebec, and 18 of them are located in the Gaspé Peninsula.

Sébastien Proulx, minister responsible for the Gaspé Peninsula and the Magdalen Islands, pointed out that the

new program will in all likelihood apply to projects im-

proving people’s access to fishing, lodging facilities and market studies.

The involvement of the federal government was sought for the portion pertaining especially to salmon fishing but the answer was long in coming and in fact never came.

“We were a bit discouraged with waiting (for the federal government) and we decided to allot \$10 million (...) We are still hopeful that the federal government will join us but we decided not to wait (for Ottawa) before making a move,” said Mr. Proulx.

Marc Gauthier, director general of the Little Cascapédia river ZEC, points out that “Gaspesians were instrumental in the development of the new program. We pushed hard to get a program that would cover several years. We hope

that the management of the program will be awarded to us. The Atlantic Salmon Federation for Quebec is already administering a \$10 million program on the Romaine River, on the North Shore.”

Christian Cyr, a New Richmond real estate agent involved in salmon river management, adds that the 45-page document that led to the creation of the new program was in fact “initiated by Gaspesians.” It took eight months of work to prepare and move it forward, says Mr. Cyr.



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# Interpellation period at National Assembly yields no satisfaction

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: – The two Members of the National Assembly representing the Gaspé Peninsula, Sylvain Roy for Bonaventure and Gaétan Lelièvre, for Gaspé, were allowed to hold a two hour question period on April 7 regarding different development stakes for the region. Minister Sébastien Proulx was facing them at the National Assembly. The railway being one of the main themes covered during that period and Mr. Proulx again stuck to the answers he has been using since November, to the effect that the file is under analysis.

New Richmond resident Barry Brake, an active member of the Coalition of Gaspésians for the return of the train, attended the question period like a number of people and was far from impressed by what he witnessed.

“The government is stalling for some reason on the railway file. When the government bought the line in 2015, the minister of Transport at the time (Robert Poëti) said that if



Photo: Bernard Babin

*Bernard Babin, at the microphone, and Barry Brake, who wears a pale suit, were not impressed by the answers of minister Sébastien Proulx.*

there were shippers down below Caplan, they would repair the line and the bridges. The shippers are there. I am afraid, like the president of the Gaspésie Railway Society, Mr. (Éric) Dubé, that if they don't make an announcement by

June, the construction season will be lost,” comments Mr. Brake.

He is lost for words for a while when asked to describe the answers given by Minister

Proulx, who is responsible for the Gaspé Peninsula.

“He constantly comes back to the consensus of the region, and that it has supposedly changed. It changed, but much earlier, months and months ago because there are shippers,” adds Mr. Brake.

Another active member of the Coalition of Gaspésians for the return of the train, New Carlisle native Bernard Babin, also attended the question period and described Mr. Proulx's performance as “a big show of figure skating”.

The Opposition leader at the National Assembly, Parti Québécois' Jean-François Lisée, had committed to what is technically called an “interpellation period” about the Gaspé Peninsula when he last visited the area over the course of the winter. The reason behind that procedure was “the negligence shown towards the Gaspé Peninsula by the Liberal government.”



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**MINOR EXEMPTION FROM URBANISM BY-LAWS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Council, at a regular meeting that will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, at 8 pm, will consider the request for minor exemption from the zoning By-Law 1156-11, presented by Me Isabelle Simard for a property situated at 269 et 269-1, rue Jacques-Cartier.

The nature and consequences of this exemption are the following:

- the nature of the minor exemption is to reduce of 25cm of the minimal lateral back margin of 1.5m required by the article 8.8.1 of the zoning By-Law 1156-11;
- the minor exemption will have for consequence to regularize the derogatory layout of a garage with a right lateral back margin of 1.25 cm.

During this meeting, the Town Council will hear the interested wishing to be heard on that request.

Given at Gaspé, April, 12, 2017.

*Isabelle Vézina,*  
Director of legal services and town clerk

The Board of Directors of The Gaspé SPEC will be awarding one bursary of \$500 to the high school graduate showing the greatest academic improvement from Secondary 3, to Secondary 5 and who will be going on to further their academic studies. The applicant **MUST** also send proof of their involvement in community volunteer activities.

**STUDENTS FROM ESCUMINAC INTERMEDIATE, NEW RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL, NEW CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL, CHANDLER EVERGREEN & GASPÉ POLYVALENT ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**

**Students MUST SUBMIT** the following with their written application:

- A copy of their school marks from Secondary 3 to Secondary 5
- Two letters from community leaders attesting to their community volunteer work during this time period.

*Applicants failing to provide all of the above will not be considered*

**Applications must be received by 4 p.m. May 12, 2017**

**One bursary will be awarded to the successful candidate.**  
**Please send your application to:**  
**Spec Bursary. 128, Gérard D. Levesque,**  
**New Carlisle, Quebec, G0C 1Z0**



# Kimberley-Sue Murray wins big in Toronto

Thierry Haroun

TORONTO: - Kimberley-Sue Murray, a Chandler native, is a film producer and actress. She has an exceptional talent to the point that her movie “She came knocking” was awarded the Best Short Movie at the Canadian Film Fest in Toronto on March 25. Spec was able to get in touch with her and discover who this exceptionally talented Gaspesian is.

“Oh, I was so surprised when I learned that the movie had won a prize! Actually, I was with my mother when I got a text message from the film director (John Ainslie)

saying: ‘I think we won something!’ I answered: ‘Let’s not get too excited. Let’s wait for the confirmation.’ When I received the confirmation, I was blown away. I actually posted a video of my reaction on my Instagram feed. I wasn’t expecting it because there were a lot of really wonderful films. I think we won because of the subject of the film, a very important matter,” she said.

In fact, the film, that Spec viewed, was produced with her partner, Ian MacMillan via their company TANDEM. The film is about domestic violence. It tells the story of a

young driver (played by Kimberley-Sue) who gets a call to pick someone up. She gets to the house, knocks on the door and she thinks she’s witnessing domestic violence in a room located near the front door where she hears a man violently yelling at his girlfriend. She’s really put off and it’s quite disturbing for her. She then calls the police who say that because she hasn’t seen anything, that they are just assumptions, the police cannot intervene. In that situation, she decides to take the matter into her own hands....One can view the film teaser at this address (<https://youtu.be/0MSHhKl-wwyw>).

Kimberley-Sue Murray, who is in her twenties, graduated from Evergreen High in Chandler. At 17, she decided to move to Montreal to study theater at Dawson College. Once she graduated she worked in Montreal in the movie scene for 18 months. She soon realized that Montreal wasn’t the place where she could really make her dreams come true. “I heard Toronto calling my name! So I went there with my best friend and I was accepted at the prestigious Canadian Film Center in an intensive six-month acting program and that really put me on the map. I’ve been working ever since. I even went to Los Angeles for two years.”



Kimberley-Sue Murray would like to shoot a feature film on the Gaspé.

## The Gaspé is never very far

Her latest project with her partner is a short movie called “Pulr”. “It’s a concept proof for a feature film that I want to shoot on the Gaspé. It’s au-

tobiographical. It’s about a girl who goes back home for reasons unknown and is forced to face her demons and the people she left behind. I wrote it, I’m starring in it and my partner Ian MacMillan is directing it.”



Photo: courtesy of Kimberley-Sue Murray

Film producer and actress Kimberley-Sue Murray’s short film received an award for Best Short Movie at the Canadian Film Fest in Toronto.

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# Family Ties hosts one-of-a-kind food fair

Melissa Mercier,  
Family Ties

NEW CARLISLE: - Family Ties hosted a food fair at New Carlisle High School on March 31 to celebrate Nutrition Month and the provincial Collective Cooking Day. The students and staff from New Carlisle High School and Shigawake Port Daniel School, as well as members of the community attended the Food Fair and visited the different kiosks featuring samples of healthy breakfast ideas, kid friendly snacks, vegetarian ideas, blind taste testing, the difference between store-bought and homemade, and so much more.

Family Ties was awarded a grant from *La Fondation du Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie* for a new youth program called “Good Food for All Kids”. One of the objectives of the program was to host a food fair to encourage children to adopt good, healthy eating habits.

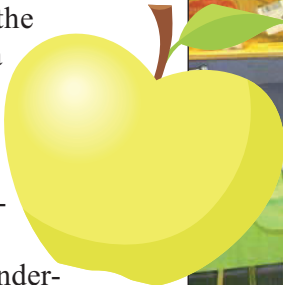
By the same token, the 20th annual provincial Collective Cooking Day theme this year was “*Un plat de plus pour le droit à une saine l'alimentation!*” (One more



Pre-k teacher, Anna Murtough showing her students how to make a smoothie with peddle-power.

dish for the right to healthy food!) Therefore in conjunction with the “Good Food for All Kids” program, Family Ties staff, volunteers, and collective cooking groups capitalized on this time to help promote healthy eating, engage participants, and to show the benefits of collective cooking kitchens and their impact on the commu-

nity. As a result, the food fair was a great success with everyone actively participating in the different kiosks and having a wonderful time; all the while learning about the benefits of a healthy diet.



There were many kiosks at the food fair, showing students that healthy food can come in a variety of choices.



Photos: J. Imhoff



Getting to know our community organizations

# Hayes Bursary



110 bursaries have been awarded to students since founded in 1995.

The Hayes Bursary is actively looking for new committee members , volunteers and ideas for fundraising events! If you are interested in helping at any of their current events, would like to contribute your time or make a donation, please contact : Patsy Hayes 418-752-2331

**For anyone interested in making a donation to the Hayes Bursary it is a registered charity and official income tax receipts are issued for all donations received.**



Presently the Hayes Bursary provides bursaries to ALL N.C.H.S graduating students residing between Gascons to Hope. Those who have volunteer hours in their community and are pursuing further education are eligible for the bursary. The bursary receives funding from donations made in memory of loved ones or in honor of special events such as anniversaries or birthdays.

Two fundraising events are held each year:

- Serving Ice Cream at the Shigawake Agricultural Fair and Music Festival
- Gift Bingo held in Hope Town every fall.



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# 5 recipes for DIY spring cleaning

(NC) Many of the products we use while spring cleaning our homes are filled with ingredients that have negative long-term effects on our health and environment. For example, ammonia, sodium hydroxide and triclosan are some of the culprits found in products ranging from laundry detergents to glass cleaners. These ingredients can linger on surfaces and are easily absorbed by our skin, exposing us and our children to hazardous chemicals with unhealthy side effects.

Fortunately, you can make your own, natural alternatives with just a few ingredients from your kitchen. . And they're just as effective but much safer for you and your family.

Here are some environmentally-friendly recipes for DIY household cleaners you can use on nearly any surface in your home.

**All-purpose cleaner.** Combine one cup each warm water and white vinegar in a spray bottle and shake well. Use on most surfaces. Add 20 to 30 drops of your favourite essential oil if you prefer something scented. For tougher jobs, double up on the vinegar.

**Furniture polish.** Add two tablespoons each of olive oil and white vinegar (or lemon juice) to two cups warm water in a spray bottle. Shake well before spraying on wooden and plastic furniture and wiping clean.

**Laundry detergent.** Dissolve six tablespoons of baking soda and two tablespoons of course salt in 2 litres of hot water, then add six tablespoons of liquid castile soap. Mix well and add half a cup per full load directly into the washer tub.

**Glass and mirror cleaner.** All you need is equal parts water and white vinegar, mixed gently in a spray bottle. Wipe with an old newspaper for a streak-free finish.



**Stainless steel cleaner.** Gently massage a very thin layer of olive oil onto stainless steel surface, then wipe off with a cloth dampened in white vinegar. Now your appliances are clean and fingerprint resistant.

If you're not into DIY, then stop by your local CHFA member health food store and explore the many natural household cleaning products. Find more information and recipes online at [chfa.ca](http://chfa.ca).

# More than half of Canadians still without a will

(NC) One of the very best financial decisions you can make for you and your loved ones is to write a will. It is astonishing how many people in Canada do not have one — more than half, according to some estimates. For some, just knowing where to start can be an obstacle.

For others, maybe it does not seem urgent, but dying without a will could mean that your property will not be distributed in accordance with your wishes. So what are the secrets to writing a good will? Here are a few key points to keep front of mind:

1. Choose your executor carefully. The executor is the person you have chosen to carry out the directions of your will. It must be an adult and it should be someone you trust. It is also a good idea to name an executor who is younger than you.

2. Take care of your loved



ones first. Most of us plan to leave something to those closest to us. If you don't name your loved ones in your will and state how much you want them to receive, your estate might not automatically go to the right people.

3. Name guardians for your dependents. If you have children under the age of 18, your will should name the person who will be your children's guardian if you die. If you have pets, they will also need a caretaker.

4. Name the special causes

you want to support. Think about the favourite causes you want to leave a gift to. It could be a health charity, a local animal shelter, or a human rights charity like Amnesty International.

5. Seek expert help. You might be tempted to write a will on your own, but that decision could end up costing your loved ones more. Speak to a lawyer who specializes in estates. Their guidance might not be as expensive as you imagined and will likely pay off in the long term.



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# Percé buildings moved away from the shoreline

Geneviève Gélinas

PERCÉ: – Four Percé buildings, including the Maison du pêcheur restaurant, will be re-located away from the sea in the coming weeks. This work is in preparation for the hauling of gravel to the beach to protect it from erosion, and the rebuilding of the boardwalk.

“We’ll have to set back the shoreline significantly. We have to take possession of the land,” explains the director general of Percé, Félix Caron. The Town is doing it through mutual agreements with all four owners, he adds.

The three other buildings are a section of the Bellevue Motel, La Morutière restaurant and an inn belonging to Raynald Cyr. Those buildings will be moved away from the sea, but will remain on their own piece of land.

Percé will soon launch a call for tenders to demolish the retaining wall of the boardwalk and the boardwalk itself, both greatly damaged by the December 30 high tide and strong waves. Demolition work should take place in May.

The Town is expecting the final plans and specifications

of the shoreline protection and rebuilding project by the end of April. Between now and then, the results of a lab test to verify the impact of adding gravel to the beach should also be available. The Town of Percé wants to haul approximately 5,000 trucks of gravel onto the beach. This beach reloading is expected to absorb the waves’ shocks and allow the beach to reload by itself thereafter.

“If everything proceeds as anticipated, the gravel transport could start at the end of May or at the beginning of June,” states Mr. Caron.

The Percé shoreline will be a construction site during the tourist season, admits the director general. “Of course, there will be impacts, but we’ll try to minimize them. In an ideal world, the gravel transport would be done at the end of July.”

The work will be suspended in August, usually a very intense period for tourism. The boardwalk will be rebuilt at the end of August and September.

“Work must be done by the end of September,” states Mr. Caron, because the high tides and storm season begin in October.



Photo: G. Gélinas

The Maison du pêcheur restaurant and three other buildings will be moved further from the sea in Percé.

The Quebec government is contributing \$962,000 to the project in order “to cover the cost of emergency measures set up during the last December 30 high tides,” and “to support the Town in its preparatory work for protecting the shoreline along downtown Percé,” adds Mr. Caron.

The contribution comes

from a regular program for municipalities facing a sinister situation or an imminent sinister situation.

This amount is far from enough to pay the whole project, estimated at \$15 million, an amount that will be specified when the plans and specifications are completed. The amount of \$962,000 is “a first

contribution,” says Félix Caron, who has “no indication on the amount” of an eventual announcement by the Government of Québec.

As for the Town’s part, “Percé is going to contribute as little as possible,” states Mr. Caron. The objective is for the Town to pay less than one million dollars, he says.

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# Announcements...

## Obituaries



### MALONEY: Cynthia Mitchell

Passed away at CISSS de La Gaspésie, Hospital Gaspé, on March 24, 2017 at the age of 98 years, Mrs. Cynthia Mitchell, loving wife of the late Mr. Valentine (Valo) Maloney from Barachois.

She leaves behind her cherished family, Sybil (Ralph), Glen, Desmond (Anida), Marlene (Ron), Diane (Ken), Ronald, 23 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, brother Osborne, sister Vivian and brother-in-law Joseph Lemieux, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, nephews and nieces and caring and loving friend Jackie Lemieux.

The family will receive condolences at the Residence Funéraire Valère Fortin in Barachois on Tuesday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 10 : 15 a.m.

Funeral service will be held at the St-Peter's church in Barachois at 10:30 a.m. the same day.

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to the Gaspé Foundation Hospital.



### TOZER: Ruth Hannah

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Milton, Ontario. Beloved wife of the late Vern Tozer. Loving mother of Carol (Paul Finley), Gordon, Richard (Jennifer) and James (Angela).

Ruth will be dearly missed by her grandchildren; Shelley, Devon, Natalie, Matthew, Jared, Gillian, Mitchell, Lorne, Brayden, Charlie, Sara Brynn and her great-grandchildren; Jeremy, Brianna, Aiva, Charlie and Jasmine. Ruth is survived by her brothers; Kenny Flowers and Jarvis Flowers and is predeceased by her brother Francis.

Our matriarch of the Tozer/Flowers family will be sadly missed.



### MUNRO-WATT: Jessie

It is with much sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Jessie on Monday, March 27, 2017 at Glengarry Memorial Hospital, Alexandria, Ontario, surrounded by the love of her family.

Jessie was born July 16, 1924 in Paspebiac, Quebec and in 1945 she married Arnold Watt and moved to Hope Town where they raised their ten children. Her strong faith in the Lord helped her overcome some challenges she faced over the years including the loss of her husband Arnold in February 1969, her son-in-law Charlie in June 2007 and her son Barry in November 2013.

Jessie was predeceased by her parents Jess and Edith Munro, her sister Laura and her brothers Lyall, Fred and Raymond. Also, her nephews Lyall Munro Jr., Tommy Munro, Francis Hocquard, Gary MacKenzie and her sister-in-law Ida (late Ted) Sullivan.

She leaves to mourn her children Gloria (Bob) Ross, Ruth (Peter) Lyall, Edith, Brian (Joan), Shirley, Betty (Allan) Sinclair, Vivian (Rob) Scott, Heather (late Charlie) Giannakos, Rodney (Sarah) and her daughter-in-law Ginette Huard.

She will be missed by her 12 grandchildren Sean (Marlee), Chad (Ipsita), Melanie (Luc), Bobby (Stacia), Tracy (Gilles), Julie-Andree, Jessica-Kim (Kareem), Caitlin, Madison, Evan, Brendon and Josh; and her 11 great-grandchildren Kamryn, Dyson, Lola, Tobin, Brady, Brennah, Jayson, Jessy, Jamie, Hailey and Aliyah.

Jessie will also be dearly missed by her sister Hazel Lang in Upland, CA.; her sisters-in-law Dorothy (late Ray) Sauson, Sarah (late Herb) MacKenzie and Velma (late Fred) Munro, as well as her nieces, nephews and their families.

Jessie was an active member of the United Church as well as President of the Hope Town UCW for over 30 years. She was a member of the 3-Star Golden Age Club where she enjoyed playing Whist and 500 and also loved to play crib. She was an avid reader and loved reading biographies, the daily newspaper and she anxiously awaited her copy of the weekly SPEC so she could read it from cover to cover.

Jessie maintained many friendships over the years and sustained her wit, independence and sense of humour until the end. Her love of family and friends, her joy of baking, her passion for gardening, and her generosity to others were just a few of her many wonderful qualities.

A memorial service and interment will be held in August 2017 at St. Andrews United Church, Hope Town, Quebec. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Andrews United Church, Cemetery Fund (310 2e Rang, Hope Town, QC. G0C 3C1) in memory of Jessie, would be appreciated by the family.

## In Memory



### FESSENDEN: Lance-Sergeant James Douglas

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*Amongst the never found, his name along with his mates is inscribed on the Vimy Memorial. This is the year we celebrate what you went through for a young Canada. Rest in peace, Uncle Jay.*

Your nephew, James Douglas Steele Fessenden.

### STEWART: Aylmer and Dulcie (Mullin)

In fond and loving memory of my parents, Alymer and Dulcie Stewart (Mullin). Alymer Stewart passed away December 24, 1971 and Dulcie Stewart passed away April 5, 2006. Both the Christmas and Easter Season will always hold sad, but also happy memories.

*Memory drifts to scenes long past,  
Time rolls on, but memories last;  
Sunshine passes, shadows fall,  
Love's remembrance outlasts all.  
Softly the leaves of memories fall,  
Gently we gather and treasure them all.  
Tenderly we treasure the past,  
Memories that will forever last.*

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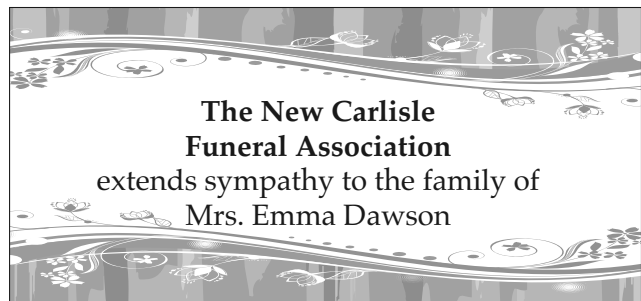
Lovingly remembered by daughter Pamela, son-in-law Keith, grandchildren Matthew, Michael & Melissa Spicer.

### WILLIAMS: Lester and Robert

In loving memory of Lester (Dad) Williams who left us 12 years ago on April 1, 2005, and Robert (Bob) Williams who would have celebrated his 67th birthday on March 21, 2017.

*There is always a face before us  
A voice we would love to hear,  
A smile we will always remember,  
Of Robert (Bob) and Lester (Dad) we loved so dear.  
Deep in our hearts is a picture,  
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# Social notes...

Happy Easter! There isn't much news to share with you this week but I hope that you are all keeping well and enjoying yourselves among family and friends, wherever you may be.

Mr. Howard Gallichan is now spending some time at the Pavillon Mgr. Ross. Mrs. Rowena recently received some injections in her back to help her keep moving and relieve the pain. A number of their children and grandchildren visited with them in Gaspé in recent weeks. They have such a close relationship with all their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and their spouses, etc. It is wonderful to see a family who is so very close, and especially one that is as large as theirs.

Heather Maloney Patterson recently returned from a wonderful trip to California. She flew to Montreal and met with her daughter, Stephanie. They then travelled by plane to San Diego, California where they spent 10 days with Audrey, Craig, and baby Braxton. Heather is one very busy lady when she is home so, when she gets to get away for a break, everyone is very happy for her. Many of you know that Heather is very generous with her time, her talents, and her infectious joy. Her hair salon in Sunny Bank is quite the hub of activity. An appointment with Heather opens up a slew of opportunities to meet with folks you may not have seen in a while. After all that, you leave feeling on top of the world and looking pretty snazzy too. Thank you Heather for being you!

Recently, the Shamrock Seniors Club in Douglastown held a bingo in the hall on Trachy Street, which is just across the street from the church. It was well attended and many good stories and laughs were shared. Bingo is a game that can either be a lot of fun or not, depending upon your perspective. It seems that whenever people are getting close to winning a game, they become very, very, quiet and often you hear a little whisper "I only need ... whatever is the let-



Sharon Howell

## GASPE NEWS

ter and number." Such moments provide the ideal opportunity to crack a few jokes to lighten the mood. The typical comments throughout the games are "you are some kinda lucky, you" or "you won again?" which is usually followed by the previous comment or, when someone has missed winning by one number "I never win" or "I wouldn't win if I was the only one playing and I was calling the numbers." Does this bring back some memories for you?

Recently, I received a message from another former Gaspesian, Mrs. Amelia Clark Pelletier, formerly of Wakeham. She lives in London, Ontario and is doing very well. She extends her best wishes to all.

Well, my sister Cathy and her husband Denis are back home again. Yeah! Denis just finished working at the new cement plant that is under construction in Port Daniel. He started there last August and as it is too far to commute, he and Cathy have been living in a house in Gascons. They had a beautiful uninterrupted view of the Chaleur Bay. Cathy kept busy looking after her sweetie as he put in 10 to 12 hour days. Denis is turning 55 and retiring once again. Let's see how long this retirement lasts!

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Murray Patterson of Wakeham who passed away on March 29 at the age of 88 years. He will be dearly missed by his sons Douglas and Darrell and their families. He will also be dearly missed by his son-in-law Lowell Patterson and family. Mr. Murray was predeceased by his

wife Joyce Vibert and his lovely daughter Heather. May they rest in peace!

Best wishes and much happiness for the coming year are being sent to: Martha Patterson Costello and Dawn Eden – April 2; Isabel Maria Patterson – April 3; Riley McDonald – April 4; Denis Lavoie, my sister Cathy's husband – April 6; Cheryl Phillips Wright – April 7; Boyd Young – April 8; Barry Dumaresq – April 10; Emily Roach – April 11 (Emily is Annett Eden Roach's daughter and Mr. Vernon Eden's granddaughter.); Clayton Bourgaize and Archie Patterson – April 12; Gordon Baird – April 13; Kendall Collin Rooney – April 15; Gwen Jenzi and Elaine Coull – April 17; Tony Palmer of Calgary, AB and formerly of Wakeham on April 18 Leila Harbour – April 19; Joyce Roberts and Shanon Gaudreau – April 20; Bernadette Holland of Kitchener, ON and formerly of Sandy Beach – April 21; Corey Jean – April 21; Corey is Mr. Sydney's great-grandson and he is 12 this year; Vicki McCallum Smith – April 22; Valerie Normand and Vernon Eden – April 24; Brian McDonald of Douglastown and Marjorie Coffin Boyle; Marjorie Coffin Boyle – April 30.

Special birthday greetings to the following people who are really experienced when it comes to birthdays: Ben Annett – April 1; Teresa Nellis Briand – April 8; Mrs. Elsie Mullin Patterson – April 15. Congratulations, Mrs. Elsie on turning 99 this year. Lily Moran Mitchell – April 21 - Congratulations, Lily on turning 92 this year. Lily now lives in Alberta; Sydney Jean – April 21. Congratulations to Mr. Sydney on turning 91 this year. Armand Quiriple – April 21. Congratulations to Mr. Armand on turning 89 this year. He is Mr. Sydney Jean's cousin.

It looks like that is all that I have to share with you for this week. Should you have some news to share, please feel free to contact me at photo\_ops@hotmail.com. Thank you for your time.

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### POINTE NAVARRE:

#### Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the sanctuary will be held **Sunday, April 23** at 1:30 p.m. at the church. You are all invited to this meeting to receive information on the administration of the sanctuary.

### YORK:

#### York River Senior Citizens Upcoming Events

**Sunday, April 30:** The annual bingo will be held at 1 p.m. at the community hall. Cost is one card for \$3 or 2 cards for \$5.

### WAREHAM:

#### Advance notice

Wakeham ACW will be holding their annual summer sale on **Saturday, July 8**. Further info to follow at a later date.

### DOUGLASTOWN:

#### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, April 23** - Community breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Douglas Community Center. Join friends and neighbors for an excellent breakfast with a traditional menu. A voluntary contribution of \$7 for adults (12 & over), \$4 for children (5-11 years) would be appreciated, ages 4 and under (free).  
Happy Hour  
**Friday, April 28:** Happy hour at 5 p.m. Happy Hour is a great opportunity to get together with old friends or make new ones. Bring your refreshments and a dish to share. A voluntary contribution would be appreciated.

**Sunday, April 30:** Operation Christmas Child is inviting everyone interested in helping their cause to meet at the Douglas Community Center from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. You are welcome if you are interested in knitting or crocheting mittens, socks, or hats for children ages 2 to 14; you don't need to be a seamstress or knitter or anything of the sort, anybody that wants to help is welcome.

**Friday, April 14, 21 and 28:** All are welcome to line dancing classes at 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$5 per person. The teacher is Mrs. Olivia Rehel. For more information, contact Mrs. Beverley Vibert: 418-368-3003.

### BARACHOIS:

#### Legion Branch 261 Upcoming Events

**Every Monday:** The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 261 will be having a bingo night at 7 p.m. at the legion. Everyone welcome!

### PORT DANIEL:

#### Upcoming Events

The Three Star Golden Age Club will be holding the following events at their building.

**Friday, April 28:** Super Gift Bingo, 7:30 p.m. \$10/series, 3 for \$20, Canteen available. Proceeds for St. James Anglican Church, Port Daniel.

**Saturday, April 29:** Military Whist, 8 p.m., \$5, light lunch will be served.

**Saturday, May 13:** Mother's Day Tea, admission \$6, 12 noon to 2 p.m.

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### Cookbooks for sale

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### SHIGAWAKE:

#### Tea, Bake and Craft Sale

A tea, bake and craft sale will be held on **Thursday, July 20** from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Adults \$7, children 6 and under free. Door prizes and other prizes and 50/50. Welcome all and bring your friends to Shigawake Community Centre, across from the Anglican church.

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### SPDS Governing Board Meeting

**Tuesday, May 30:** There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Shigawake Port-Daniel School.

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### Community Center Upcoming Events

**Friday, April 14:** Easter games, story telling, easter egg hunt from 12-2 p.m. for kids 12 and under, light snacks, free.

**Friday, April 14:** Easter dance for kids from 7-10 p.m. Ages 13-17, light refreshments served, free.

**Monday, April 17:** Easter bingo.  
**Saturday, June 3:** Mother Father Daughter Son Afternoon tea from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. Door prize and other prizes. Everyone welcome.

**Saturday, June 17:** Lobster or chicken dinner \$20, 4-6 p.m. Tickets sold in advance.

### HOPE TOWN:

#### Hope Baptist Church

Hebrews 10:25 says "You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing..." Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Family Worship at 11 a.m. (Nursery provided) Friday 3:30

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### HOPE TOWN:

#### Easter Service

Friday, April 14 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Music Night and Message) Sunday Service is 10:30 a.m. Paul R. Bedford BTh, MTh Sr. Pastor of Hope Baptist Church

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Bible Chapel Services

**Sunday:** Breaking of Bread for Believers - 9:30 a.m., Sunday night service - 7 p.m. **Wednesday:** Bible study and prayer at 7 p.m. "You Must Be Born Again."

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Variety Show

The NCHS Home and School brings you "A good OL' Gaspeian Variety Show" on **Friday, May 5** at New Carlisle High School, 7 p.m. \$5 entry fee for all, toe taping music for all ages. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening out. Door prize, cantine service and a 50/50 for added fun.

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Garage Sale

New Carlisle High school will be holding a garage sale, **Saturday, April 29**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the NCHS gym. Proceeds are to fund the grade 11 trip to Toronto. Please come out and support our students.

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Monthly breakfast

The New Carlisle 50+ Club will be holding their monthly breakfast on **Wednesday, May 10** at 9 a.m. at the Heritage Restaurant.

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Annual General Meeting

The Linda LeMore-Brown Foundation will be holding its annual general meeting on **Tuesday, April 25, 2017** at 7 p.m. at the New Carlisle Town Hall located at 138 Gerard D. Levesque New Carlisle. Welcome to all.

### NEW-RICHMOND:

#### Easter Conference at the Bethel Bible Chapel

Preacher: Paul Robertson, Saint John, N.B. Translation: Danny Dugas. Come to hear good news! Learn about God's love! You're all invited and warmly welcomed to our Easter Conference, beginning on the **April 14** at 3:30 p.m. to end on the April 16, 2017. Gospel messages every day, two meals will be served: Friday's free supper and Sunday's dinner. (a reservation is needed: Carol Charbonneau 418-392-9385) More Information or Schedule: Contact Raymond Ricard 418-392-6039.

### NEW RICHMOND:

#### Friperie Notice

NEW schedule: The frippery Entraide de l'E.P.E. will only open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. from March 2017 on. We can open from 8 a.m. on request at: 418-392-5161. Summer clothes have arrived for the whole family and in different sizes. There are a lot of free things every week: soccer shoes, skates, skis, dishes, toys, plush boots. 248 boulevard Perron West, New Richmond. For information call 418 392-5161.

### NEW RICHMOND:

#### A Story to be Told

Faith adventure told in songs and testimonies. **Good Friday, April 14** at 7 p.m. at Full Gospel Church, 248 Perron blvd. West New Richmond. Information: 418 392-5161. A light snack will be served during the evening. Presented in collaboration with Église Chrétienne Évangélique.

### NEW RICHMOND:

#### United Church Upcoming Events

**Sunday, April 30:** An after service hotdog luncheon will be held at the church. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12.

**Friday, May 5:** Talent Night  
**Friday, July 21:** Strawberry Social

**July 30:** Memorial Hymn Sing  
**October 21:** Turkey Supper  
**December 15:** Christmas Concert.

### CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

#### 50 + Club Activities

**Every Tuesday:** A prize bingo will be held at 7 p.m. Entry fee is 2 cards for \$5 and \$1 for each additional card.

**Every Thursday:** Dame de Pique at 1 p.m. \$5 per person.

**Saturday, April 22:** 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Roast Pork Supper - Adults \$12 and children under 12 \$8.

**April 14 & 28:** Jam sessions at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information contact: Dorothy Campbell (418-392-4686) or Donna Fallow (418-392-5509).

### GESGAPEGIAG:

#### Community Market

A community market will be held in the Galgosiet building on **Saturday, April 29** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To reserve a table for \$5, call the band office (Bonnie Jerome) 418-759-3441.

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## UNITED CHURCH

### Sunday, April 16

2 p.m. New Carlisle

## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

### April 13

#### Maundy Thursday Hopetown

7 p.m. Washing of Hands/Feet

### April 14 - Good Friday Shigawake

3 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### April 15 - Holy Saturday New Carlisle

7 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter

### April 16 - Easter Day New Carlisle

9 a.m. Eucharist

#### Port Daniel

11 a.m. Eucharist

## PARISH OF GASPE

### April 13

#### Maundy Thursday Gaspé

7 p.m. St. Paul's Church

### April 14 - Good Friday Gaspé

2 p.m. St. Paul's Church

### April 15

#### York

7 p.m. The Great Vigil  
St. Andrew's Church

### April 16 - Easter Sunday Gaspé

9:30 a.m. St. Paul's Church

## PARISH OF ALL SAINTS BY THE SEA

### April 14 - Good Friday Malbaie

11:15 a.m. St. Peter's Church

### April 16 - Easter Sunday Malbaie

11:15 a.m. St. Peter's Church





## Easter Craft Ideas for Kids



### Easter Bunny & Chick Vases

Wash and dry an empty glass bottle.

Using paint, cover your jar evenly. Tip: I put my hand inside the jar and hold the jar up as I am painting. This allows 360 degree access while painting. Also just paint to the edge of the bottom.

No need to paint the bottom of the jar.

Let your paint dry thoroughly

Using a smaller detailed brush about a quarter of the way down the jar, paint the faces as shown in the picture as above. Glue twine along the top of the bottle and you have a lovely

Easter vase for your flowers.



### Paper Plate Bunnies

Paper plates, pipe cleaners, coloured paper, a little bit of glue, craft eyes and black markers combine to make these adorable paper plate bunnies just in time for Easter.

## A blast from the past



### Kindergarten in Hope Town- 1968

Back Row: Ivan Dow, Craig Marion, ?, Stephen Duguay, Shaundra Hayes, Gary Huntington, Teacher Irene Jacobson, Eva McWhirter, Holly Jean Williams. Front Row: Randal Watt, George Hayes, Jane & Judy Sauson, Donald Walker and Ann Walker.

## COLOUR ME FOR EASTER



### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you're not afraid to take risks or go where others fear to tread. Use this trait to your advantage and inspire others to set aside their reservations as well.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you have a knack for making money this week. Keep abreast of any business ventures that may cross your desk. This may be a lucrative time for you and your family.

### GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Do not leave anything until the last

minute this week, Gemini. It's best to get all of your work done as early as possible, just in case some fun pops up for the weekend.

### CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, if you have been waiting for some sort of compensation, this could be the week that it arrives. Remain patient and that patience will ultimately be rewarded.

### LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

This may be a dull and lazy week, Leo. But that can be a good thing. This means you can recuperate from anything that has been ailing you, or just relax.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

A massive incentive could be coming your way, Virgo. It's best to be aware of

all the goings-on inside and outside of the office. This can be a great chance to get ahead.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, it's not in your nature to complain, and this week will be no different. Take your usual approach and confront a problem rather than complain about it.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, this week your thoughts could turn to faraway places or daydreams may distract you from the daily grind. An upheaval of some kind is imminent.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

You should get what you desire this week, Sagittarius. It may be a larger office or tickets to that big game you have been mulling over. The joy will be in the

surprise.

### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Do not worry so much about what others think of you, Capricorn. You have been traveling down the right path for some time, and others recognize that you have your act together.

### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

A big opportunity is mentioned in passing this week, Aquarius, and you begin to mull over the possibilities. This may be the right time to strike while the iron is hot.

### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, even when faced with some personal misfortunes, you are able to present a stiff upper lip and maintain a positive attitude.

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 9

Jessie McCartney, Singer (30)

APRIL 10

Alex Pettyfer, Actor (27)

APRIL 11

Alessandra Ambrosio, Model (36)

APRIL 12

Brendon Urie, Singer (30)

APRIL 13

Hunter Pence, Athlete (34)

APRIL 14

Robert Carlyle, Actor (56)

APRIL 15

Emma Watson, Actress (27)



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