

## Carbon monoxide may have killed two Murdochville residents

Geneviève Gélinas

MURDOCHVILLE – The two men who died on July 25 in a gallery of the Murdochville Copper Interpretation Centre appear to have suffered from carbon monoxide poisoning. Claude Chouinard, a 50-year-old employee and Roch Dunn, a 60-year-old volunteer, were operating a pump running on gasoline to empty the gallery of its water.

Mr. Chouinard went down into the gallery the night before, on July 24, to supervise the pumping all night. The next morning, at 8:30 a.m., Mr. Dunn also went down to check the progress of the operation. Because he didn't see them coming back, an employee of the centre went down, saw the bodies of the victims and called the emergency services. At this time, it was about 9:30 a.m.

Two Murdochville firefighters, equipped with a respiratory protection device, went down into the gallery. They were not enough staff to recover the victims, so they called the Mont-Louis firefighters for backup. They recovered the two bodies and took them outside the Center, where a doctor of the Murdochville CLSC declared the men dead on arrival.

The Murdochville fire department director, André Minville, reports that the carbon monoxide (CO) rate, measured at the top of the steps leading down the gallery, was still of 50 parts per million (ppm) in the afternoon of the tragedy. "At the bottom of the steps, we don't know that rate. The instrument was going crazy," he adds.

The normal rate of CO in the air is 0.2 ppm. The Quebec labour regulation establishes its limit value at 200 ppm for a 15-minute exposure.

The blood of the two deceased men will be analyzed.

"The most likely hypothesis is an accidental death from poisoning," says Sergeant Audrey-Anne Bilodeau, of the Sûreté du Québec. "We asked for samples of bodily substances to be taken. The investigation will remain open until we get the results of the toxicology tests, even if there have been no apparent indications of a crime."

### The Center's fate remains uncertain

The Miller Gallery is the main attraction of the CIC, with an exhibition about copper. The visitors get dressed like miners to go down to the gallery and experience complete darkness. But this year, the gallery was still closed to the public because of the water in it.

The CIC had reopened only on July 18 this year because of its precarious financial situation, with a \$185,000 accumulated debt.

Citizens, business people and the municipality had invested time and money to restart the center, reports Mayor Délicia Roussy. The two deceased men, as the other supporters of the CIC, were committed to reopen the gallery to the public as soon as possible.

When Spec went to press, the center was still closed. CIC vice-president Nathalie Lavoie didn't know when and if the Center would reopen this summer. The SQ investigators and the occupational health and safety inspectors have forbidden access to the building.

The team of five employees and volunteers, among them several close relatives of the victims, were in shock. "We're together, we're talking and we'll get through this together," says Mrs. Lavoie.

Otherwise, Mrs. Lavoie was upset with Hydro-Québec the day after the deaths. "If we had had electricity, it wouldn't



Photo: G. Gélinas

The gallery where the two men died was the main attraction of the Copper Interpretation Centre, with an exhibition on copper.

have happened." The pumping system usually runs on electricity and operates all year. Last winter, the CIC board members asked Hydro-Québec to disconnect the building to which the electric

pump was connected, which caused the gallery to flood.

"The electric mast had fallen because of the weight of the snow. We asked for a disconnection to prevent a fire," explains Mr. Lavoie. But

Hydro-Québec was slow to reconnect the building. "Since July 10, they were telling us: We're coming! The linesmen were supposed to be there on Monday (the day before the deaths)."

## World War II fortifications renovated in Forillon Park

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FORT PENINSULA – Parks Canada invested \$1.5 million to renovate the Fort Peninsula underground fortifications, in Forillon Park. It was part of the Gaspé Bay defence system during World War II and it is the only shore battery that has been completely preserved and that is open to the public in Quebec.

Over the last 70 years, trees had grown on the site. "When one looks at pictures of World War II, you can see that the site was much less wooded. So we cut trees to preserve the cul-

tural landscape," explains Frédéric Ste-Croix, asset manager in Forillon Park. "It creates an opening to see the Gaspé Bay entrance and the Gaspé port," he adds, an opening which used to allow soldiers to watch for enemy vessels.

The pathways were reshaped for the public to better see the trenches and ventilations stacks. Parks Canada also replaced the railings of the trenches and several wood parts of those trenches, which were showing signs of decay.

The west entrance of the fortifications was relocated to

protect it from erosion. Parks Canada also rebuilt some concrete parts and fixed cracks.

Visitors can go walking in the dark trenches and visit the rooms once used to store shells. The site is also a popular spot for picnicking.

Fort Peninsula was inaugurated on May 1, 1942. At this time, there were 220 soldiers and 15 buildings on the site. "It was built to protect the HMCS Fort Ramsay naval base and the Gaspé Bay entrance," explains Roxane Cormier, a Forillon Park interpretive guide.

## Two deaths shock the Murdochville community

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MURDOCHVILLE: – The close-knit Murdochville community will miss "two good guys" who were always ready to help, report the inhabitants of this 660-people municipality.

Jean-Pierre Chouinard, brother of Claude Chouinard, ended his paramedics shift at 8 a.m., the morning of July 25. A little later he showed up at the Copper Interpretation Center with his firefighter gear. "The guys told me: you don't go there." He had to inform his mother of his brother's death.

"Claude had a heart of gold. He used to help everybody. He had three big hobbies: the Lions, the firefighters and hunting. He wanted so much to make it work [the pumping] and for the Center to



Photo: G. Gélinas

Murdochville fire department director, André Minville, reports that the carbon monoxide rate was still abnormally high in the gallery several hours after the deaths.

do well," says Jean-Pierre Chouinard.

The father of the Chouinards was one of the first miners in Murdochville. His picture, among a group of

miners, is displayed at the entrance of the gallery where his son was found.

The Murdochville fire department director, André

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Photo: M. Billingsley

### The Gaspé Spec Bursary winner is..

PASPEBIAC: - On June 22, 2017, New Carlisle High School held its graduation at the *Centre Culturel de Paspébiac*. The winner of The Gaspé Spec bursary for 2017 was Hailey McLellan seen receiving her prize from Joan Imhoff.

### Quebec government decree about Anticosti Island hydrocarbon exploration leaves Pétrolia with agreement still under negotiation

Gilles Gagné

The July 27 decree announced by the Quebec government to the effect of prohibiting oil and gas exploration and exploitation on Anticosti island is triggering some worries for the management of Pétrolia, the operator of the consortium often referred to as HASEC (which stands for Hydrocarbures Anticosti, société en commandite, which means limited partnership). While announcing the decree, the Quebec government also specified that a compensation agreement has been reached with three of the consortium's four partners. Junex will receive \$5.5 million, while a French firm, Maurel & Prom, will get \$16.2 million. Considering that the total compensation agreement amounts to \$41 million, it is believed that Corridor Resources will get \$19.3 million. That company has not commented on the situation. No compensation agreement has been signed with Pétrolia. In a press release, Pétrolia said that "despite the ministerial decree and the announcement of agreements with other companies, this does not put an end to the contractual agreements that led to the creation of HASEC. To terminate the agreements entered into in good faith in 2014 and formalized by decree, the unanimous agreement of the partners is required, as stipulated in the aforementioned agreements". Martin Bélanger, president and chief executive officer of Pétrolia, added that "although we are deeply disappointed with this turn of events (the decree), we are still convinced, even more so than in 2014, of the potential and the importance of the Anticosti project for Quebec and for the company. However, at the request of the Government of Quebec, we are pursuing (compensation) negotiations in good faith. For us, Anticosti is, and will always be, a project with great economic potential likely to generate significant benefits for Quebec." Junex and Pétrolia are active on the Gaspé Peninsula. The management of Junex has already stated that the compensation money will be used for its Galt wells, near the town of Gaspé.

## Bertha Hayes: Celebrating 65 years of service

Diane Skinner

PORT DANIEL: - On Saturday, July 22, a surprise celebration was held for Mrs. Bertha Hayes at the Three Star Golden Age Club in Port Daniel. Bertha has served the Marciel Branch of the Women's Institute (W.I.) for over 65 years, having joined in 1953! The event was planned beginning in February by W.I. President Audrey Dea and, amazingly, was kept a secret for all those months.

All the members of the Marcel W.I. helped to put on the event and provided lovely sandwiches and sweets. Approximately 80 people attended the celebration and when Mrs. Hayes walked in she said, "What is going on here?" Bertha's children Louise, Wayne and Paul were in attendance and Louise entertained the attendees with her beautiful voice and guitar playing.

Attendees included members from the W.I. Cascapedia Branch, as well as many friends and family, including her brother and sister. The master of ceremonies was Audrey Dea and, in addition, Reverend Paul Bedford, Henri Grenier, mayor of Port Daniel and Linda MacWhirter, mayor of Hope Town, spoke.

Mrs. Hayes was presented

with a plant from the Gaspé W.I. and a lovely jewellery set from the Cascapedia W.I. The Marciel Branch presented Mrs. Hayes with a bouquet of roses and a picture by artist Enid LeGros-Wise.

The Marciel Women's Institute holds two functions a year to help raise funds. These are the Strawberry Social in July and a Valentine's Tea in February. They have a table at the Shigawake Fair, in August, with a bake table, offering fudge and cookies and other baked goods. The food prepared by the W.I. ladies is guaranteed to be delicious! The W.I. have a children's garden, for up to age 12, and the produce is judged at the Fair. They sponsor a yearly poster contest for young students and a writing contest for students up to high school age. They provide trays of cookies to shut-ins at Christmas and help people in the community who are in need.

Her fellow members of the



Photo: Therese Gallant

Bertha Hayes and Monique Nadeau.

W.I., her friends and her family honoured Mrs. Bertha Hayes, a much beloved teacher and long-time member of the Marciel Branch of the Women's Institute. Reflecting about her long service to the W.I., Bertha says, "I joined and just kept on. If you join something you need to carry on and do your part." The celebration was a fitting tribute for a kind and caring lady.

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# Honouring Gary Briand: A celebration

Diane **Skinner**

DOUGLASTOWN: - On July 27, a surprise celebration was held to celebrate the generosity and community involvement of Gary Briand. He has been a strong contributor to his community, giving his time and caring to enrich the lives of residents of Douglastown and area and the Gaspé Peninsula, since 1967.

Vision Gaspé-Percé Now staff, headed by Jessica Synnott, planned and organized the event. The idea came about when the staff was discussing honouring Gary with a community volunteer award. They quickly decided that Gary warranted his own event to thank him for his long-time involvement.

Gary was truly surprised and arrived thinking that he would be attending a community supper. When the format of the event was explained, Gary said, "So, you're going to roast me then?" Over 80 people attended and it proved to be an emotional event. For the first hour guests were invited to stand and just speak about Gary. Jessica reports that the box of Kleenex was needed, but that there was much laughing as well. Speakers included Bishop Dennis Drainville, Howard Miller, ESSB, Tracey Jones and Ellen Connolly. And, of course, Gary spoke eloquently and with humour while expressing his genuine humanity.

Gary was thrilled to be presented with a Bobby Orr jersey and a signed poster that reads, "To Gary. Best luck always, Bobby Orr." Thanks to Tom Eden for obtaining these items.

Also thanks to event sponsors: Douglastown Community Centre, ESSB, Masons, Shamrock Golden Age Club,



Photos: Stephanie Bond

Mr. Gary Briand

Gaspésie Literacy Council, CASA, and the Gaz-O-Bar, Douglastown.

Gary has been a leader in his community since returning to the coast as a young teacher to look after his aging parents, over 50 years ago! His efforts have helped to "look after the broader community," states Irwin Block.

Gary's Gaspesian roots run deep, back to 1732, when his ancestors arrived here from Jersey. Gary reflects that his parents were hard-working people and that their positive attitude, despite their hardships, affected who he is.

Gary Briand has been described as one of the 'rocks' for the English-speaking community. In 1975, the Parti Québécois was on the edge of possibly winning the referendum. He and Lynden Bechevaise, also a community activist, and Bernard St. Laurent, co-founded CASA. (Committee for Anglophone Social Action) It was the first organization which represented the interests of English-speaking residents of Quebec. The

intent, Gary states, "was to bring together our very scattered communities – pocket-sized and with no means of communicating over wide distances at that time."

Another significant contribution for the English-speaking community was the establishment of The Gaspé Spec, the only English community newspaper east of Quebec City. This community resource has been keeping English-speaking Gaspesians, here and living away, informed and connected for over 40 years.

Gary was a highly respected teacher, and was Academic Dean at the CEGEP in Gaspé. Though he is officially retired he has been active as a school commissioner for Eastern Shores School Board and also with the Gaspesia Literacy Council. Gary reflects that though the numbers of English-speaking Gaspesians is declining, "There is much more harmony and much more bilingualism among English-speaking Quebecers."

He was the recipient of the 2015 Goldbloom Distinguished Community Service Award. This was given in recognition of his many years of contributions to the English people of the Gaspé Coast.

Gary Briand has made a difference, and continues to, for his Gaspesian community. His legacy will be that he has made a better quality of life for his Gaspesian community. He has taught us, and continues to enlighten. One person remarked at the event, "Before Google there was Ask Gary." The love and appreciation for Gary was evident on July 27 at the Douglastown Community Centre.



People gathered to celebrate Gary Briand.

## Police report

Claude Demers, 63, from Levis, Quebec, died on July 30 at approximately 4 p.m. in Percé, following a scuba diving outing. Mr. Demers was diving with other divers off the coast of Percé when he experienced breathing problems. Thinking that an equipment malfunction was the source of the problem, the victim asked another diver close to him to help out by sharing the other diver's oxygen mask, to no avail. A boat brought the diver back to the Percé wharf. He was immediately rushed to the Chandler hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

"He was vacationing in the area. In all likelihood, he suffered from a stroke," points out Christine Coulombe, spokesperson for the Sûreté du Québec. No foul play is suspected in this file. Claude Demers was apparently an experienced scuba diver and was familiar with the Percé area. Christine Coulombe doesn't know if the outing Mr. Demers was part of had been organized by an official scuba diving body or not.



Photo: C. Dow

Presenters at the Writer's Day: Ajay Keble, Kathy Kennedy, Fred Kraenzel, Lorraine Blais and Danielle Rouleau.

## Corner of the Beach Museum wraps up Wednesday presentations

Cynthia **Dow**

On Wednesday, July 26, the Corner of the Beach Museum, located in the former St. Luke's Anglican Church, wrapped up its summer series of talks on a variety of topics. The lectures have included talks by people who have worked in the north, artists and artisans. This time local authors shared details about their books and the writing process. Ajay Heble of Guelph University talked about his books on jazz and his latest offering, Classroom Action, about bringing social action into the classroom. Gaspé CEGEP retiree, Fred Kraenzel, read a short story, and then he participated in a talk about the creation of the play "Nuisances" with co-authors Kathy Kennedy, Lorraine Blais and Danielle Rouleau. "The English-French duality here was a springboard for this play," Ms Blais explained. The museum hopes to carry on with this lecture series next year.

Music lovers won't want to miss two concerts coming up following the Musical Improvisation at Land's End camp: Tuesday, August 8, at 8 p.m. and the grand finale on Friday, August 11, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for each event.



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## Guest Commentary:

Diane Skinner

### Unthinking Respect

*"Unthinking respect for authority is the greatest enemy of truth"*

- Albert Einstein

Raise your hand to ask a question. Wait patiently in line. Don't interrupt your teacher. Your parents know what's best for you. Adults have all the answers; governments have all the answers and all the power.

As children, we are taught that rules are to be followed and that authority isn't to be questioned. After all, we wouldn't be a peaceful and organized society without strong boundaries and social norms.

But life isn't black and white, and our rules and lessons shouldn't be either. There are times when society's limits and boundaries must be pushed in order to right the wrongs maintained by the power of the status quo. As we age and grow we realize our parents don't always

have the answers, nor do they always know what's best for us. We also come to understand that government does not have all the answers, or all the power... but our actions seem to end there. We haven't been given the skills or language of opposition. We have likely been raised as apathetic; 'Don't rock the boat.'

Right now, the United States is deeply divided in its political views, with Donald Trump as President. His thinly-veiled racism (the 'Muslim travel ban'), sexism ("Grab her by the..."), transphobia (the U.S. will not "accept or allow transgender individuals to serve in any capacity in the U.S. Military"), and flamboyant lack of respect for the office he holds (i.e. all tweets he's written since his inauguration) is more vulgarity than most people can tolerate. So, why is he still President? Why aren't the three-quarters of Americans who didn't vote for him not doing more – or doing anything – to oppose him? It isn't that people don't care; it's that people don't know what to do or, worse, don't believe that they can do anything to affect change.

Canadian-born economist, John Kenneth Galbraith, said "The conventional view serves to protect us from the painful job of thinking." However, if you start a conversation around any of our kitchen tables about politics or important world issues, it's clear that nearly everyone has a strong opinion. There's no shortage of strong thinking. Thanks to our rule-following, apathy-to-power upbringing, there is a shortage of action.

So, now what? I propose we all flex our muscles of

opposition, just to see if they're there. Write a letter to a company or government in support or opposition of something they're doing. Join or start a group that does something you're passionate about; the environment, animals, youth jobs, human rights, or even something local like bringing back the train service to the Gaspé. Or, you can simply raise or donate money for your cause. Create or sign a petition. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper or magazine. Call in to your local radio station to speak on an issue they're covering. The list of the ways that each of us can affect change is endless – and yet we rarely know how, nor do we teach our children, to act.

Bigger actions such as organizing or joining a protest, volunteering to support a political candidate, or even running for office yourself are big ways to make a difference. And yet we're raised to think, "Why me? I'm just (fill in the blank with any excuse you've learned to tell yourself.)"

As American television writer, Aaron Sorkin, has said "Decisions are made by those who show up." This is the truth. This is the secret that those in positions of power understand. If you show up, you will be heard. If you oppose, you will be heard. If you lead, you will be heard.

*"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."*

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Letters to the Editor

I so enjoyed reading Kaye Walker's account of his childhood (he being of the same vintage as myself) that I got the urge to write about the glory days of the CNR in New Carlisle and relate some of the stories picked up from a number of railway men from the late 1940s and the early 1950s. This time, I believe, was the very zenith of the now almost forgotten hub of activity in our town.

Can we forget the huge piles of coal, the constant activity, smell of the coal gasses and yes the excitement for a young boy as he watched all this. Kaye will probably identify with this since his dad was also a rail-roader.

One thing one cannot but recall with some pleasure was the camaraderie that existed between the men who worked in that environment. Nights spent in the bunkhouse in Campbellton were times to exchange stories, chat about families and just exchange pleasantries, play cards or join with others at the Glory Café for supper. One particular story I recall was an instance in which a group of men were playing cards while Elmer Astles sat quietly reading since he deemed it as

a Christian to be unbecoming. My uncle Wilson arrived as they were so doing and one of the men immediately posed this question to him. "Wilson, is it ok for Elmer to play cards". To which my uncle who was a blunt speaker retorted "No. You fellows go right ahead; you're all going to ---- anyway".

Another unique thing about their closeness as a group is that they had pet names for one another. They were never meant to be disparaging and most would get a laugh from it. My dad's was No Steam, Uncle Wilson's was Doodelum, there was Clinker (Russell) Lamore 1144, and Candy, Biscuits, the Beast, Pork 'n Beans, Blower, Pouchy, Bull and a couple more that were less than complimentary. The bond between these men was unmistakable as was evident at the time that Henry Arsenault lost his life in a boating accident. All were affected and my dad for one was heart-broken since after all he was one of "the family".

There were two delightful characters I like remembering. George Flowers worked for the CNR and would call my dad to remind him of his upcoming trip. Those telephone calls would have made it into the telephone hall of fame had they been recorded. The howls of laughter would go on for so long and we, in the house, could hear everything from both sides. It was simply a delight. Then there was Mr. Bill Poirier. Who didn't love this bigger-than-life rough-cut giant? The most gregarious, improbable, outgoing person one could meet. And

he had no use for the horn on his car.

The early fifties brought on the car craze among the railroaders. My dad bought a new 1950 Ford, Mr. Kerr a Pontiac and many others did likewise. All those gleaming automobiles were left in the dust when Herman Fraser got a new 1951 Ford Victoria. What a beauty! That scooped everybody and he was rightly proud of it. It then behooved one of his railway pals to put pen to paper with a poem about this "craze". I wish that I could remember the whole poem but the last verse said "the hero of this story finds himself in recompense in knowing that his auto beats his neighbour o'er the fence".

Progress, unfortunately in many instances, leaves someone behind and the only thing we have left are the memories of a great time in our lives.

Don Huntington  
Cornwall, Ontario

### The Little Green Bug – now it's personal

For a number of years I have been reporting about the little green bug that frequents the Gaspé Coast – at least the village of Gaspé and its environs. Our fiend, or used to be friend, is still present here, perhaps not in as great numbers as past years, but still here. I have written a number of articles about Mr. and Mrs. Bug in The Gaspé Spec. All meant to be informative, humorous and hopefully not irritating. Now to the point of my article.

I have a Scottish rose bush planted in a container here in Gaspé. Its kind originates in the Highlands of Scotland and proves very hearty in its new environment. The rose bush was a retirement gift by a teacher friend of mine who lives in Glengarry County, Ontario, and came to Canada by the earliest settlers of Glengarry. Each year when I return to Gaspé one of the first things I do is check on my "Old Scottish Rose" as I call it – how original. On inspection today I found that it was being feasted upon by – you guessed it, the little green bug, now a serious matter to me, all humour gone, I'm now in my fighting mode. Beware bugs.

But how do I get rid of them? Tomorrow I will check the stores in Gaspé and hopefully I will find a solution to my problem. If anyone out there has such a solution please contact me at gaspecoast@sympatico.ca or reply to my quandary in the Spec. It would be appreciated.

In closing—Beware of the Little Green Bug.

Jim Caputo  
Wakeham, Gaspé

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by: Diane Skinner

It's hot off the presses and it is gorgeous, with all new text and beautiful photos of the Gaspé! The 2017 Vacation Guide is for visitors, but also for Gaspésians who live here and who want some cool ideas for day trips right on the Coast.

So, get your copy out and try to find the answers to this 2017 Vacation Guide Scavenger hunt. You will also find the vacation guide on [thegaspespec.com](http://thegaspespec.com) website. There is a little hint in brackets after each question.

1. Why is Miguasha a UNESCO World Heritage Site? (The Southern Coast)
2. What is the secret to a positive hiking experience? (Hikers' Paradise)
3. How many First nations communities are found on the Gaspé Peninsula? (Gesgapegiag)
4. The first Europeans who settled in New Richmond area were from what country? (New Richmond)
5. What is the name of the museum in Cascapedia? (Cascapedia-St. Jules)
6. What is the name of the site where you can see indigenous animals and other displays? (Bonaventure)
7. When was the town of New Carlisle founded and by what group of settlers? (New Carlisle)
8. Paspébiac is a historic fishing centre established by \_\_\_\_\_. (Paspébiac)
9. What are the 'requirements' for the Perfect Picnic? (The Perfect Picnic)
10. What are the most important tools for eating a whole lobster? Some say it's a sense of humour. (How To Eat a Lobster)
11. Where does the name of Hope Town come from? (As You Travel Eastward)
12. Scientists have tried to explain what the sightings of The Phantom Ship could be. Locate three of the theories. (Phantom Ship)
13. What is the population of Chandler? (Chandler)
14. Name three small communities that are part of Percé. (Percé and area)
15. How do you avoid the double chin look in a selfie? (Snapping Super Selfies)
16. What is a barachois? (Gaspé and Area)
17. How high are the cliffs in some areas of Forillon? (Forillon)
18. If you want to buy a Spec subscription online, what is the Internet address? (Page 27)
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Answers next week

# Memorial Trust Fund: Milestones and recipients 2017

The Memorial Trust Fund was founded in 1969. Its goal has been unchanged since its inception: to provide financial assistance to C.E. Pouliot Polyvalent graduates who pursue post-secondary studies. Now, forty-eight years later, the Memorial Fund has supported 257 recipients by disbursing over \$52,000.

The fund has evolved over the years so that it now commemorates in Memory of George Richmond, Douglas Phillips, Cecelia Sinnett and Lynne McCallum. Its treasurer over these forty-eight

years has been Mrs. Marguerite Palmer and its Board is currently made up of Ron Mundle, Robert Wolfe, Don Bourguoin and Gary Briand.

The 2017 list of students who were granted financial assistance are Kaitlyn Annett, Dillon Rehel, Cassidy Patterson, Jeff Fournier, Morgan Jean, Heidi-Jane Adams and Kelly Holland.

All of the award winners are students at Cegep Gaspésie et des Iles except for Heidi, Jeff and Dillon who are, respectively registered at Bishop's University,

Holland College and Humber College.

Supporters of the Memorial Trust Fund are donors, Gaspésians who believe in the importance of education. Several send in donations in memory of a recently deceased loved one. The Memorial Trust Fund merits public support. We encourage all concerned to address a donation to Memorial Trust Fund, 642 Montee Wakeham, Gaspé, G4X 2A1.

Your donation will help us support deserving students from the Gaspé area.



Cassidy Patterson



Dillon Rehel



Heidi-Jane Adams



Kaitlyn Annett



Kelly Holland



Morgan Jean

## TWO DEATHS

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Minville, describes Claude Chouinard as "the most present" of his firefighters. Over the last months, he had repainted the interior of the fire station through volunteer work, he reports.

Roch Dunn, a trucker, was

"a friendly guy who used to help everybody. Nothing could make him panic. He was loved, he was a gentleman," states Line Cyr, the Murdochville postmaster.

The death of the two men

shocked the Murdochville residents, reports Mrs. Cyr. "We're a large family. I went to school with Roch. Claude's family have been my neighbours for ten years. Their deaths touch our hearts."



**COMMISSION SCOLAIRE EASTERN SHORES  
EASTERN SHORES SCHOOL BOARD**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Adoption of operating, investment  
and debt service budget**

Pursuant to article 278 of the Education Act, public notice is hereby given that Eastern Shores School Board intends to adopt its operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2017-2018 school year at its regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners on August 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Given at New Carlisle, Québec, this 18th day of July 2017.

M-Ann Cooke  
Interim Secretary General





Photo: John Prince

Bethany Hayes with Benjamin Renouf surrounded by Grade 2/3 students at Shigawake-Port Daniel School.



Photo: Lori Budd

Ashley Renouf with baby Blayke Flowers accompanied by Grade 3/4 students at New Carlisle High School.

## Roots of Empathy Program: Positive response by teachers and students

Ann Kelly

*Hello Baby Benjamin  
How are you?  
How are you?  
How are you?  
Hello Baby Benjamin  
How are you?  
How are you today?*

This refrain greeted Benjamin Renouf and his mother Bethany Hayes every time they visited grade 2/3 at Shigawake Port Daniel School.

Benjamin and Bethany, along with Blayke Flowers and parents Chris Flowers and Ashley Renouf at New Carlisle High School, were part of the Roots of Empathy program, an evidence-based classroom program that has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy.

At the heart of the program is a baby who, with his/her parents, visits a classroom every month over the school year. Children are guided by a trained instructor to observe the loving relationship of parent and child, learning to iden-

tify baby's feelings and then to reflect upon their own feelings and those of others.

The program follows nine themes over twenty-seven weeks teaching such topics as safety, communications, infant care, emotions, sleep, and child development. Children sit around the Roots of Empathy trademark green blanket observing as the baby performs exercises, plays with toys, and responds to their singing. The instructor asks the parent questions about the baby and what its like to be a parent. Children are invited to ask questions as well.

Family Ties received funding from the Ministry of Seniors and Anti-Bullying /Ministry of Family under the *Ensemble Contre l'Intimidation* to offer Roots of Empathy at New Carlisle High School and Shigawake Port Daniel School during the 2016-17 school year.

Maria Chatterton and Ann Kelly were trained as instructors and received all the material needed to offer the program. They were also provided with a mentor to help with any issues which may have arisen within the delivery

of the program. Maria introduced the program in Lori Budd's grade 3/4 at New Carlisle High School and Ann in John Prince's grade 2/3 at Shigawake Port Daniel.

Teachers and students have responded positively to the Roots of Empathy program. The children freely expressed how much they care about the baby. A safe environment was created allowing children to communicate their feelings and talk about important matters such as bullying. In particular, boys seemed to benefit from the program.

A teacher commented that one boy had become much more caring towards other students in his class and towards teachers in the school. Parents noticed, at home, a change in behaviour and attitude of another child since the baby began to visit.

Family Ties is hoping to offer the program during the 2017-18 school year. With such positive results, the schools want to have Roots of Empathy in the classrooms again. All that is needed is a budget, a baby and parent who wants to change the world, one child at a time.

## Reflections

by

Diane Skinner Flowers



### Let's Read Canada for Kids!!!

Canada 150 continues and a great way to celebrate is by reading with your child or grandchild some of the super Canadian books that are available for children of all ages. Books for children written by Canadian authors have come a long, long way in the last 50 years. As a child I read a great deal and most of the books that were available years ago were written in the U.S. or Britain. We have come a long way, baby!

Some of these titles are picture books and some are novels, your choice depends entirely on what you and the child would enjoy. Is the book to read aloud or is it one that the child will read by themselves? Determining that will help you and the child to choose a book. Encourage, don't pressure, your child to read. It's not a chore or a punishment. Teach them early that books are a pleasure. You will give them a life-long gift.

*Alphabeasts*

**Wallace Edwards**

*Love you Forever*

**Robert Munsch**

*Alligator Pie*

**Dennis Lee**

*Stella: A Star of the Sea*

**Mary Louise Gay**

*Scaredy Squirrel*

**Mélanie Watt**

*Paper Bag Princess*

**Robert Munsch**

*Franklin the Turtle*

**Paulette Bourgeois**

*Red is Best*

**Kathy Stinson**

*The Party*

**Barbara Reid**

*Something From Nothing*

**Phoebe Gilman**

*Chin Chiang and the Dragon's Dance*

**Ian Wallace**

*Cremation of Sam McGee*

**Robert W. Service**

*The Hockey Sweater*

**Roch Carrier**

*Jacob Two-Two and the Hooded Fang*

**Mordechai Richler**

*Silverwing (series)*

**Kenneth Oppel**

*The Breadwinner*

**Deborah Ellis**

*Underground to Canada*

**Barbara Smucker**

*This Can't Be Happening at McDonald Hall (series)*

**Gordon Korman**

*Hatchet (series)*

**Gary Paulsen**

*Hold Fast*

**Kevin Major**

*Elijah of Buxton*

**Christopher Paul Curtis**

*From Anna*

**Jean Little**

*Anne of Green Gables (series)*

**Lucy Maud Montgomery**

*Secret World of Og*

**Pierre Berton**

*The Olden Days Coat*

**Margaret Laurence**

*G is for The Gaspé*

**CASA**

This is a completely subjective short list of great Canadian children's books. And it's just a beginning. If your child enjoys a book, check for more titles by the same author. Don't give up, if your child does not love to read. Keep looking for a book she or he can enjoy. After all, it is said that there is no such thing as a child who hates to read. There are only children who have not yet found the right Canadian book.

## FORT PENINSULA

▶ *Cont'd from cover*

The role of this naval base was to shelter and protect the British fleet if England was invaded by the Germans.

The defence facilities also included two other shore Batteries, in Fort Prevel and Fort Haldimand, an anti-submarine boom net between Peninsula and Boom Defence and two

lookouts in Pointe-Saint-Pierre and Cap Gaspé.

"There were 19 warships in Fort Ramsay. They used to escort merchant ships between Quebec and Sydney, Nova Scotia," informs Mrs. Cormier. Fort Ramsay was at the current location of the port of Sandy Beach.

On May 11 and 12, 1942, a few days after the inauguration of the naval base, a German submarine torpedoed two

ships, the Nicoya and the Leto, off Pointe-à-la-Frégate and Madeleine. "The Canadian Army was surprised by the arrival of submarines," tells Mrs. Cormier.

During the Battle of the St. Lawrence, from 1942 to 1944, German submarines sank 22 ships in the Gulf, but none in the Gaspé Bay. In recent years, five of those shipwrecks were found off Cap Gaspé and Cap-des-Rosiers.



Chantal Soucy

Photos: T. Haroun

## A very special exhibit in Percé

Thierry Haroun

PERCÉ: - Chantal Soucy has been collecting popular art objects and other wooden sculptures for more than two decades and she decided to share her passion through an exhibit in a beautiful renovated barn located a stone's throw from Percé. She invited Spec to visit the exhibition with her.

"I've been collecting popular art objects for more than 25 years. I buy them directly from the artists or sometimes I find them in markets. And sometimes I receive calls because someone has a few to sell. People get to know what I've been doing over the years. It's a real passion for me; talking to artists, getting to know the way they work. It's part of my work. In fact, I have more than 250 objects of all sorts and I'm proud to exhibit them here in this barn," says Chantal Soucy, who's an ethnologist and worked for Parks Canada and Forillon Park.

### A grand prize for a grand exhibit

Her exhibit is called "*La promeneuse d'oiseaux et Cie*" (Bird Walker and Company). It has recently received the Percé Rock MRC Heritage Grand Prize of \$2,000. It

takes a good hour to go through all the areas of the exhibit where one will be surprised by the quality of the works: they are mostly made of wood, but some are made out of lobster shells such as a rooster. Some are made out of crab shell others are made from metal. "There aren't buses of people that come by, but all summer long I have people dropping by, many from our region and tourists alike," says Chantal Soucy, originally from Miguasha.

Asked about the prize she won, Ms. Soucy, says she was honoured by it. "It's like a recognition of my work. And it's even more special coming from the MRC," she adds.

All in all, 24 artists from Eastern Quebec are exhibited, of which 13 are from the Gaspé Peninsula. There's a small cover charge at the door and it's free for kids. It's open from Wednesday to Sunday until September 4 (10 a.m to



One of Chantal Soucy's creations in the exhibition.

7 p.m). For further details, call (418) 783-2094.

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Photo: G. Gélinas

Visitors can imagine being World War II soldiers in Fort Peninsula.



Centre Walgwan Center

## **JOB OPPORTUNITY** **ON CALL POSITION-DAY ATTENDANT**

### **GENERAL**

Under the supervision of the Team Leader and authority of the Executive Director the Day Attendant will carry out the activities within the rehabilitation program. The Day Attendant will be part of the clinical team at the Walgwan Centre. They are responsible for the care and safety of youth clientele at the Centre by being vigilant to the needs of the youth, providing responsive care, ensuring continuous surveillance and security. The Day Attendants will support youth development by facilitating their personal, social and educational growth and assisting them in reaching their full potential in society. Day Attendants will provide direct goal-oriented assistance to the youth clientele while ensuring their safety and wellbeing.

### **Specific Functions**

- Preparation and support to program, activities and rules
- Actively participate in activities as a supporting role
- Coach and support clients in need
- Keep educator informed of pertinent information regarding clientele in a timely manner
- Report writing in our software
- Organize and animate workshops
- Attend and participate in clinical meeting, staff meeting and debriefing sessions.

### **Requirements**

- High School Diploma or equivalent AND (3) years direct work experience
- Certificate or Diploma in the field of social work, psychology, education or human services AND one (1) year direct work experience
- Excellent communication skills, professional demeanor, sound judgment and strong organizational skills
- Speak English and French, including the ability to write reports Indigenous language an asset
- Ability to understand the awareness of and sensitivity to the needs of youth and youth culture
- Be of good reputation and free of substance abuse
- Ability to intervene in crisis situations
- Ability to work in a team / team meetings
- Positive attitude and good social skills
- CPR First Aid an asset
- Must produce written confirmation of clearance criminal record
- Physically fit and physically active
- Must be committed to a healthy lifestyle
- Must have 4B driver's license or commit to obtaining one once hired

### **Salary**

Based on Centre Walgwan Center salary scale; \$18.74 - \$22.40

**Deadline:** August 16, 2017 at noon

Send applications by e-mail at [walgwan@globetrotter.net](mailto:walgwan@globetrotter.net) to the attention of the Administrative Assistant; Maggie Belanger or send hard copy to; Centre Walgwan Center, 75 School Street, Gesgapegiag, Qc, G0C 1Y1



Listuguj will be hosting their 25th Annual Traditional Listuguj Pow Wow starting on August 3 at 6 a.m. with a sunrise ceremony. Events such as music, free breakfasts, live dancing, feasts and so much more will take place! If you are a person who enjoys traditional and cultural events, this is the place for you to be!

Relaxing Yoga in Barachois - available to both French and English speakers alike! Two sessions, August 4 and August 11, are available this week and next week. The yoga will take place at the recreational centre in Barachois. For more information and to reserve yourself a spot, please call (418) 616-3528. Come relieve some stress!

There will be an open concert at the Coin-Du-Banc cultural museum in Percé on August 7. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! If this is something you think you would enjoy, then be there! For more information on this event, please call (514) 808-1796.

**Festival Musique Du Bout Du Monde August 9 to 13**

Gaspé's annual Festival Musique Du Bout Du Monde is set to kick off on August 9 at 12:00 on Haldimand Beach. This event attracts people from all over and is an event unique to the Gaspésie. The festival will finish on August 13. If you're interested in this kind of thing, don't miss it! For more information, please consult [musiqueduboutdumonde.com](http://musiqueduboutdumonde.com)

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**Tide Predictions**

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# MAWIOMI 2017

**MI'GMAQ TRADITIONAL GATHERING**

Gespeg Micmac Council, in collaboration with Forillon National Park, Parks Canada

**Cap-Bon-Ami, Forillon National Park**  
Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 6 am to 4 pm **Free**

**WELCOME TO THE POPULATION**

**6 am SUNRISE CEREMONY**  
Bring your chair or cushion  
Breakfast on the site

**ANIMATION ALL DAY**

**9:30 am GRANDE ENTRY**

**11 am – 1 pm LUNCH**   
Tasting of traditional soup and Lusgnign (bannock)

**AMBIANCE**  
Dance, drums, singing and painting

**WOKSHOPS / KIOSKS**  
Basket making, Crab's netting, sales of ointment made from plants. Salaweg, Micmac Interpretation Site of Gespeg, Mi'gmawei Mawiomis Secretariat

Non-alcoholic Event - Bring your water bottle  
**IN CASE OF RAIN, THIS EVENT IS MAINTAINED.**



# Translating the beauty

## THE ART OF RHÉAL MCINTYRE

Rhéal McIntyre, born in Charlo, New Brunswick, and with Acadian ancestry, was an expert carpenter who began to paint in earnest at the age of 39. Mostly self-taught, his love for the Gaspesian environment is evident in his paintings.

Diane Skinner

*Art speaks to us what words cannot. The astonishing beauty of the Gaspé Peninsula provides an inspiring environment for artists. The artist sees the world and “translates” it for us with paint or wood or glass or stone. This is an 8-week series that will introduce you to some of the many Artists of the Gaspé.*

Visiting Rhéal McIntyre’s gallery in Miguasha is a beautiful, moving experience. One hears people say, “I don’t know a lot about art, but I know what I like.” Well, the paintings of Rhéal are gorgeous. They are moving, evocative and impart a sense of calm to the viewer. Many of his paintings draw you in to the canvas, making the observer feel like they are part of the image.

Rhéal McIntyre was born in Charlo, New Brunswick and is the twelfth child in a family of 13. His family are descendants of Acadians and a Scottish ancestor who came to Canada in 1782, named McIntyre. He drew as a child and he reflects that he always knew that one day he would paint. His older brother, Edgar attended the École des Beaux-Arts in Montreal and Rhéal says this influenced his attitude about art.

His father was a carpenter, an ebeniste, and taught young Rhéal how to work with wood.



Photo: D. Skinner

*Rhéal McIntyre, born in Charlo, presently lives and paints in Miguasha, Quebec.*

Rhéal possesses the skills of carpentry and furniture making. He made his living as a carpenter and refinisher of antiques for many years. He recalls an early painting he did of a cat. He placed it in his father’s home so that his dad could see it when he sat in his favourite chair. For a few days, his father said nothing. Then on the third day he remarked to his son, “That cat looks alive.” He had his father’s approval.

In 1992 he met a young painter named Sacha Barrette. He invited Sacha to stay at his home and said, “Move in with us. I’ll feed you and you teach

me about painting.” At this point Rhéal was a carpenter by day, and a painter by night. That very first year, painting part-time, he completed 40 paintings. He did take a few other courses in drawing and painting but mostly has been self-taught and says he learns by experimenting.

Rhéal is inspired by nature, and he has a love of the sea from his childhood on the Bay of Chaleur. He paints the sea, fields, trees, the forest, mountains, seashores and fishing scenes. These are all scenes he can view from his home in Miguasha. He did not need to be asked if the environment of the Gaspé influences his art. It is evident.

How does he choose his subject matter? “I see something, and I say ‘That’s it!’ ” He will take a photo and use this as a starting point. After that he puts the photo away and interprets the scene in his individual way.

His style of painting is influenced by the French Impressionists. This method of painting can be termed impressionism, or pointillism. His way of using his brushes to impart texture and depth of colours is strikingly beautiful. He uses acrylics and oil on canvas. He remarks that the two kinds of paint give a very different effect. The acrylics are flat and the oils give a shiny or glossy finish.

Rhéal works on one paint-

ten feet long by five feet high. It hangs proudly in that man’s office.

Rhéal recounts the time an art critic sat and stared at one of his paintings on display in Carleton for half an hour. Her comment afterwards? “That painting is perfect!” (That painting was entitled *Mer Imaginaire #15*) Another time a journalist from Outaouais remarked that he had a ‘stroke of genius.’ His painting, *Spirit of the Forest*, is considered to be worthy of being in a museum.

Rhéal’s intent with his paintings is that they make you feel like you are there, being drawn into the picture. He also wants the observer to relax and have a feeling of tranquility. He succeeds.

A visit to Rhéal’s gallery is

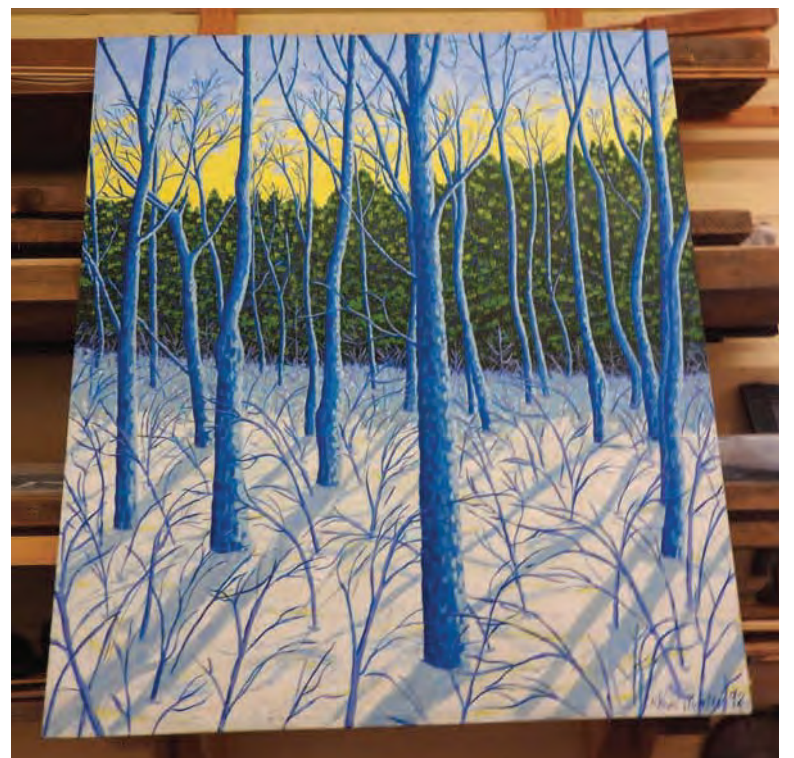


Photo: D. Skinner

*In this large painting, we can see how Rhéal’s work draws you into the scene and gives a feeling of tranquility.*

ing at a time. Occasionally he will start a picture and then begin another. He tends to paint in big blocks of time. Usually he will paint for two or three hours then stop and have a break and resume painting for another couple of hours.

Has Rhéal’s style changed over the years? He reflects that his style has not changed greatly. But lately he has chosen a new subject to paint, and that is fishermen. He has painted a ‘series’ of paintings on various themes over the years. Some of Rhéal’s paintings are very large and one piece was purchased by a Montreal businessman that is

a visual delight. He welcomes people to visit and has found that sometimes a person will come a few times before buying. There is no pressure to buy, he welcomes all to come and have a look. He stated that original Gaspesian art is a wonderful gift for a couple being married or for any significant event. Original art lasts for a lifetime - and longer. Rhéal McIntyre’s home gallery is at 146 route Miguasha Est, Nouvelle (Miguasha) (Open July 6 – September 13, 10:00 to 6:00) G0C 2E0 418-794-2620 rhealmcintyre@gmail.com Website: rhealmcintyre.ca

*Support our Gaspesian artists!*



*L'attente de pecheur is an example of Rhéal's love for his maritime environment.*

## O EFFETVERTSENS:

# Sparkling water with a Gaspesian twist

Wendy Dawson

MARIA – Anyck Valade, one of the owners of O EffetVertSens, knew that she wanted to create a product that was inspired by the region. At the time, she was not quite certain what that product might be. However, after several discussions and brainstorming sessions with her then boyfriend, they decided upon a sparkling water product that would be flavoured using essential oils extracted from local plants.

“My boyfriend at the time was a consumer of sparkling bottled waters and we thought it would be interesting to have water flavoured with something that was more natural and typical to the environment other than citrus fruit, which seems to be the common flavour of sparkling water. Balsam fir for me is a scent and flavour which is synonymous with the region.”

After two years of trials and research and development, the company launched their production with two types of water – one balsam fir and the other mint – flavours derived from the addition of oils that are extracted during a distilla-

tion process.

O EffetVertSens is manned by Anyk Valade as well as her son Abraham Meilleur and Linda Ritchie. The first product to be launched and distributed is the balsam fir sparkling water.

The water, which can be found at a variety of locations, is in a familiar looking bottle. That is because the product is bottled at Le Naufrageur, local brewers and bottlers of beers located in Carleton-sur-Mer. Among the owners of the local brewery are Anyk Valade’s brothers, Sébastien and Louis-Frank.

The idea of using the brewery was three-fold. Firstly using an existing facility would reduce some of the start-up costs for O EffetVertSens. Secondly, the service provided by Le Naufrageur generates additional profits using their bottling machinery when it is not being used for their own products and finally, using an existing facility would dramatically reduce the environmental footprint of both organizations.

The first production of O EffetVertSens was for 500 litres of sparkling water; how-



*The sparkling water is infused with oils from the balsam fir.*

ever Anyk expects to produce 5000 litres in the coming weeks.

“Our first production is almost entirely sold out and some distributors received only a fraction of their order so we will increase production. We would like to be able to send products to the Lower Saint Lawrence and other parts of Quebec and I would like to see the products distributed to those areas over the summer.”

Excited about their success, O EffetVertSens will work at perfecting other water essences although Anyk explains that “we will not produce flavours simply for the

purpose of expanding our product line. We will make sure we have a few popular flavours and go from there.”

You can find O EffetVertSens at specialty grocers throughout the Gaspé Peninsula.



Centre Walgwan Center

## **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**RESIDENTIAL EDUCATOR  
REPLACEMENT WITH POSSIBILITY OF RENEWAL**

### **GENERAL:**

Under the supervision of the Programs and Services Advisor and authority of the Executive Director, the Residential Educator will carry out the activities within the rehabilitation program. Being responsible for the implementation of the intervention plan as prescribed by the clinical team the Residential Educator will introduce and apply learned techniques favoring the teaching of appropriate attitudes and behaviors of the youth. Implement Individualized Intervention Plan and application of client’s objectives towards a healthier lifestyle.

### **Specific Functions**

- Ensures the integration and orientation of the clients upon arrival; accordingly with the procedures defined in the program.
- Collaborates in various assessments with the clients.
- Ensures that the immediate environment and facilities are conducive to therapy and wellbeing of the clients.
- Participates in the development of the intervention plans based on priority needs of the client.
- Organize workshops and group sessions accordingly defined in the program.
- Case management in providing case notes, written observations, evaluation reports, daily journal log and other required documents. Maintain entries in data software program.
- Communicate all pertinent information to the Programs and Services Advisor.

### **Requirements**

- Post-secondary degree; CEGEP or University, preferably a certificate in youth intervention or other related fields such as addiction counselling, social sciences, and juvenile delinquency, education.
- Minimum of 2 years relevant experience working in the addiction field and working with youth and family.
- Good communication skills; proficient in English and French including the ability to write reports. Indigenous language an asset.
- Firsthand experience in an Indigenous community is an asset as is knowledge of diverse Indigenous cultures.
- Of good reputation and committed to leading a healthy lifestyle.
- Must produce written confirmation of clearance of criminal record.
- Must have a 4B Driver’s license or commit to obtaining one once hired.
- Available to work shift schedules, including some shifts in evenings and weekends.

### **Qualities**

- Being client driven, advocating for the youth and assisting families.
- Respectful, non-judgemental and empathetic.
- Caring and attentive.
- Approachable and accessible.
- Real, genuine, sincere.
- Seeks what is best and self-developing.
- Professional and constructive in work practices.
- Good personal health, resiliency and energy.
- Positive attitude

### **Salary:**

Based on Walgwan Centre Salary Scale, \$21.11 to \$25.22

**Deadline:** August 16, 2017

Persons interested in applying for this position are invited to send their cover letter, resume, and references by email to [walgwan@globetrotter.net](mailto:walgwan@globetrotter.net) to the attention of Maggie Belanger or by telecopy at 418-759-3064 or by mail to: Centre Walgwan Center, 75 School Street, Gesgapegiag, Qc, G0C 1Y1



Photo supplied by O EffetVertSens

*Abraham Meilleur, Anyk Valade and Linda Ritchie at the official launching of O EffetVert Sens.*

## **SUBSCRIPTION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# NRHS holds secondary graduation

Elaine Sexton

NEW RICHMOND: - Wearing the traditional colours of the school, red and white over their cloaks, the three ladies and three gentlemen were introduced at the Salle de Spectacle in NR to tremendous applause.

The graduation class took their seats as Principal Mike Isaac welcomed graduates, friends, families and presenters to the graduation ceremony. The anthem was sung by the elementary students and the ceremony began with the athletic and social awards

as well as the honour roll for all the secondary students and those in WOSSP.

Principal Isaac spoke to the graduates. The First Nations of Gesgapegiag was represented by John Martin and he presented "Ignmuetagan, The Gift" to Zachary Crozier-Bernard.

The valedictorian address was given by Laura Leblanc Poirier and the following is an excerpt from her speech.

"This has been one heck of a journey! We all arrived here on different paths, but we're all here together tonight and I couldn't ask for



Photo: Darlene Dimock

2017 Graduation Class: Andrea McWhirter, Brandon McWhirter, Laura Leblanc, Zachary Crozier, Micaela Powell and Isaac Gallibois.



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From the left, Rev. Kraglund, Father Leblanc, as Leslie Coull and Cora Coull renew their vows.

## Manor celebrates 25 years at annual BBQ

Cynthia Dow

Every year the Richmond Manor has a BBQ to which residents can invite family members and friends. This year was no different, except for the fact that the New Richmond institution is celebrating 25 years of offering a home to the elderly where kindly companionship and good home cooking are always on the menu! As a special event for the 25th, a couple residing at the residence, Cora (White) and Leslie Coull, repeated their vows in front of the large crowd. The couple were first married in December 2003. The ceremony was performed in both languages by Father John Leblanc, who lives at the residence, and the United Church Minister, the Reverend Raymond Kraglund. President of the Board of Directors, Louis Sexton, noted that he had been at the official open-



Louis Sexton, left, gets some anniversary cake from coordinator Manjula Karunaratne.

ing of the Manor as mayor of Saint Jules. "The future looks bright, with the current administration, things are going very well. We appreciate all the efforts of Manjula Karunaratne and her staff and volunteers. Only once or twice did the residence have some financial

crunches because not all the rooms were full. Now all 21 apartments are full, and we have 22 residents." He added that people can always put their names on the waiting list, "which is not that long. It's an on-going process, and people are welcome to get in touch."

anything better! I'd like to thank my fellow graduates, for being such an awesome bunch! Staff, family and friends, you are the reason why we are all on this stage tonight. By always standing by our sides, motivating and encouraging us to do our best, you have enabled us to build our dreams... to build our future. Thank you to all the moms and dads who have provided me with my awesome classmates! I'd like to have the time to thank everyone personally, but that would take all night, so I'm hoping these few words express my sincere thanks to all who have been involved, from near or far, with our path to graduation.

Laura spoke about every graduate on a personal level; Michaela Powell, Isaac Gallibois, Zachary Crozier Bernard, Andrea McWhirter, and Brandon McWhirter. "I

hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities and to the most special places your heart has ever known. Whatever you guys do, just go for it okay! And never stop dreaming, because dreams are what push us to become the greatest versions of ourselves. Congrats to us, Grads of 2017, we made it!"

Their theme song was "Back Home" by Adam Grammar and after the ceremony, they held their prom, where Jenna Boudreau, a staff member at NRHS, was the DJ.

On behalf of all the families, friends and our readers, I wish good luck and much success to all 2017 graduates on our coast and beyond. To everyone, volunteers and employees in our education system, have a wonderful and safe summer.



### PUBLIC NOTICE Enactment of By-Law

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given :

1. THAT at a meeting held on February 20, 2017, the Town Council has adopted By-Law 1328-17 «dérégulant un emprunt et une dépense d'une somme de 7 735 000 \$ pour la mise aux normes des installations de production d'eau potable du secteur Gaspé-centre, pour augmenter de 7 735 000 \$ à 8 756 000 \$.».
2. THAT By-Law 1328-17 have been approved by the qualified voters during a register held on March 8, 2017.
3. THAT By-Law 1328-17 have been approved by the Minister of Municipal affairs and Land occupancy, on July 25, 2017.
4. THAT the interested can consult those By-Laws at the Clerk's office, at the Town Hall, 25, rue de l'Hôtel-de-Ville, during regular office hours.

GIVEN at Gaspé, August 2, 2017.

Sébastien Fournier,  
Town clerk assistant

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## Obituaries



### BAIRD: Lorna (Mulrooney Holland)

Lorna Mulrooney Holland Baird was born in 1926 in the small town of Douglastown at the eastern tip of the Gaspé Peninsula. She passed away peacefully at her residence in Windsor, Ontario, on June 24, 2017.

She was the last in a family of 10 Mulrooneys. She is survived by seven children, Elizabeth, Thomas, Arlene, Adeline, Denise, Margaret and Boyd, 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was married to William Holland for more than 50 years and after his death, to James Baird, for almost 10.

Before WWII and as a young 16-year-old she began a more than 40-year teaching career in a tiny Gaspé outpost. She would teach in a single classroom school until after the war. With training at McGill she would go on to teach primary school to hundreds of students in Montreal until her retirement.

She retired "home" to Douglastown in the 1980s and became involved in the community. She was instrumental in refurbishing the beautiful St. Patrick's Parish Church and helped erect a monument to the town's fallen heroes.

She was active on the boards (and contributed as a writer) of The Gaspé SPEC, the coast's English language newspaper, and CASA the Committee for Anglophone Social Action. She was a frequent contributor to CBC's This Country in the Morning telling the country about what was happening on the Gaspé.

Her cooking was legendary and her welcome warm and inviting. She lived life to the fullest, loved her family and enjoyed countless friends. She will not be easily replaced by her family, extended family and many acquaintances.

A service to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday August 26, 2017, at 11 a.m. at St. Monica's Church 6405 Terrebonne, NDG (Montreal). Please no flowers, but her favourite charity was the Montreal Children's Hospital.

### Card of Thanks

The family of the late Gladys Coffin (1921-2017) would like to express its sincere gratitude to the nurses and doctors at the Hotel-Dieu du Gaspé for the care and kindness they provided. Thanks as well to the staff at the CLSC for their attention and compassion. Chaplain Doug Johnson, assisted by student-minister Joshua, at St. Andrew's Parish delivered an artful service complimented by the lovely voices of the choir. The family is grateful for all of the expressions of sympathy, flowers, donations and food that we have received.

## In Memory



### BEAULIEU: Richard

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Sixth year anniversary

*In fond memory of my beautiful son, Richie.*

*Always remembered and loved for*

*his wonderful smile and winning personality.*

*Rest now, God speed.*

Mommy and family, xxx.



### RENOUF: Lester

In loving memory of my dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away August 4, 2014.

*August comes with deep regret,*

*It brings back a day we'll never forget.*

*But beautiful memories are wonderful things.*

*They last till the longest day.*

*They never wear out, they never get lost*

*And can never be given away.*

*We think of you so often, and miss you more each day.*

*Our thoughts often wander*

*To a place not far away*

*Where we left you gently sleeping*

*Three years ago today.*

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by wife Yvonne, children Darlene (Luc), Darin (Joan), grandchildren Daniel, Alexandra, Christopher (Bethany), great-grandchild Benjamin and two great-nephews Hayden (Jessica, Trevor) and Joseph (Troy and Sheryl). Love you always. xoxox

The New Carlisle Funeral Association  
extends sympathy to the family of  
Mr. Maynard Flowers

## Card of Thanks



The family of the late Flora Mullin would like to thank those who phoned, visited, sent cards and flowers during our time of sorrow. Special thank you to her sister-in-law Myrna McDonald Mullin, Linda & Mario, Kevin & Sandi, Kenny & Patsy and Marlene Stanley for the delicious meals. Thank you to Marlene & Doreen for cooking the bread and pancake buns. It was appreciated more than you could know. Thank you to Dr. Lacombe for his 23 years of treating her many illnesses; the CLSC Fox River for their care and home support, and the staff from 700 Dept of Gaspé Hospital and especially Mr. Danny Sinnett for the excellent care given to Flora & us as a family. Also thank you to Beatrice Roberts and Lewis Fournier for the prayer service. It was all greatly appreciated. Thank you from her husband Sonney Fournier and her children.

### Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who participated in or attended the Hymn Sing at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, New Carlisle on July 23. It was wonderful to have a full church. A freewill offering of \$490 was collected to be given to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

### Memorial Service

A service for Jessie Munro Watt will be held at St. Andrews United Church in Hope Town, on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 2 p.m., followed by the interment of ashes at St. Andrews Cemetery.



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## COAST ROUND-UP

### POINTE-NAVARRÉ: Mass

A solemn mass will be celebrated by Gérard Ste-Croix on **Sunday, August 13**, at 4 p.m. at the Sanctuary of Pointe-Navarre, for the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. And on **Tuesday, August 15**, at 7 p.m. A mass will be celebrated by our Bishop Gaétan Proulx. Welcome to all.

### GASPÉ:

#### Garage and Antique Sale

A garage and antique sale will be held on **August 5 and 6** at 544 Mtee Wakeham, Gaspé, starting at 8 a.m. Antiques, furniture, dishes, clock, tools, household items. Rain or shine.

### GASPÉ:

#### 90th Birthday Celebration

Hilda Adams is going to be 90 years young! Come celebrate with family and friends **Saturday, August 19, 2017**. Open house 1 - 4 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 25 Cathedral Street, Gaspé. Please no gifts.

### YORK:

#### Canada's 150 Celebrations

The York River Seniors' Club will be taking part in different events this summer at O'Hara's Point as part of Canada's 150 Celebrations. **September 4** - Annual Corn Boil.

### BARACHOIS:

#### Mountain View Golden Upcoming Activities

**Sunday, August 6:** Money bingo beginning at 7 p.m.

### BARACHOIS:

#### Art Expo

Discover the hidden artistic talent of your friends and neighbours! There will be an Art Expo on **August 3, 4 and 5**, upstairs at the Barachois Rec. Centre, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day. There will also be a wine and cheese Vernissage on **Thursday, August 3**, between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (free).

### BARACHOIS:

#### Legion Branch 261 Upcoming Events

**Every Monday:** The Royal Cana-

dian Legion, Branch 261, will be having a bingo at 7 p.m. at the Legion. Everyone welcome.

### COIN DU BANC:

#### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Open:** Corner of the Beach Cultural Museum will be open daily (except Mondays) during August from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### COIN DU BANC:

#### Important Notice

Notice to anyone who has family buried in St. Luke's Cemetery at Coin du Banc. The cost for cutting the grass in the cemetery last year was eight hundred dollars (\$800) and the cost of liability was another eight hundred (\$800) not to mention maintenance of the fence. Please consider assisting with these costs by making a donation, by cheque, to La société historique de Coin du Banc - Corner of the Beach Historical Society. All donations over twenty dollars (\$20) will be given an income tax receipt. The address is 350 rue de la Plage, Coin du Banc, Percé, QC G0C 2L0. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated by the directors: Alex Vibert, Shirley Boyle and Janet Harvey.

### COIN DU BANC:

#### Quilt Exhibition

The second biennial quilt exhibition will be held at Corner of the Beach Cultural Museum on **August 18 - 20** from 1 - 4 p.m. Various quilted items will be available for viewing and sale. Tickets available on a king/queen size quilt. Winning ticket to be drawn August 20. For further information, please contact Pat Vibert at 418-782-7049.

### PORT DANIEL AND SHIGAWAKE:

#### Bible Study

Evening Prayer and discussion will be held at Shigawake Town Hall every **Wednesday** (unless otherwise noted) at 7 p.m. and at St. James, Port Daniel, every **Friday**.

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### Harvest Supper

St Paul's Anglican Church And Shigawake Community Centre will be holding their annual harvest supper on **Saturday, September 9**, at the Shigawake Community Centre (across from St. Paul's) Adults \$15, children under 10 \$6. Takeout available. Everyone welcome.

### SHIGAWAKE:

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### HOPE TOWN:

#### Surprise Birthday Celebration

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### HOPE TOWN:

#### Whist Party

A whist party will be held on **Saturday, August 12**, at 8 p.m. at

the Hope Town Community Centre. Come out and join us for a night of fun.

### HOPE TOWN:

#### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at Hope Baptist, 305 Route 132 West, Hope Town on Monday, August 7, to Wednesday, August 9 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All children ages 5-12 are welcome. There will be games, singing, snacks and exciting Bible lessons. (all snacks and treats will be peanut and tree nut free). Free admission.

### 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. Sunday, (nursery provided); King's Kids (ages 5-12) at 3:30 p.m. Friday; Young Peoples (Gr. 7 and up) at 7 p.m. Friday. We are a Christ-centered, Bible-believing and preaching, friendly church where everyone is welcome. 305 Route 132, Hoptown 418-752-5838 Pastor Paul R. Bedford BTh. MTh.

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### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Bottle Drive

There will be a summer bottle drive from Shigawake to New Carlisle on **Saturday, August 5**, beginning at 9 a.m. Please leave your bottles on your front step if you won't be home. Money donations will be accepted. Proceeds toward NCHS grade 11 trip. Thanks in advance for your support.

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Local Market

The market season runs until **September 23** (garlic festival). Hours are from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come and shop locally for everything from fresh strawberries to jewellery. Be

entertained as well. Contact us through our facebook page or call Sandi @ 581-233-0658 or Carol @ 418-752-8555.

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Harvest Supper

St. Andrew's Anglican Church will be holding its annual harvest supper on **Saturday, September 23**. More information to follow.

### 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 - 7 p.m. "You Must Be Born Again."

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Monthly Breakfast

The New Carlisle 50+ Club will be holding its monthly breakfast at the Heritage Restaurant on **Wednesday, September 13**, at 9 a.m.

### NEW RICHMOND:

#### United Church

**October 21:** Turkey Supper  
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### NEW RICHMOND:

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### NEW RICHMOND:

#### Garage Sale

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**Sunday, August 13:** A barbecue will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 years old.

**Friday, August 4 and 18:** Music Nights. Doors open at 7 p.m.

### Rotary Calendar Winners

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11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**PARISH OF GASPÉ**

**Sunday, August 6**

**Sandy Beach**

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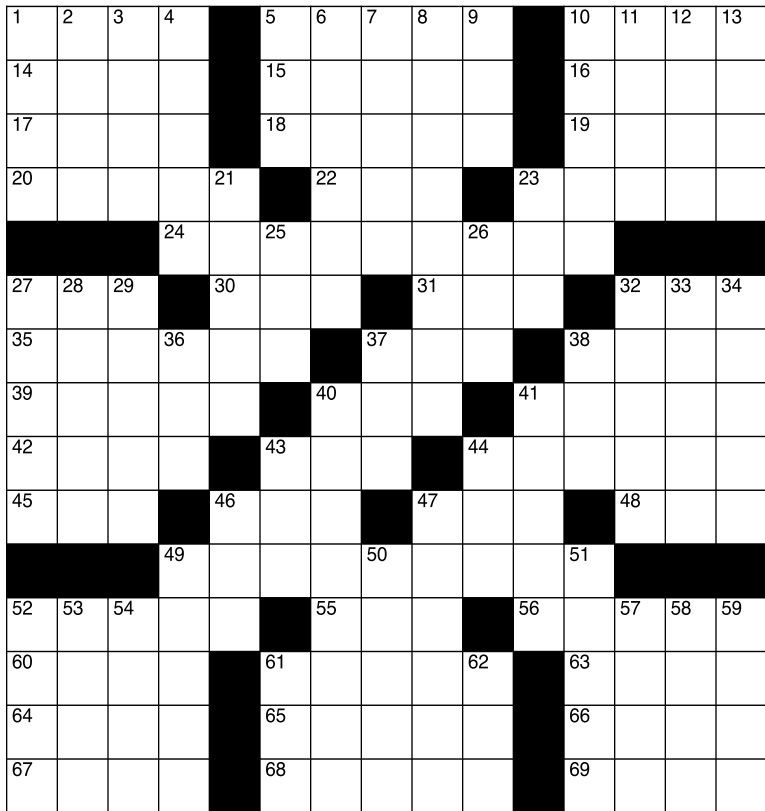
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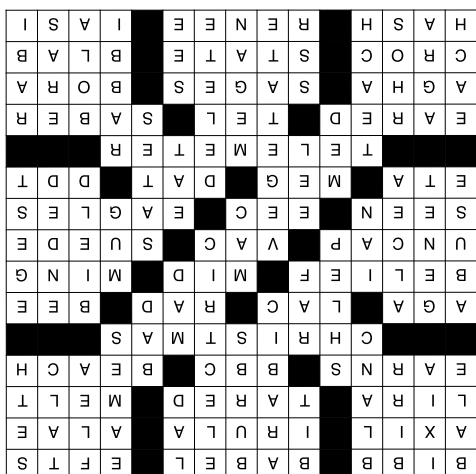
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38. Basketballer Yao
39. Remove lid
40. Pressure wound therapy
41. Fabric
42. Witnessed
43. Defunct European economic organization
44. "Hotel California" rockers
45. When you expect to arrive
46. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
47. Danish airline
48. Insecticide
49. Scientific instrument
52. Type of seal
55. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
56. Cavalry sword
60. Ottoman title
61. Gurus
63. Cold wind
64. Predatory reptile (abbr.)
65. New Jersey is one
66. Divulge a secret
67. Finely chopped mixture
68. Actress Zellweger
69. Romanian city

### CLUES DOWN

5. Morsel
6. Semitic language
7. Areas outside cities
8. Crackling
9. Cub
10. Landmark house in Los Angeles
11. Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist
12. Mineral
13. Late night host Myers
21. Pull along
23. Not good
25. British Air Aces
26. Upset
27. Maltreatment
28. Nocturnal, cat-like animal
29. Hollyhocks
32. Shelter
33. Finished
34. Discharge
36. "X-Men" actor McKellen
37. Beloved dish \_\_ and cheese
38. Holds coffee
40. Languish
41. Quenches
43. Electric fish
44. Consume
46. Type of school
47. Erase
49. Educate
50. "Transformers" actress Fox
51. Spiritual leader
52. Every one
53. Site of the Taj Mahal
54. Welsh village
57. Weapon
58. Geological times
59. S. Asian crops
61. Soviet Socialist Republic
62. Witness

### CLUES DOWN

1. "Dark Knight" actor
2. S. African plants
3. Castle in County Offaly, Ireland
4. White (French)



## Why do we say ... by Gary Briand

A former student of mine who teaches English as a second language at Trois Pistoles tells me that he took thirty of his senior students to Bangor, Maine so as to immerse them in English as a language and culture. Arriving at the time of the election of Donald Trump, his students reported hearing "Uncle Sam" from their hosts and seeing a profusion of recruiting posters shouting, "Uncle Sam Needs You."

But what is the connection between Uncle Sam and the U.S. government? And who is Uncle Sam?

The answer goes back to 1766 to when a baby was given the name Samuel Wilson. Trained as a meat inspector, he was hired by the U.S. Army to inspect all meat eaten by the American troops as they fought in the American British War of 1812.

Mr. Wilson was known as a man of great reliability and unadulterated honesty. His work entailed testing the meat in each barrel and then initialling each one with his initials. But instead of S.W. he engraved each "U.S." in keeping with the name used by his fellow workers and subordinates-Uncle Sam. The coincidence of the initials echoing United States and the esteem in which Uncle Sam Wilson was held led to the name being equated with the nation as a whole.

By 1852, cartoons appeared showing an old man in a red, white and blue striped suit and Mr. Wilson's acquaintances and colleagues had no problem in his being linked to all things American.

Samuel Wilson died in 1854 in Troy, New York. In the centre of the town stands a statue of Uncle Sam dedicated to his memory.

## What's This Artifact?

Marshall Billingsley



**This artifact in the photo is a peculiar thing that some of our readers may be familiar with.**

What do you think it is?

The item appears to be made of glass formed into a sort of spherical shape. It has some sort of liquid chemical mixture inside of it and looks like it can be removed from the metal ring it sits inside of in the photo.

*The answer will be in next week's issue of The Gaspé Spec.*



Thank you to Carol Almond (Sweetman) for sharing this artifact with our readers.

## HOROSCOPES

### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Putting your thoughts into action isn't easy this week, Aries. But you know you have to get moving on something. Dig into familiar tasks that you can do on memory.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, most of your best decisions are fueled by the heart. Continue to put your full self into all that you do, and others will recognize your undeniable devotion.

### GEMINI – May 22/June 21

It is time to stop diverting attention away from the truth, Gemini. Remember that honesty is the best policy. Find the time to talk about the situation.

### CANCER – June 22/July 22

Cancer, confidence gives you the power to open doors and initiate conversations you never would have thought possible. Trust your gut instinct and move forward.

### LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Leo, people are anxious to hear what you have to say, even if the discussion pertains to something minor. Enjoy the attention while it lasts.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, a busy time is ahead and it's easy to get overwhelmed when you look at the bigger picture. Instead, focus on one detail at a time until you get through your tasks.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

You have something to discuss that others may find uncomfortable, Libra. Get it out in the open, and in so doing you will remove the mystique of the situation.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you can lay the foundation for a deep, intimate friendship if you want to. Revealing your own vulnerability can inspire others to trust you.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, if money is on your mind, speak with a financial advisor, accountant or knowledgeable friend. Setting new goals may be the answer.

### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Do you find you are constantly reinventing yourself, Capricorn? If so, you may not be comfortable in your own skin. Learn to see what others find so ap-

pealing about you.

### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, right now you might benefit from some quiet contemplation that can help you zero in on new goals. Take a few days for yourself to mull over your options.

### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Don't try to accomplish too much on your own, Pisces. Your network of friends is waiting in the wings to help you out whenever needed.

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS JULY 30

**Lisa Kudrow, Actress (54)  
JULY 31**

**Zac Brown, Singer (39)  
AUGUST 1**

**Jason Momoa, Actor (38)  
AUGUST 2**

**Sam Worthington, Actor (41)  
AUGUST 3**

**Tom Brady, Athlete (40)  
AUGUST 4**

**Jeff Gordon, Retired Driver (46)  
AUGUST 5**

**Lolo Jones, Athlete (35)**

# A GASPESIAN'S GUIDE TO THE

# COAST

-Jessie Aubut-McWhirter

From one end of the Coast to the other, there's no doubt that our region has marvels that never cease to amaze even the locals. This series will introduce you to the different sights and wonders of our home in the hopes that you will create special memories of your very own.



This week the village of Percé opens its arms to us. Featuring sights to dazzle and amaze, this town is sure to gain a special place in your heart.

If you're a fan of movies and want to experience the iconic bird's eye views, then look no farther than Percé's helicopter tours. Found on the south side of the road as you travel into Percé, these metal bird tours come in two loops: the land loop and the sea loop.

Cruising into the village, you might want to familiarize yourself with the area and find where all the action is happening. There are horse drawn carriages available for a more classy drive around town. They're usually stationed along Route 132, ready to go.

On the mountains behind the village you may catch sight of something out of the ordinary: a suspended glass

platform 200 metres off the ground. This is part of the Géoparc. With a recently opened zipline trailing down the mountain, this venue is perfect for adrenaline junkies and geological enthusiasts alike. Twenty-three geosites are accessible with the park, with an indoor playpark made of nets for the children. The Géoparc building is located on the north side of Route 132 in the heart of the village.

While exploring the town, you'll find several spots for different nautical adventures. Kayak among the waves, dive under the surface to experience the Gaspé Coast underwater or keep an eye out for humpback whales, fin whales and seals—there's an activity for everyone here in Percé!

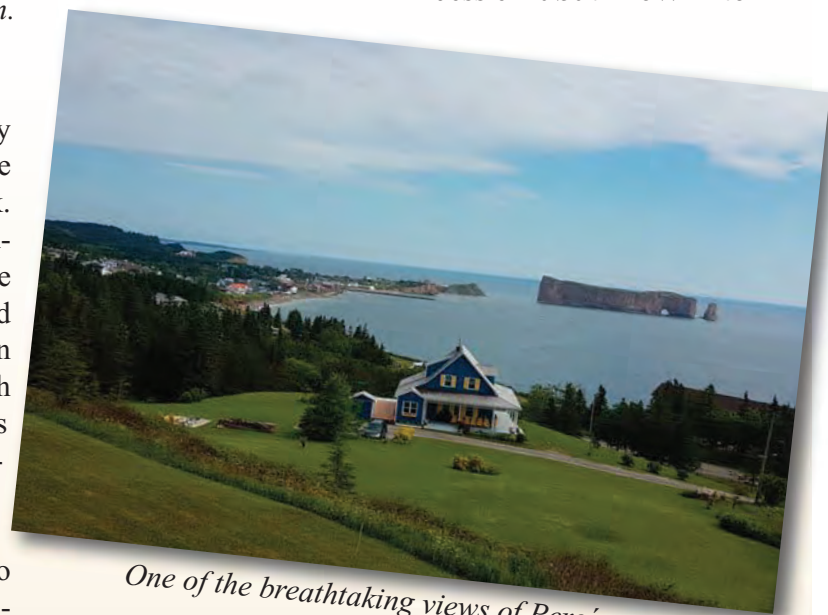
Just off the coast lies Bonaventure Island, which one of the largest colony of gannets in the world calls home. You can take the ferry around the island to witness this massive flock of birds and set foot on the island they call home. With many walking trails along the picturesque island, this is sure to be a trek to remember.

At low tide, a new pathway opens up: a link between the mainland and Percé Rock. This natural marvel is considered by the locals to be the Eighth Wonder of the World and has inspired many an artist to pick up the paintbrush or pen. You can go touch this inspirational piece of our history for yourself once the tides permit it.

If you're in the mood to take a look at the art this village has inspired, look no further than the Musée le Chafaud, where the artistic history of the local area is on display. The museum hosts everything from photography to the artistic history of the region.

Dotting Route 132 are over 40 shops with various gift items and souvenirs. Several restaurants and pubs also line the street for your convenience, each with their own special charm. You're sure to leave with something to treasure!

During the afternoons and evenings, there are plenty of free outdoor shows outside by the wharf. Come wind down and have fun by the water, getting to know the locals.



One of the breathtaking views of Percé

Seeing everything there is to do in Percé takes more than a day. To accommodate your stay, there are several places scattered around town to suit your needs from motels, campsites, bed and breakfasts and chalets for rent.

Behind Percé stands Mont Ste-Anne, which you can conquer for an unparalleled view of the village of Percé, the Rock and Bonaventure Island. To get to the towering giant, ask the locals for directions and the top is just a hike away.

The Corner of the Beach Historical Society is located on the side of Route 132, a bit north of Percé. After enjoying the picturesque drive along the coast, stop in at the historical

museum found at St. Luke's Church for a unique experience.

Keep travelling north and turn left onto Chemin de la Carrière to start heading towards the Rivière des Émeraudes, a breathtaking waterfall with a water basin perfect to swim in. From the end of the Chemin, continue along the marked path for a short trek until you arrive.

The area is perfect for a family picnic and an afternoon out in the fresh water among gorgeous scenery; a fitting end to a visit of Percé!



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