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*The Alexander von Humboldt, a 188-foot German ship, is the tallest invited ship.*

## Tall ships to dock in Gaspé

Geneviève Gélinas

GASPÉ -- Four tall ships will dock in Gaspé between July 7 and July 9. The tall ships are travelling to Quebec City to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Canadian Confederation. The Alexander von Humboldt, Bluenose II, El Galeón and La Jolie Brise, will be part of the trip.

The ships will arrive at the beginning of the afternoon on Friday, July 7, if the weather is good. They will moor at the Sandy Beach wharf. The population will be allowed to embark to visit the ships on July 8 and 9.

The tallest ship is the Alexander von Humboldt. It is 57 metres long and 37 metres high. It belongs to a German sailing school and is based in Bremerhaven. It's propelled by 24 sails totalling 1,360 square meters. It has a crew of 80 including trainees.

El Galeón is a 38-metre-long replica of the Spanish galleons that linked Asia, America and Spain for three centuries. This galleon has six

decks, three masts and seven sails.

Many Gaspésians are already familiar with the Bluenose II, which stopped in Sandy Beach in 2008, on its way to the celebrations for the 400th anniversary of Québec City. This schooner, an ambassador of Nova Scotia, was almost entirely rebuilt recently.

The smallest sailboat, La Jolie Brise, is a 17-metre long cutter which flies the United Kingdom flag.

The ships are part of a 44-ship group that will sail to Quebec City. "If four of them are planning to dock in Gaspé, others aren't protected from unexpected weather conditions," points out Michel Lacroix, a member of the Gaspé Jacques-Cartier sailing club. "If there's a strong west wind at the beginning of July, it's possible that we might see more ships." The Gaspé Bay is a natural harbour in that situation.

There is usually a charge to have the tall ships visit a port. The payment can be thousands of dollars per vessel. However,

this summer, the Canadian Government is paying for their visit. "If Gaspé had to pay the bill, we couldn't afford it," says Mayor Daniel Côté. To invite only two ships would have cost \$55,000 to the Town, just to have them at the wharf.

In fact the ships' visit leads to \$40,000 fees for festivities, maritime security, communications and transportation. The Town of Gaspé will pay between \$4,000 and \$6,000 to transport the crew members from the Sandy Beach wharf to downtown Gaspé. Escale Gaspésie and the Jacques-Cartier sailing club are also contributing by organizing the reception of the crew members

and the festivities. Gaspé is also asking Québec and Ottawa for more funds.

On Saturday, July 8, a "world sailors" evening will take place at the Gaspé marina for crew members and the local population. It will culminate in fireworks at 10 p.m.. Earlier that day, the circus troupe, "Le gros orteil" (The Big Toe), will entertain the children.

The Jacques-Cartier sailing club will organize regattas on Sunday afternoon. At 5 p.m. the same day, the population is invited to a "Grand tinta-marre" to make noise before the ships resume their voyage at 6 p.m.



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Gilles Gagné

PORT DANIEL: – Marcil resident, Colleen Dolbec, will once again register Marcil Road in the CAA Quebec's Worst Road contest. This time around, Ms. Dolbec will put emphasis on the paved section of Marcil Road, which she considers "dangerous."

In 2016, Port Daniel's Marcil Road won the CAA contest and was considered Quebec's worst rural road. The Marcil residents publicly criticized the state of their road and convinced a lot of people to vote in the CAA contest, in the hopes of making the Town of Port Daniel-Gascons allot some funding for its betterment.

The situation improved a bit between 2016 and 2017, points out Colleen Dolbec but a lot of work remains to be done, including putting pressure on the town administration.

"We will be participating this year again but this time, it's for the paved section. It is so dangerous right now on Marcil (road). The pavement there has approximately four big dips in it, that will flip off any car if you don't know it's there," says Ms. Dolbec.

"The current spring started on the wrong foot but things have improved somewhat since the end of March," she adds.

"Well, the roads were horrible. The pot holes at the bottom of the hill were so bad - the deepest I have seen. Holly (Couture-Smith, another Marcil resident) called one morning and complained and I went to see the mayor (Henri Grenier). They fixed the roads that day," she states.

"I told the mayor it (the road) needs warning signs and he agreed but never put it on.



Photo: G. Gagné

*In April 2016, some Marcil residents started putting pressure on their municipal administration in order to get some repair work done on their main road.*

People complained last year because we had the worst road based on the state of the gravel road but a small drive down the pavement section of Marcil is worse than the pot holes on the gravel," she emphasizes.

The gravel section is taken care of better than last year," says Colleen Dolbec.

"For the first time, they finally listened to us this year about digging ditches in places on Marcil Road so the water has a place to go besides the middle of the road. Leaving that water in the middle of the road causes potholes. We told them that every year and this year, I told the mayor to stop wasting money and dig the damn ditches, and they finally did," she explains.

Ms. Dolbec thinks she and the other Marcil residents have been able to convince Mayor Henri Grenier that their cause is worth action.

"He makes sure the roads get done and has kept it up real

good since last year except for two weeks (at the end of March). They waited too long but it's done now and if you do decide to take the roller coaster ride that is Marcil pavement, well, go slowly. If you remember that huge dip last year, well, this year, it is that dip times five!"

How much will it cost to repair the gravel and asphalt sec-

tions of Marcil Road? Mayor Grenier says they are currently assessing the situation and should know more in May.

"We don't have the figures at the present time but there is a new intervention plan coming from the Quebec government and we will make a push to submit projects. There are two categories, priorities, which can receive funding for

up to 90% of the amount and projects that can be accelerated, where the government support will not surpass 50%," explains Mayor Grenier.

He doesn't know yet if Marcil Road can fit in the priorities. "The asphalt section of the road sure needs a bit of love. I went again this morning. The paved section is three kilometres long, and so is the gravel part. I measured them. Between now and the fall, we will work on that road. We will try to pave the gravel part over the next five years."

McInnis Cement is paying about \$1 million in municipal taxes in 2017, a situation that is giving some wiggle room to the municipal administration. However, the needs are considerable, says the mayor.

"Our budget went up from \$2.9 million to \$3.6 million between 2016 and 2017 but we have to be careful about how we spend it because the real municipal value of the cement plant is not known yet. If it is less than what the company pays for, we will have to reimburse some money," concludes Henri Grenier.

Approximately 120 people live on Marcil Road or on the perpendicular roads converging to that road.



**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.**

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## News briefs

### Student Employment Day

Thierry Haroun

GASPÉ: - Gaspé Cégep will be hosting a Student Employment Day for the first time ever on April 20. The event is organized by the *Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi de la Côte-de-Gaspé*. Its spokesperson is Sarah-Michelle Couillard. "We expect a participation of approximately 20 businesses from the region that are ready to hire students at the high school, cégep and even university students who spend their summer here. It's an important day because it will be a unique occasion to meet the need of employers. There aren't only full time jobs available but also part-time jobs during the winter season," she explained over the phone. The event will take place between 9 a.m and 3 p.m.

# Police report

The supervisor of the Mr. Big investigation, a police officer whose name cannot be released, showed how a web was woven around Réal Savoie by undercover agents, in an attempt to prove that he committed the murder of Sonia Raymond, on the beach in Maria on July 27, 1996. The trial resumed on April 10 at the New Carlisle courthouse.

A Mr. Big investigation consists of having a suspect admit his crime, and to succeed, the undercover police officers follow a plan which is divided in scenarios like in a movie or a play. These scenarios are planned by the supervisor, designated as the “cover man” at the Réal Savoie trial. That cover man is never in contact directly with the suspect and plans the scenarios at a distance.

In the case of Réal Savoie, 65 scenarios were necessary before the Sûreté du Québec gathered enough evidence to submit the case to a crown prosecutor. On April 13, the cover man presented scenarios number 40 to 58.

“It is important to return regularly to the three values of the organization, trust, telling the truth and loyalty,” said the cover man to the court. He was explaining that each of the scenarios had the effect of strengthening these values and checking if Réal Savoie understood their importance.

The “organization” is in fact a fictitious criminal group, set up by the police. The organization gradually involves the suspect deeper in its activities.

So, after hiring Réal Savoie in the organization, the false crimes, be they the production of mock SAQ shopping cards, false stock shares, false passports, diamond trafficking or the trafficking of false steroid vials, they increase in gravity “in order to prove the credibility of the organization in foul play,” insisted the cover man.

As the responsibilities of the suspect increase so did his remuneration. As weeks went by some undercover police officers spent more time with him, trying to build trust. For example, they drove Réal Savoie back to his Quebec City home instead of sending him by bus. Most of the activities of the organization took place in Montreal, or started in Montreal and led to other places, like Ottawa, Toronto, Niagara Falls and Cornwall.

“It is important that he makes links between the scenarios. He must understand at the end that the organization can help him and that he shouldn't fear talking about his problems to the organization,” explained the cover man.

At the trial, all testimonies of by undercover police officers are rendered behind big panels. These panels surround and hide the totality of the court floor, from the accused box to the 12 jurors, including the judge, the defence attorneys and the crown prosecutors, in such a way that the public hears the undercover police officer's testify, but cannot see them. The names of the undercover agents are not mentioned, just their identification number. When their first name is used, it cannot be reported by the media. Journalists can just use a letter to designate them in their reports. A description of the locations used during the investigation is also forbidden. So is the reason given to the court to explain why the accused travelled a lot during the Mr. Big investigation.

The cover man explained during scenario 39 that Réal Savoie was tested in order to check if he would lie to the organization and in fact did following a duty he failed to accomplish. He was warned to avoid lying and was sent home. He was told to reflect on the matter and call back if he was still interested in working for the organization. He did call back and expressed his will to keep working.

The cover man also told the court that Réal Savoie was informed that the members of the organization never uttered threats between themselves. That condition is also specified in the court rules guiding Mr. Big investigations. Crime confessions obtained following threats uttered to a suspect would be ruled out in court.

One of the last scenarios presented in court on April 13 was the feigned beating of a woman outside the vehicle in which Réal Savoie sitting. The woman was an undercover police officer. The purpose of that scenario was to check the reaction of the suspect when witnessing a violent act. Another undercover agent will soon testify in court about Réal Savoie's reactions during that scenario.



Photo: G. Gagné

*Emptying Restigouche Garage has unfortunately become a spring ritual in Matapedia.*

## Matapedia residents can now breathe a sigh of relief

Gilles Gagné

MATAPEDIA: – The residents of Matapedia were able to avoid floods this year. The ice break on the Restigouche River occurred on April 12 without any major impact on the villagers. As a precautionary measure, the Deux Rivières school and the adjacent trade and vocational school, were evacuated.

Due to the ice breaks of the Upsalquitch and Kedgwick Rivers in New Brunswick, the Restigouche River water level went quite high on April 11 along Riverside Drive, enough to flood a small section of the road but that was about it.

The Canadian Coast Guard hovercraft Sipu Muin arrived in the Matapedia area on April 11 at the end of the day. The crew started breaking ice on the river the following day.

That day, the Restigouche River ice floe went down more, passing the village of Matapedia. The ice descent stopped a couple of kilometres downstream, in the area of the main islands facing the Sillardsville sector.

“There was a good volume of water in the river but the descent was stopped by the ice floe upstream from Pointe-à-la-Croix and the low tide, which keeps that ice floe close to the bottom of the river. It acts as a dam,” ex-

plained Serge Normandeau, a resident of Matapedia who has been keeping a close eye on spring floods for decades.

Richard Mill, owner of Restigouche Garage in the centre of Matapedia, once again emptied the main floor of his business, including his office, for fear that it would be flooded, like it had happened many times in the past. He was relieved to see the river break the dam created

by the downstream ice floe.

“I went back to see the river after lunch and it was flowing again. It had been blocked at the end of the morning. The water level didn't go up. The high tide sure helped, as well as the hovercraft, but we would have liked to see it a couple of days before. It would have eased up our task a bit,” pointed out Mr. Mill on the evening of April 12.

### Family Ties Community Luncheons for Seniors Who Eat Alone

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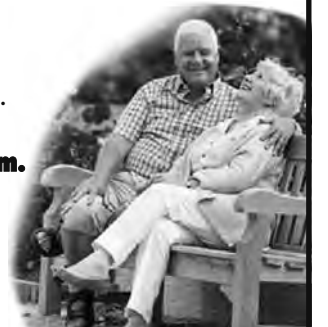
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## Commentary

Gilles Gagné

### People are losing faith in the justice system; Ottawa must make moves

Is it right to free a man that has been waiting five years for his murder trial to proceed? That is what happened on April 6 to Sivaloganathan Thanabalasingham, released despite being charged with the murder of his wife in 2012. He allegedly cut her throat.

What is certainly not right is the fact that it took five years before the beginning of his trial. It was the third alleged murderer to be acquitted in Canada because of unjustified delays since the Jordan decision, a verdict rendered in July 2016 by the Supreme Court of Canada. The decision was divided. Five judges opted for a pre-determined delay before the release of charges, 18

months in a provincial court, 30 months in a federal court. Four judges voted against.

Fortunately, there are exceptions regarding the use of the Jordan decision. On April 10, a judge decided that a man charged 53 months earlier with sexual assault would have to stand trial just the same, because a sizeable part of the delay was attributable to the defence attorney.

Moreover, five alleged murderers were also denied the right to use the Jordan verdict to obtain their release, again mainly due to the exaggerated delays caused by their defence lawyers.

In the case of Sivaloganathan Thanabalasingham, the Court of Appeal is weighing the option of overturning the decision to release him. However, considering the time the Court of Appeal takes to assess the cases submitted to its judges, it is permitted to think that it is not a long term solution by any stretch of the imagination.

Over recent weeks, the Quebec government has deployed a fair number of measures in order to accelerate the procedure in court. Although those means are not perfect, it is a step in the right direction.

In the meantime, the federal government doesn't seem to realize the urgency of increasing the efficiency of courts as well as their capacity to hear more cases.

While Quebec's Justice Minister, Stéphanie

Vallée affirms that there is a shortage of 14 judges in Quebec courts, in Ottawa the department of Justice asserts that the number is six judges.

The opposition parties in Quebec invited premier Philippe Couillard to use the notwithstanding clause in order to bypass some verdicts of the Supreme Court. Mr. Couillard called that potential recourse a "nuclear weapon."

Truth be told, all Members of the National Assembly should mobilize and put pressure on Quebec's Members of Parliament to convince Canada's Justice Minister, Jody Wilson-Raybould, of the relevance of appointing judges in order to fill the vacant spots.

The public, if the stake is of such urgency, should also contact Quebec's Members of Parliament and show them that releasing potential murderers and sexual criminals doesn't make sense when the reason is court delays.

Minister Wilson-Raybould must, in addition to nominating judges, also submit a plan to improve tribunal efficiency. People have noticed for years, even when all spots for judges were taken, that the multiplication of delays far exceeds reasonable norms.

The justice system is a pillar of our democracy. Growing cynicism regarding that system is one factor leading to democratic erosion. It can be avoided.

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# Windmill maintenance companies go international

Geneviève Gélinas

**GASPÉ** – Suspendem, a Gaspé-based company, is exporting its expertise in inspection and maintenance for the wind energy sector to Brazil. It's not the only Gaspesian business in that economic sector to expand beyond the borders of the peninsula and work elsewhere in Quebec, Canada and even internationally.

The Suspendem head office is in the Douglstown Community Center, but the company also has offices in London, Ontario, as well as in Sao Paulo and Natal, Brazil.

"In 2015, we participated in a mission to Brazil. I surveyed the market and understood that there's a big need for operation and maintenance," says the Suspendem managing director, Bill Talbot.

In Brazil, the wind energy installed capacity is 10,740 megawatts (MW), almost as much as in Canada, which has 11,900 MW. At the end of 2019, the Brazil capacity should reach close to 18,000 MW. "The growth potential is at least as significant as in Canada," Mr. Talbot states.

Suspendem found a Brazilian partner, hired four technicians and started working in Brazil at the beginning of 2017.



Photo: Courtesy of Suspendem

*Suspendem technicians inspect and repair blades from suspended platforms.*

"Right now, between 5% and 10% of our activities take place in Brazil. However, within five years, we would like to have a Brazilian team as large as our Canadian team - that is to say approximately 40 people."

Suspendem trains its technicians to be able to inspect or repair a blade as they are suspended on a rope or perched on a suspended platform. This saves the costly rental of a crane.

Last year, the company completed a ten-week contract

on wind turbines in the China Sea, not far from Shanghai. "We're not focusing on Asia, but it was unique because we don't have offshore wind farms here," points out Mr. Talbot.

Approximately 50% of the Suspendem employees are Gaspesians. A proportion of 20% of its contracts take place in the Gaspé Peninsula. Suspendem is also working in Ontario, Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia. Suspendem is a partnership between Gaspesians Shaun Stanley and

Danny Lapierre, joined by Bill Talbot, an Ontarian who now lives in Douglstown.

## East Coast Wind in Mexico

The Suspendem large scope isn't an exception in this kind of business in the Gaspé Peninsula. The Maria-based firm East Coast Wind is developing the Mexican market, which has a little more than 3,500 MW of wind energy installed capacity, and is expecting to have at least

9,500 MW in 2018.

"We hire people in Mexico and we use the Quebec expertise to train them. In 2017, I want to have at least six technicians working in Mexico," says East Wind vice-president, Steven Fugère. He emphasizes that Canadians are welcome in Mexico, as the Americans' popularity has decreased since the election of Donald Trump.

In the wind energy sector, the number of jobs in operation and maintenance went from 298 last year to 348 this year on the Gaspé and in the Matanie MRC, reports Dave Lavoie, director of the *Créneau d'excellence en éolien*. The operation and maintenance field is now providing one third of the wind energy jobs in the region, and is expecting to recruit 70 people within three years.

As wind farms age, the more investment they need. It's like a car that needs to go to the garage," Mr. Lavoie explains.

Another reason for the increase is that new Gaspesian wind farms, Roncevaux on the Matapédia Plateaux and Mesgi'g Ugju's'n north of Escuminac, added 224 MW to the peninsula total at the end of 2016. There are consequently more machines to maintain, inspect and repair.

# Workforce reaches 375 at LM Wind Power

Geneviève Gélinas

**GASPÉ** – The LM Wind Power Gaspé plant now has 375 employees, which is 190 more than in August. The blade manufacturing plant is now trying to recruit 100 more employees, especially production workers. That recruitment is part of a \$12 million plus expansion undertaken to fill orders coming from the American market.

On April 12, director general, Alexandre Boulay, provided an update about the expansion. "The hiring is going well. We're at 375. There were 185 in August 2016. We still have 100 jobs available. It's not easy to have such a fast growth, but it's working well. Every week, there are new employees."

"LM should reach its objective of 450 to 470 employees in October or in November," Mr. Boulay states. The plant is recruiting in the Gaspé Peninsula but also outside the region.

"There's an interest in coming back to the Gaspé.



Photo: G. Gélinas

*LM Wind Power is recruiting a lot of workers from outside the region, who have Gaspesian roots, explains Gaspé plant manager, Alexandre Boulay.*

75% of the new employees these days are from out of the Gaspé. There are maybe 15% from the southern part of the Gaspé and the balance is from Gaspé, but we've exhausted the Gaspé labour pool."

"Among the new employees, a large proportion is from Montréal and its surround-

ings," says Mr. Boulay. "Many of them have parents who were born in the Gaspé. "We have Tapps, Minvilles, Gleetons and Dupuis who were born in Montréal."

The lack of housing is becoming apparent in Gaspé. "We're being told that it's pretty difficult to find accom-

modation in downtown Gaspé. We tell the new employees to search in neighbouring villages," reports Mr. Boulay, who is also asking Gaspesians who have vacant housing to inform LM Wind Power.

## Expansion to be completed by mid-June

The plant expansion work should be done by mid-June, as expected. The plant surface will be increased by 40%, that is to say 2,700 square meters. The Gaspesian firm LFG Construction is in charge of the work.

Mr. Boulay refuses to divulge what will be the weekly production of LM at the end of the expansion. "We'll multiply the production we were having one or two years ago," he just states. LM employees share two daily 12-hour shifts. The plant is working seven days a week.

The director general refuses to give details on the contracts signed by LM but according to information gathered since September 19, the

Gaspé employees are manufacturing 42-meter blades for General Electric. The Gaspé blades will replace components that are at the end of their useful life on wind turbines already erected in USA, including Texas.

## Still no trains to the Gaspé

Asked by journalists about the absence of the Quebec government investment in the railway, Alexandre Boulay reiterated the importance of the train to the LM plant. "There's a fierce competition in the wind energy field. We try to reduce our production costs. The train will have a significant impact on the LM Wind-power competitiveness. We need an upgraded rail to Gaspé for our customers to use it, to improve our competitiveness."

The blades manufactured in Gaspé are currently moved by transport over 220 kilometers to New Richmond, where they're loaded on rail cars going to the United States.



Photos: T. Haroun

Reconstruction of the Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé wharf should be complete by September.

## Money slated for Percé wharf

Thierry Haroun

PERCÉ: - In the Percé Rock MRC there are two wharfs which are a cause of concern, the one in Percé village and the other in Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé, the largest crab harbour.

In Percé, the possibility that the amount slated to rebuild the infrastructure would not be renewed cast doubt last year. The former Town Council (that resigned in majority last November) and the boat tour companies had serious misunderstandings on the way the wharf would be managed and repaired once Ottawa transfers the wharf to the town.

Spec recently asked Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Ministry) if the amount was slated in the last federal budget and the Ministry confirmed that it was the case. However, they didn't release any information in regards to

the amount. The Ministry also pointed out in that same e-mail that the results of the inspections taking place at the wharf will determine if it's possible to repair the infrastructure in order for it to open for the coming tourism season.

Reached at her office, Prefect Nadia Minassian had this to say: "We're happy that the amount to eventually rebuild it has been slated. Currently, there is no Town Council in Percé, but we have the time to foresee things with a new angle. As for the temporary repairs, we hope that they will take place as soon as possible in order to be up and running for the tourism season."

### Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé

Concerning the wharf in Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé, Fisheries and Oceans Canada confirmed that the recon-

struction of the infrastructure which began in the fall of 2015 should be complete this September. The initial budget was \$6.5 million and once completed the total cost is expected to be \$10 million. This hike is related to the purchase of wood and other hardware material, pointed out the Ministry. The contract has been given to Sani-Sable LB inc, a Maria-based company.

As Spec reported in its November 2, 2016 issue, the work that consisted of redoing the entrance of the wharf (*chenail d'entrée*) ended up being a nightmare for fishermen the following fishing season. "The entrance of the wharf is shorter than it was. As a result, when there's a south-east wind the boats can't get to the wharf. All summer, when that happened, the boats had to go to Grand River's wharf to unload their fish stock. The situation is very serious and something has to be done quickly. It's about the security of our men on the water!" Mayor Leo Lelièvre told Spec in November 2016.

Spec asked the Ministry if these complaints have been taken into account and if changes have been made in terms of repairs this year. The Ministry answered by e-mail, pointing out that "an adequate signage has been installed at the entrance of the wharf."

"It won't be useful at all!" was the reaction of the president of the Wharf Administration, Alcide Hautcoeur. "We're asking the Ministry to redo the entrance because the fishermen will have the same problem as last year," he added in an interview with



Photos: T. Haroun

The results of the inspections of Percé wharf will shed more light on a time frame for repairs.

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## Reflections

by

Diane Skinner Flowers



### Birds, Blooms and Capelin

Forget what the calendar tells us. Spring officially arrived on March 21 or so but, on the Gaspé, we wait a little longer. We search for signs daily so that we can confirm that winter has indeed departed. We look for the many slight changes that signal that spring has started. You see, the much-anticipated season arrives slowly, but surely, here on the Gaspé.

So here are a few of the signs that spring is here.

**Crab and then lobster fishing:** When the men and women venture out onto the still frigid waters to catch their quotas, we can be sure that spring weather will eventually follow!

**Capelin:** When you can see the gulls gathered on the waters, you know the spring capelin are in.

**Clothes on the line:** Once again, we can see the beauty of washing on the lines, flapping in the wind. The earlier in the day that you hang out your laundry the better chance it has of drying. I once heard a woman say she suspected a neighbour of washing her clothes the night before so that she was first to hang out her laundry in the morning. Don't be fooled. It is a competition.

**Birds:** Baby birds are out taking their first flight. So sweet.

**Spring flowers:** Daffodils, crocus, lily of the valley, and tulips finally poke their shy heads out of the ground. Much later lilacs will be in full bloom. We wait patiently.

**Spring cleaning:** It is time to do the big cleaning. Wash the walls and ceilings. Wood heat is the best but we always must clean up after it. Throw open the windows to let in the fresh, though still frigid, air.

**Mowing the grass:** This is an art, almost an obsession here on the peninsula. Neighbours look at an unmowed lawn as slothful. So, get mowing.

**Bees:** We welcome the arrival of the bees because we appreciate how critical they are for our ecosystem.

**Clothing:** Oh, nothing improves our optimism about the changing season more than getting out our lighter, brighter clothes. Capris, sandals and cotton tops are taken out of storage, washed and put away. Now we are ready!

**Garage sales:** This is a sure sign that spring has arrived. Garage sales, or lawn sales, will continue throughout the season.

**Bikes:** Bikes and motorcycles go whizzing by and it is wonderful to see children and adults out enjoying the fresh air.

**Gardens:** Tilling will soon begin and avid gardeners have ordered their seeds long ago. They are tiny little bits of hope. We anticipate the beautiful, fresh vegetables that will be on our tables in the fall.

Well, the seasons come and go as they should. It is a time of rebirth and revival and we welcome this change. We need this change. We need to feel the warmth of the sun on our faces. We need to shake off the last bits of winter, just as we watched the last bits of snow in the fields melt away.

Now if the temperature would just get a wee bit warmer... "If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

# 2017 lobster prices expected to be high

Gilles Gagné

SAINT-GODEFROI: – The price of lobster paid to the fishermen will remain high again this year. Gaspesian lobster buyer, Bill Sheehan of E. Gagnon et Fils, says the price will most certainly start close to the \$8 per pound range.

In 2016, the average price paid to the fishermen was \$6.47 per pound on the Gaspé Peninsula. It was not a record but it was the second highest average price of the last 15 years.

“There is no lobster inventory in the markets. They are currently paying \$10 per pound in Nova Scotia. I expect it to go down a bit but I wouldn’t be surprised if we had to pay \$8 (per pound) at the beginning of the season. Last year, we paid \$7.75 over the first week,” explains Mr. Sheehan.

The beginning of the season will occur on April 22 in a number of Gaspé Peninsula areas, mainly between New Carlisle and Gaspé. It is the same weekend as last year.

“Bad weather could delay it a bit but the fishing harbours are free of ice and many boats are out. We have already started distributing bait,” adds Bill Sheehan.

The price will likely stay high a few weeks. “The Gaspé Peninsula will be the only area feeding the markets along with Nova Scotia. Then, the Magdalen Islands, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island will join in. That hits us

but the prices will remain high until Mother’s Day. After that, it will decrease and but could increase towards the end of the season, as the Americans are getting ready for July 4 (their national holiday). That is what happened last year as the prices here increase at the end of June. They were back to \$7.75,” points out Bill Sheehan.

Paying \$8 per pound would not set a new regional record. Raymond Sheehan, Bill’s father, remembers paying \$8.60 per pound at the beginning of 2003.

Unlike snow crab, lobster prices are volatile. “They change by the day on the markets. We make adjustments to the fishermen by the week but each shipment leaving the plant has a different price,” emphasizes Mr. Sheehan.

E. Gagnon et Fils is located in Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé. The company is the largest buyer of lobster on the Gaspé Peninsula through acquiring the catches of 60 fishermen. There are 163 permit holders in the region. Counting the fishermen holding two permits, there is the equivalent of 170 permits for the Gaspé Peninsula.

Some of the Gaspé Peninsula products find their way to the China market but with a little detour. “We sell to American grocers who then ship that lobster to China. European buyers have also started looking this way. We have good news regarding that market because starting May



Photo: P. MacWhirter

Fishermen in St. Godefroi are preparing for the upcoming lobster season.

1, there will be no tariff on the Canadian lobster sold alive to Europe, while the tariff on frozen lobster will decrease from 6% to 4.5%,” explains

Mr. Sheehan.

In addition to being the Gaspé Peninsula’s main buyer of lobster, E. Gagnon et Fils takes care of selling the lob-

ster of other buyers. “We probably market about 60% of the Gaspé Peninsula lobster,” says Bill Sheehan.



## The Crucifix

Mama always worried. Mama seemed worried that God was going to find some way of not letting her into Heaven. That was the impression I had. She said the rosary every day. Like you have five decades of the beads in one rosary and she said three rosaries a day. With all the mysteries of the rosary, she would sit in her rocking chair and rock back and forth whenever she had a chance. She always seemed to have the beads in her pocket. And as far back as I can possibly remember, my mother always found time to say her rosary every day. There was also all her knitting, all the work around the house, and the making of the meals, and so on and so forth.

She said: “You know, Willie, what I want you to do for me. Since you’ve been starting to cut tongues, you have been giving me all your money to save for you. Well, I am going to ask you if you will take the first dollar you earned and buy me a gift.”

Okay, I loved my mother very much. My mother and I had a very, very, good relationship. I really depended on her for everything. She seemed to solve all my problems whenever I wanted them solved. The least little bit of care or worry I had, I would always go to my mother and, in a

matter of minutes or even seconds, my worries and cares were always lifted. So, I said: “Okay, for sure. I will buy you your gift.”

And she said: “What I want you to do is look in the catalog...” We had the Depwry (audio??) Prayers Ordering catalog so we could order things by mail order—and we went through it one evening. She showed me the crucifix she wanted to buy. And it was one dollar.


So, we filled out the order form and ordered that crucifix.

So, that was my gift to her and what I did with the first dollar I ever earned was buy a crucifix for my mother.

Well, my mother kept that crucifix all her life. And at certain times, I remember, she would take it down. She would clean it. She would varnish the wood on it and she would paint the figure of Christ with gold—a kind of gold-like paint. A few years later, she would take it down again and take the gold paint off and redo it and refinish it.

Well, that was in her room when she died. And I still have that crucifix today in my home.

So, basically that is the little story of the crucifix.

 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that at a regular council meeting that will be held on Monday, May 1st, 2017, at 8.00 p.m., the Treasurer will deposit the financial report and the auditor’s report for the year 2016.

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# Two tall ships to visit Carleton in July

Gilles Gagné

CARLETON: – Carleton will also greet tall ships, two in this case, the Blue Clipper and the When and If, respectively based in the United Kingdom and the United States. They will call in Carleton between July 7 and July 9. It will also be possible to visit them and some events will be held on the sailing ships' decks, like a show featuring maritime songs.

The Blue Clipper is a three-mast schooner built in Sweden in 1991. She has an overall length of 44 metres and a deck length of 32 metres, which is respectively 145 and 110 feet respectively. Her draft is four metres and her beam is 7.4 metres. A permanent crew of five sailors can greet 15 additional travellers or trainees.

On the website of the ship, it is mentioned that the Blue Clipper "has recently made the transition from private super yacht to an ocean-going, sail-training vessel with an exciting programme."

Her previous owners were Hennessey Cognac Company. "She has elegance and luxury accommodation that harks back to a bye-gone era, but she was built in 1991 in Sweden to demanding modern standards. Now run by the experienced sail training charity that operate gaff ketch, 'Maybe', the bigger schooner Blue Clipper will be aimed at anyone - young or old - looking for a hands-on sailing adventure with a touch of luxury," emphasizes the ship's website.

The documentation also specifies that "Blue Clipper is commercially-coded for worldwide operations so she takes full advantage of her ocean credentials to focus on big expedition type voyage programs each year. She is a spacious and luxuriously furnished gaff-rigged schooner. In the construction of the hull, modern elements are mixed



Photo: courtesy Ville de Carleton

The Blue Clipper will be visiting Carleton in July.

with traditional ones such as a clipper bow, an elegant yacht stern and a long ballast keel. The teak deck gives an opulent feel to the ship but with the security of a tough steel deck underneath. The masts extend with lofty topmasts and all three masts are gaff-rigged, so there is plenty for crews to work on with block and tackle."

Regarding the Blue Clipper's performance capacity, "she has the potential to be a fast ship in the International Tall Ships' Races and is an ideal size for crossing oceans. In 1992 she sailed half the way around the world from France to Shanghai, recreating the first cargo voyage to deliver cognac to China. Her new skipper, Chris Rose, has taken part in many tall ships races so he will understand the competition and the tactics, too."

Besides Carleton, the Blue Clipper will make stops at the Tall Ships Festival in Boston, East Coast Tall Ships Regatta and cruise in company legs exploring Canadian waters from Nova Scotia to New Brunswick. Blue Clipper then

sails up the St. Lawrence River with the rest of the fleet of schooners, barques, brigs

and smaller vessels to Quebec where Canada is celebrating 150 years Anniversary of the

Canadian Confederation.

The second tall ship that will moor in Carleton is much smaller in length, at 63 feet and five inches, but she is rich in history. The When and If was commissioned by general George S. Patton, who "hired one of America's greatest designers to conceive him a boat to be built by F.F Pendleton of Wiscasset, Maine in 1939, he had the ultimate ambition in mind: "When the war is over, and If I live through it, Bea and I are going to sail her around the world."

That designer was John Alden who "made his name as a builder of elite racing schooners that retained all their beauty and style while constantly winning the premier ocean races of the time. When and If was a new idea: a yacht which would maintain all her classic beauty and hold her own in recreational racing

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The When and If will be visiting Carleton this summer.

whilst being sturdy, comfortable, safe and luxurious enough to take a family on the voyage of a lifetime," as it is mentioned on the sailboat's website.

Unfortunately, George S. Patton died in 1945. However, long after his passing, When and If sailed on. "Maintained in impeccable condition, When And If remained in the Patton family until 1972 when the general's nephew, Neal Ayer, made a gift of the vessel to the Landmark School in Prides Crossing, MA, where she was the centrepiece of a sail training program for dyslexic children."

The website also specifies that "in a storm in November of 1990, When and If's mooring line broke and she was driven onto the rocks. Although the damage was extensive, the structural integrity of the ship was unaffected. At that time, When and If passed back into private ownership, and over the course of the next three years she was painstakingly rebuilt. In June of 1994 she was relaunched. Speaking on that occasion, renowned broadcast journalist, Walter Cronkite, praised both the boat's wonderful strength as well as the great work of Shipwrights

Gannon and Benjamin in Vineyard Haven, Maine - the yard that brought her back to life."

The documentation also says that "spending the last 17 years cruising the coast of the U.S. and occasionally racing in classic yacht regattas, the When and If turned

heads wherever she went. Early in 2012 Doug Hazlitt, well known in yachting circles for his complete restoration of another famous Alden schooner, Malabar X, purchased the When and If with plans to return the vessel to its original and Bristol condition."

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Getting to know our community organizations **St. Paul's ACW**

St. Paul's Anglican Church Women would like to invite people from Shigawake and neighboring communities to become a member or volunteer for events. If you would like more information or are interested in participating, please contact Sara Duguay at 418-752-2515.

St. Paul's Anglican Church

Anglican Church Women of Canada

St. Paul's Anglican Church Women (ACW) is a group of women who provide a wide range of services in the community. They hold various events throughout the year to help support the church, community members or anyone who is in need. Anytime there is a community event you are sure to see a few of the members helping or participating.

Some of their yearly events include:

- Tea/Craft/Bake Sales
- Harvest supper
- Participation in the Shigawake Agricultural Fair & Music Festival
- Providing refreshments at receptions when needed

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# Regional collaboration plan is launched in Gaspé

Press release

NEW CARLISLE: - Regional, provincial and federal organizations came together in Gaspé on April 10 to learn more about the English-speaking communities in the Gaspé and Magdalen Islands.

Organized by the Committee for Anglophone Social Action (CASA), the Council for Anglophone Magdalen Islanders (CAMI) and Vision Gaspé-Percé Now (Vision), the aim of the day was to familiarize attendees with the current socio-demographic profile of the community, to present initiatives currently in place aimed at strengthening community vitality and to introduce new regional initiatives for the English-speaking community.

David Johnston, Commissioner's Representative for Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages, spoke on the importance of community vitality and the need for provincial bodies to understand the unique situation of this official language minority community.

Mary Richardson, Ph.D., presented a regional profile and discussed the distinct set of realities that the English-speaking community (which makes up 10.7% of the total population or 9,945 individuals) faces - high rates of unemployment, low rates of education, low income and difficulties accessing health services in English.

Cathy Brown, CASA, described how collaboration between CASA, CAMI and Vision will result in increased benefits for the community and outlined how the process has evolved over the last two years. Jessica Synnott, Vision, presented information on the mental health status of the community and the role of the Mental Health Task Force which has recently been established to assist individuals in English-speaking and First Nation's communities.

Ending a day full of infor-



Presenters Jennifer Johnson-CHSSN, Jessica Synnott-Vision, Cathy Brown-CASA, Helena Burke-CAMI and Dr. Mary Richardson.

mation, Helena Burke of CAMI spoke about the important role the community can play in economic development, specifically in cultural

tourism. She described the major tourism development efforts currently taking place in Grosse-Île and Entry Island.

All of these initiatives are part of a new regional collaboration approach that will see the three organizations aligning their efforts to build com-

munity vitality. Together they will focus on raising awareness of the community's situation, developing knowledge and collaborating with partners to implement actions for different age groups. A bilingual document which outlines this approach "English-speaking communities of the Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine, A Regional Profile" is now available on the websites of the three organizations.

Chantal Duguay, President-Director General of the CISSS de la Gaspésie, which works with 49 health and social services establishments responsible for the well-being of Gaspésians, stated that the event was "...a day of reflection on the challenges facing the population. The immense work carried out by CASA, CAMI and Vision in order to improve services will ensure that the English-speaking community thrives."



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**WHARF:**

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Spec. The mayor, Léo Lelièvre is of the same opinion. "We want a 200 meters extension on that entrance so that our fishermen can get in safely."

Reached a second time by Spec on this same case, the Ministry answered that "currently we are concentrating on completing the work that is underway and in line with what was convened with the wharf administration. Once completed, the ministry will

proceed to an evaluation of the frequency and incidence of the problem raised by the users. If the results of the evaluation do

not respect the criteria conception of the Small Harbors Program, a new project could be developed and submitted to

a national approval procedure in order to obtain the financing in the theme for the Small Harbors Investment Plan.



## Essential oils to relieve common problems

(NC) There are many types of essential oils available at your local health food store, but what exactly can you do with them? If you're unfamiliar with their versatile uses, the Canadian Health Food Association recommends trying these essential oils to help with three common problems.

**Chamomile oil** to relieve tight muscles and tension. We're all familiar with using chamomile tea as a natural sleep aid, but have you ever thought of putting chamomile in the bath? If all your spring adventuring is giving you muscle cramps, try taking a chamomile bath to relieve those sore muscles. Known for its anti-inflammatory and pain-relieving properties, chamomile is effective in providing relief if you're feeling the tension. After a long day, draw a hot bath, add a couple drops of chamomile essential oil and simply relax. Just be careful not to use too much — essential oils come in small bottles, but a few drops go a long way.

**Lavender aromatherapy** to reduce stress. Fight family and workplace stress with lavender, which has been

shown to provide calming effects on the body and mind when diffused. It can even improve your mood. You can make your own natural reed diffuser by filling a glass vase with 20 to 30 drops of essential oil for every 240 millilitres of hot water and then inserting the reeds. The oils will soak into the reeds and dispense the natural aroma. The diffuser smells pleasant, looks great, and is affordable and easy to do at home.

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# Announcements...



## Obituaries



### MORIN: Thomas

Passed away at the CISSS de la Gaspésie- Hôpital de Gaspé, on April 9, at the age of 73, Mr. Thomas Morin was the son of the Late Jean-Baptiste Morin and the late Annie Hipson from Douglastown

Funeral services will be held in Douglastown's church at a later date.

Mr. Morin leaves behind one daughter: Tracy; two brothers, Patrick and Eddy (Delvyna); one sister Alvina (Harvey); one nephew, Francis (Candy) and their children Summer and Payton

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Cancer Foundation of Gaspé or to the St-Patrick's Parish of Douglastown.

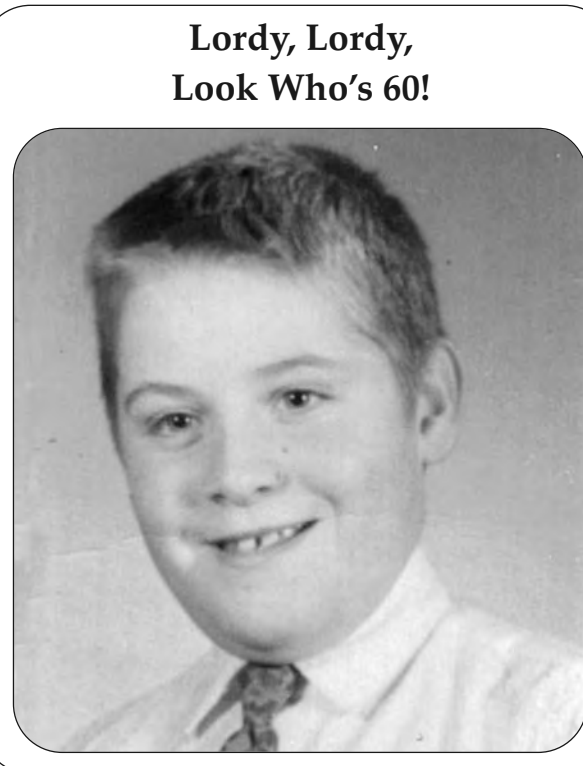


### HAYES: Ralph

In loving memory of a husband, father and grandfather who passed away April 25, 2012.

*Silent thoughts, tears unseen,  
Wishing your absence was only a dream.  
Today, tomorrow and our whole life through,  
We will always love and remember you.*

From his wife, Jean Hayes, and daughter, Brenda Morrison.



## Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 60!



## In Memory

### HARDY: Joseph Ralston

In loving memory of Joseph Ralston Hardy, a loving husband, father and grandfather, who went to be with our Lord twenty-three years ago, April 8, 1994.

*A special smile, a special face,  
And in our hearts a special place.  
No words we speak can ever say,  
How much we miss him every day.  
To hear his voice and see him smile,  
To sit and talk with him awhile,  
To be together in the same old way,  
Would be our dearest wish today,  
Dear Lord, put your arms around him,  
Treat him with special care,  
Make up for all his suffering,  
And all that seemed unfair.*

We all loved him and miss him so very much. Always loved and missed by your loving wife and family, Barbara M. Hardy.



### SMITH: George

### SMITH: Rita

Our father passed away February 23, 1944. Our mother passed away April 17, 1988. Wonderful parents to eleven children.

*With Dad gone, we only had you,  
Always there to see us through.  
We never realized that soon one day  
God would decide to take you away.  
You suffered greatly. We felt your pain,  
Watching your battle you tried so hard to gain.  
Through all your suffering we want you to know,  
We hurt along with you,  
Trying not to let it show.  
That last mile you gained victory.  
For you the journey seemed long.  
But now with Dad and most of our family.  
In heaven you share a great song.  
We'll remember the good times,  
Keep them close in our hearts,  
For you see, Mom, this way,  
We are never really apart.*

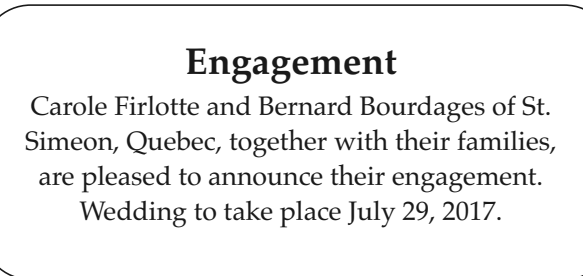
We all miss and love you dearly, Vivian, Robert, Dorval and Celia. xxoo



## Thank You

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 172, would like to thank all the wonderfully talented local musicians who came to entertain the crowd on April 2, 2017.

The Legion is open every Sunday afternoon. Everyone is welcome. Bring along your instruments.



## Engagement

Carole Firlotte and Bernard Bourdages of St. Simeon, Quebec, together with their families, are pleased to announce their engagement. Wedding to take place July 29, 2017.

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## COAST ROUND-UP

### POINTE NAVARRE:

#### Taizé Prayer

One hour of Taizé prayer will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pointe-Navarre. Music, silence, songs and prayer will make you experience a time of relaxation and spiritual enrichment on **Monday, April 24**, at 7 p.m. Welcome!

### 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.

### GASPE:

#### Hot Chicken Supper

A hot chicken supper will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 59, on **Friday, April 28**, beginning at 5 p.m. \$10 per person, includes dessert, tea or coffee. Proceeds go to the Alzheimers Society.

### 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 neighbours 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).

**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 21 and 28:** All are welcome to line-dancing classes from 6:30 p.m. to 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:

#### Yoga

10 a.m. Saturdays at Belle Anse School - Six weeks session restarts Saturday, April 29. \$10 drop-in fee. Come and try it - your body will love it! Bilingual.

### 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!

### BARACHOIS:

#### Bingo

The next Bingos at the Barachois Rec Centre will be on **Friday, April 28**, and again on **Friday, May 12**, at 7 p.m. More than \$500 to be won!

### 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

The Marcil Branch W.I. has a cookbook that would make a perfect gift. The cost is \$12 per book and includes wonderful recipes from past and present W.I. members. To purchase a copy, please call 418-752-8152 or pick up at the Spec office.

### 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. Wel-

come 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

**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..."

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### 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 old Gaspesian Variety Show" on **Friday, May 5**, at New Carlisle High School, 7 p.m. \$5 entry fee for all, toe tapping music for all ages. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening out. Door prize, canteen service and a 50/50 for added fun.

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Life Association Activities

**Saturday, May 6:** Mothers' Day Tea at New Carlisle Town Hall, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. \$5 per person.

**Saturday, June 10:** Bingo at the Royal Canadian Legion in New Carlisle at 7 p.m., \$10 per series or

3/\$20.

### 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**, at 7 p.m. at the New Carlisle Town Hall located at 138 Gerard D. Levesque New Carlisle. Welcome to all.

### NEW RICHMOND:

#### Friperie Notice

NEW schedule: The friperie 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:

#### 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 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.

### Rotary Calendar Winners

The Rotary calendar winners for the week of April 2 are: Claudine Gallant, Estelle Cyr, Robert Levesque, Alain Guay, Pierre-Luc Cormier, Michèle Appleby and Pauline Frelatte. The winners for the week of April 9 are Renaud Leblanc, Gaby Genest, Renaud Cyr, Ève Bourret, Danielle Charmslat, Concept DAO, Steven Cyr.

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### Sunday, April 23

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### Sunday, April 23

#### New Carlisle

10 a.m. Morning Prayer

#### Hopetown

11 a.m. Eucharist

#### Shigawake

9 a.m. Eucharist

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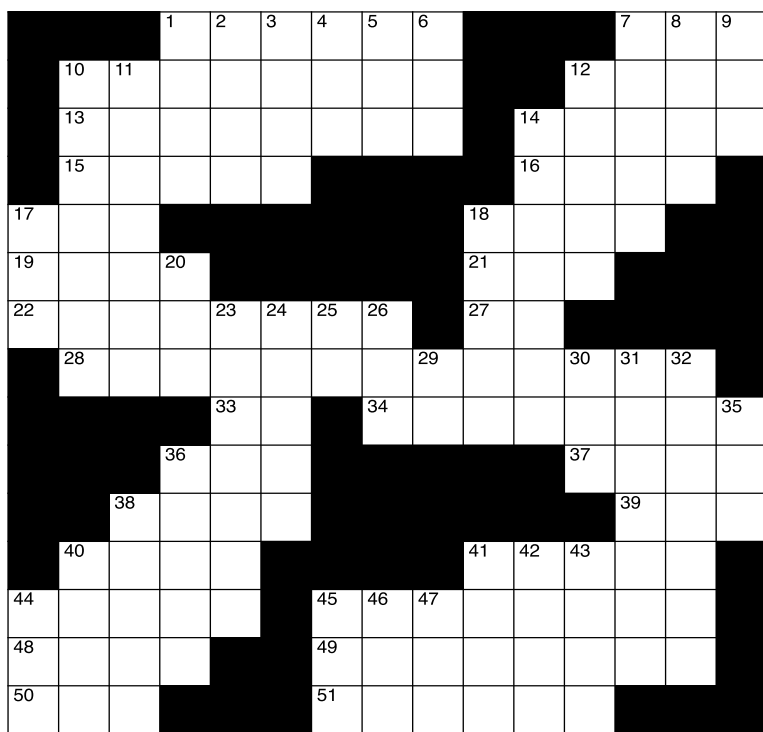
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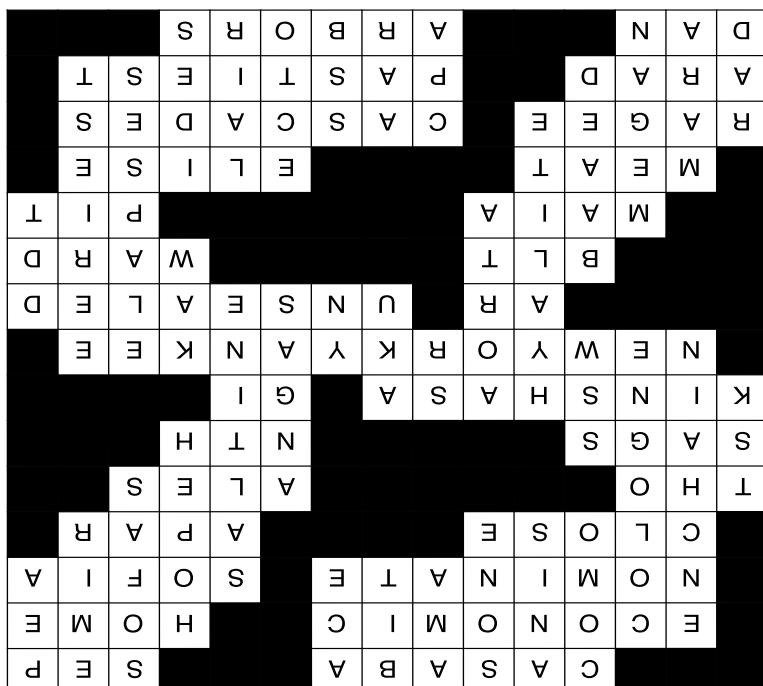
### CLUES ACROSS

1. Winter melon
7. Solar energy particles (abbr.)
10. Requiring fewer resources
12. Nest
13. Name
14. Actress Vergara
15. Very near in space or time
16. Authorized program analysis report
17. Spoken in Vietnam
18. Brews
19. Drops
21. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
22. Congo capital
27. Soldier
28. Bronx Bomber
33. Argon
34. Open
36. Popular sandwich
37. Protect from danger
38. Goddess of spring
39. Large hole
40. Vegetarians won't touch it
41. Actress Neal
44. Finger millet
45. Small waterfalls
48. Israeli city
49. Most gummy
50. NFL owner Snyder
51. Spindles

3. Sound unit
4. Doctors' group
5. The cutting part of a drill
6. A team's best hurler
7. Couches
8. Muslim ruler
9. Round globular seed
10. A way to confine
11. Men wear it
12. Chinese province
14. Soup cracker
17. Expression of disappointment
18. West Chadic languages
20. Midway between south and southwest
23. An opal
24. Main artery
25. Junior's father
26. Sierra Leone dialect
29. Cyrillic letter
30. Native American tribe
31. Passes
32. Most unnatural
35. Insecticide
36. Blatted
38. Actress Fox
40. Actresses Kate and Rooney
41. Outside
42. The habitat of wild animals
43. Days falling in the middle of the month
44. Radioactivity unit
45. Certified public accountant
46. Swiss river
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Italian Lake
2. Cuckoos



## Why do we say ...

by G. Briand

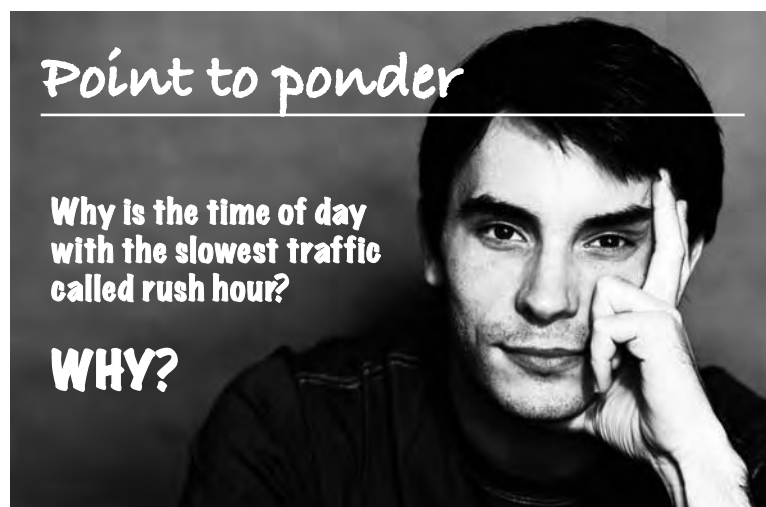
### "I did it my way"

One of the more melancholic and emotion wrenching songs is "I did it my way." I've heard it at funerals many times, though recently I've been told that several denominations have banned it. As a phrase it is often used without any association with music or melody in a sort of quasi explanation for an action carried out.

The origin of the phrase can be traced to the French musician Jacques Revaux who composed the tune "Comme d'habitude" and to which the words were composed by Gilles Thibault and Claude François. The song was a sad one about the singer's isolation and loneliness and the feelings of dejection after the failure of a romance.

In 1967, the Canadian singer and songwriter, Paul Anka, visited Paris and heard "Comme d'habitude." He bought the English rights to the song and, after returning to Canada, changed the words but maintained the tune. Two years later Paul Anka went to Los Angeles and met with Frank Sinatra for whom Anka had written several songs. Sinatra told Anka that he was about to retire from singing and that he wished Paul to write him a song that would mark the finale of a brilliant career. Anka sold him "I Did It My Way." Mr. Sinatra continued to perform for the next twenty-five years closing his shows with "I Did It My Way." In frustration, Anka decided to record the song himself. His rendition jumped to number 1 on the music charts. Experts even found Anka's delivery superior to that of Mr. Sinatra's! The song was later recorded by Elvis Presley, Brooke Benton, Rod McKuen, Dorothy Squires, Robbie Williams and Greta Keller.

I had always loved the song. That ended one day in Gaspé when I met a young man to whom I was teaching English literature. He had written a paper filled with grammatical errors and false syntax. I reviewed all the errors and encouraged him to do better. As he stood up to go, he commented, "But I did it my way." He used the song to justify his inadequacies. I hated the song every day since!



## HELPFUL HINTS



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- ARIES** – Mar 21/Apr 20  
Aries, maintain your composure in light of a sticky situation that you are called upon to handle in the next few days. Others will notice your calm demeanor.
- TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, emotions can be a little distracting this week as sparks fly in a new relationship. Avoid going overboard but enjoy this exciting time in your life.
- GEMINI** – May 22/Jun 21  
Gemini, you are content to take it easy and to follow a familiar routine for now rather than branching out into new things.
- CANCER** – Jun 22/Jul 22  
Try not to take things too personally when you start receiving feedback, Cancer. Everyone has an opinion, and most people share theirs with good intentions.
- LEO** – Jul 23/Aug 23  
The truth will ultimately set you free, Leo. Seek the truth when handling a difficult problem and this will eventually make the solution easier to find.
- VIRGO** – Aug 24/Sept 22  
You might want to hold off on an ambitious project for another month, Virgo. This will give you more time to develop a plan to complete the project.
- LIBRA** – Sept 23/Oct 23  
Libra, you may need assistance, but no one is stepping up as a candidate at this juncture. Wait a bit longer and someone is sure to step up to the challenge.
- SCORPIO** – Oct 24/Nov 22  
Scorpio, you can daydream about being on your own personal island, but the tasks that need to get done will still be waiting for you. Face things head-on.
- SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21  
Sagittarius, a trusted friend is willing to hear your side of the story and offer a new perspective and some advice. You need to win this person's trust back.
- CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20  
Your presence is a gift to someone who needs you even if you get tongue-tied and don't know what to say, Capricorn. Let your company serve as support. Things will fall in place.
- AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18  
Aquarius, you may find yourself falling back on old habits in the days ahead. Do your best to avoid these habits, remembering why you kicked them in the first place.
- PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, friends and family often look to you for support because you can be such a calming presence. Share this gift with as many as you can.
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