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# Santa Claus comes to Cascapedia-St-Jules

*Elaine Sexton*

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES: - Pictured above are the children and parents who enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus recently at the municipal hall in Cascapedia-St-Jules. There were some new little faces this year as our little community continues to grow. It is wonderful to see the new generation! As you can see, this special day, is getting bigger every year.

This year over 35 children attended the activity which is truly remarkable. Santa has been dropping by our community for over 25 years. It is thanks to the volunteer firemen who every year make sure that Santa gets

here after arriving from the North Pole.

Thank you to the Eagles Club who provided the treats for all the children. A big thanks to those who made the gingerbread men for the kids to decorate and the desserts that the people enjoyed.

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## SAAQ office reopens

Gilles Gagné

BONAVENTURE – The Société de l'assurance-automobile du Québec, the SAAQ, which manages the matters of car registration and driving licences, has reopened an office in Bonaventure, six months after a May fire destroyed the previous office, located in a building that also housed a seniors residence. The temporary office is currently situated in the former bowling alley, on Louisbourg street. That location is temporary though, as the SAAQ is likely to launch a call for tenders for office space, probably during the first weeks of 2017. The SAAQ is targeting Bonaventure again for the permanent office. Since May, the users had to go to Carleton or Chandler in order to get their services.

## FabDelta invests \$6.45 million

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND – Groupe FabDelta, a subsidiary of Fabrication Delta, is investing \$6.45 million in an expansion of its New Richmond plant that is now allowing the company to make windmill tower hubs, the part that holds the blades. The expansion translates into the hiring of 15 people. The company has a contract to deliver 46 hubs for a company based in Ontario, Siemens Wind Power Limited, a subsidiary of a German giant in wind energy. Groupe FabDelta is receiving a \$1.8 million guaranty of bank credit from the Quebec government, a \$1 million loan from Canada Economic Development and a \$150,000 grant from Quebec's FAIR, for Fonds d'aide aux initiatives régionales. The expansion was started at the beginning of last spring.



## Pile of debris still untouched at New Carlisle's old cinema

Gilles Gagné

NEW CARLISLE – Two months after the halt imposed in the demolition of New Carlisle's old cinema by the *Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité au Travail*, the CNESST, the contractor, Excavation Leblanc, still has not removed the building's pile of debris. "A representative of the Excavation Leblanc communi-

cated with the inspector in charge of the file on Friday, December 9 and proposed a working strategy. We asked him to present a written document of the proposal. When we receive it, we will assess it and authorize the work," explains Maxime Boucher, communication officer for the CNESST, the body in charge of safety at work rules on Quebec's construction or demolition sites. Demolition work was stopped

on October 20 when it was suspected that asbestos was present in the building material of the old cinema. Laboratory tests confirmed that presence. Demolition resumed the following day because the standing part of the building posed a safety problem. The contractor must submit a plan to the CNESST before any hauling operation to the Saint-Alphonse landfill can take place.



Submitted by Mona Douglass

Captain Courtney Douglass, a military helicopter pilot based in Saint Hubert, Quebec made a special delivery this past November. Resting securely in the back of the helicopter is the Grey Cup which she and her crew delivered to Toronto for Grey Cup Celebration Week. Captain Douglass is a former resident of New Carlisle and is the daughter of Peter and Mona Douglass.



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### The Terrible Task!

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My mother, as many women did back then, used to make head cheese and for that you needed the head of a pig. So one day my mother asked me to go to my uncle Ron's because he had a pig head for her to make her head cheese with.

So I grabbed my sleigh and off I went to pick up this pig head for my mother. When I arrived at my Uncle Ron's he had the head in a big box and he put it on my sleigh for me and I started my journey back home.

While I was walking home on the main street of New Carlisle, where there were

quite a few people walking also, all of a sudden I hit a lump of snow on the sidewalk and my sleigh tipped over! Over went the sleigh, the box fell off and popped open and the pig head rolled down the side walk!

I thought the pig head would never stop sliding on the ice! Everyone stopped and stared at me chasing this pig head. I was so embarrassed! Here I was trying to pick up this bloody sawed-off pig head from the sidewalk while trying not to get any blood on my clothes. I was mortified! I managed to get the pig head back into the box and went home as fast as my sleigh would let me without tipping again. When I finally got home with the pig head I told my mother, "Never make me do that again!" And thank goodness, she didn't.

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# How to achieve a stress-free holiday season

(NC) The holidays can be hectic, with a lot of work going into gift-giving, cooking, setting up decorations, and planning parties. Fortunately, there are ways to find time to slow down, take it all in, and enjoy time with family and friends.

One of the top holiday stressors is dealing with finances, which is also one of the last things that we want to think about during this time. According to Kerry Reynolds, head of consumer marketing at PayPal Canada, awkward conversations about money can be avoided.

“The average Canadian is down \$462 in outstanding IOUs, partly because they're uncomfortable asking to be paid back,” she says. “Using PayPal, we can quickly and easily make peer-to-peer payments at the touch of a button so that uncomfortable follow-ups can be a thing of the past.”

Here are some more tips to reduce stress

this holiday season:

1. Make a list of dates. Mark your calendar with key dates like events or travel and include important milestones leading up to them. Consider when you need to pack, hire a babysitter, purchase an outfit, and arrange transportation so you aren't left coordinating at the last minute.

2. Do as much work in advance as possible. If you're hosting a dinner party, pre-chop veggies and make your salad dressing in advance for easy assembly. If your meal can be pre-cooked and frozen for reheating later, take advantage and get the work out of the way well ahead of time.

3. Get out of line and go online. Spend more time playing and less time paying when you shop online from the comfort of your home. And be sure to leave yourself enough time for delivery to avoid any unnecessary stress.



## Creative ways to give back this year

(NC) The holiday season is not just about receiving gifts — it's also about giving. It's no secret that Canadians are generous. In 2015, Canadians ranked sixth on the CAW World Giving Index ranking with 65 per cent of Canadians donating money and 38 per cent volunteering time.

This year, learn how to give back in creative ways or look for opportunities to stretch your charitable dollars even further. Here are some tips to help you get in the spirit of giving:

1. Start a change jar. Challenge your family to put all of their spare change into a jar. At the end of the month, decide where to donate the money together.

2. Donate your talents. If you're a graphic design wiz, help your favourite local non-profit create new materials for an upcoming campaign.

3. Stretch your donation dollars. Add value to monetary donations by giving to a cause through companies that

top up or match donations. For example, from #GivingTuesday on November 29 until December 31, PayPal will add an additional 1 per cent to all donations made through [www.CanadaHelps.org](http://www.CanadaHelps.org). CanadaHelps is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing charitable giving across the country by making it easier to donate and fundraise online.

4. Give gifts that give back. Buy gifts from retailers who give back to a charity or cause. For example, tentree, a Canadian clothing company, plants 10 trees for every purchase made. Peace Collective supports the Breakfast for Learning program through select purchases.

5. Involve your friends. Host a give-back challenge among colleagues to see who can raise the most money or donate the most time to their favourite organizations throughout the month of December.



## 5 tips to keep your family active this winter

(NC) While it's tempting to stay bundled up under blankets and in front of a screen during the colder seasons, it's important to make sure you and your family are still getting the daily minimum of 30 minutes of physical activity to keep minds and bodies healthy. Here are five tips to keep your brood active this winter.

1. Don't be afraid of snow. Winter has some great outdoor sports that are fun for everyone. Skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing are great activities that are family-focused and keep heart rates up.

2. Consider indoor play areas and gyms. Check out your local community centre to see if there are any indoor activities. Many centres have swimming pools, climbing walls, and open gym times to play a fun game of basketball, badminton, or dodgeball.

3. Lace up those skates. Outdoor skating

rinks are exciting for young and old alike. Bring the hockey sticks and pucks and practice your skills on the ice.

4. Create a snow family. Fresh snow on the ground means it's the perfect time to start building those snow people. Rolling large balls of snow will keep bodies moving and the little ones will love being creative when decorating the face.

5. Take a winter hike. Canada is full of beautiful scenery that looks magical when its dusted with snow. Take the kids outside on a hike that lets them learn about our geography and keeps them active.

Bonus tip: Enjoy outdoor fun longer by staying warm with the proper toques, gloves, snow pants, and jackets. To get everything you need in one stop, check out Sport Chek for winter items for men, women, and kids of all ages.

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## How to stay safe while shoveling this winter

(NC) Whether we love or hate snow, shoveling is a reality of winter life in Canada. Clearing sidewalks is important for the safety of pedestrians, but the activity can prove hazardous for those unaccustomed to heavy lifting. Take into consideration the following tips as the snow starts to fall.

Always talk to your doctor about your health status before the winter season to ensure you are fit enough for the task.

Warm up first with a walk or light stretching, this will also help you get accustomed to the cool temperatures outside.

Don't be afraid to take lots of breaks. Drink plenty of water before and after and pay

attention to your core temperature – you don't want to get too hot or too cold.

Dress for the part. Layering from head to toe is always a good option. Look for items like the T-Max hoodie and anti-slip winter boots from Mark's to ensure you stay warm and have good footing.

Always bend from your knees and not your back. Conserve your energy and think about pushing the snow to the edges instead of trying to lift it.

Be a good neighbour. If someone on your street isn't capable of shoveling their sidewalk, consider taking on the task and giving them a hand. More information is available at [www.marks.com](http://www.marks.com).



## Join a different kind of book club this year

(NC) If you're looking for a book club or are already in one but want something a little different this year, check out the Amnesty International book club. With more than 5,000 members across the country, and no in-person meetings or food or wine, this is definitely a different kind of book club.

Started in 2014, the club asks a Canadian author to recommend a Canadian book everyone should read. Amnesty then produces a beautiful discussion guide containing information about the guest who provided the recommendation and the chosen book's author, discussion questions, and some information about a human rights issue related to the story. There's also an online action that book club members can take to help someone whose

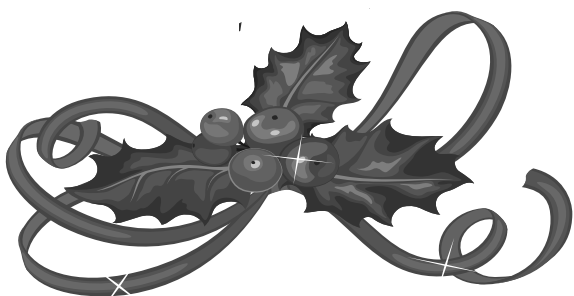
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"Reading good books, discussing plot points and characters, and then being able to take action to help someone makes this a very special kind of book club," explains Catherine Brunelle, book club coordinator.

Previous book recommendations have included both *The Book of Negroes* and *The Illegal* by Lawrence Hill, *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel, *Three Day Road* by Joseph Boyden, *What We All Long For* by Dionne Brand, and *Indian Horse* by Richard Wagamese.

It's free for anyone to join and the discussion guides are great both for people in a book club, or for those who just want to be part of the conversation.

Find more information at [www.amnestybookclub.ca](http://www.amnestybookclub.ca).



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## Flowers for the Altar

I had blond hair and hazel-blue eyes. I smiled easily. During the summer time, I didn't pay too much attention to washing my face that much—just a drop of water, a few little sprinkles, and wipe my face. I had a quick breakfast and off I would go. I didn't have any shoes. I would run around in bare feet. I remember I had one pair of shorts and they were held up with a pair of braces over my shoulders and a little shirt. These were my summer clothes. Unless it was cold that is what I wore pretty well all the time.

One thing I used to do is play "car". I had a tin pan and I would imagine that it was a car wheel.

One day—it was a nice sunny morning—and I decide to play "car". I had my tin pan and I was going around and making car noises with my lips and pretending I was driving the car.

I came to a field of oats between my grandfather's place and our place. I liked the yellow oats growing there, they seemed to be so nice. They were about my height, in fact. I decided I would trample them down—part of it anyway—and make little roads for myself in the oats. So, I started to do that—going up and down in the oats and making roads. It was fun.

My Aunt Margaret came by and she saw what I was doing and she said: "Listen, your father spent a lot of time planting those oats and I don't think he is going to be very happy." She didn't say I shouldn't do it but she said: "I think you should come with me. Come with me to my garden."

So, I went with her to her garden and she had a beautiful flower garden with all kinds of flowers and vegetables. She planted the vegetables and the flowers kind of together and it was like waking into a very pretty little place—a field with Lilac bushes, plum trees, rhubarb, and all kinds of flowers—holly hocks, lilies, and nasturtious (spellings) and so on and so forth.

She said: "What I want to do is pick up a big bouquet of flowers and I want you to walk down and give that to the nuns to put on the altar of the church for tomorrow." Tomorrow being Sunday, for Sunday's mass the next day.

I was a little bit shy and didn't say yes or no but I was kind of pleased she had asked me.

So, she went around with her knife and she cut off this big, big, bouquet of flowers...as much as I could carry in my arms in fact.

So, off I started down the road on this sunny day. It was a dirt road. I was in bare feet. A little bit dusty. And I was carrying this big bouquet of flowers in my arms.

And then, I saw a beautiful black car coming up the road. I thought to myself: "Oh my gosh, there is a car coming." It was not one from the village. It was a visitor.

In the village, we would talk about gypsies at that time. I didn't know much about the idea of "tourists" but these people I learned later were Americans tourists.

They came up with the big black car and I stood right over in the ditch. Basically, I stood in the ditch so they wouldn't notice me very much. Anyhow, the car came up slowly and when it came right beside me it stopped. I became very afraid. I didn't say anything. I just looked at them. The car was full of people and they put down their windows and they started to talk to me. They

said hello and asked me different questions: how I was, what my name was and so forth.

I just looked at these people with a kind of a little smile but then I got afraid again. I just wouldn't say a word. I didn't say one word to them. But I was very interested in the car. I would come up close to the car and look inside a little bit and look at the panels and all the instruments, and I would get very curious and I would come up even closer. But as soon as I noticed they were looking at me, I would pull away and I would go back into the ditch. We kept interacting that way for a little while and they were friendly—they were smiling and trying to get me to say something. I wouldn't say a word. And finally, one of the ladies said: "Oh, what beautiful flowers. Where are you going with the flowers?"

As soon as they opened the door of the car to get out, I pulled away and went further back into the ditch. When they noticed I was afraid, they didn't come any further.

Anyway, they asked if I would sell them the flowers. And I couldn't answer the question. I kind of wanted to sell the flowers. I wondered what would Aunt Margaret say. We could always get another bouquet of flowers for the altar and besides it would be nice to have the money. And I didn't know how much the flowers were worth. I was saying all these things to myself.

And they asked: "Will you sell us your flowers?"

I didn't answer—not a word. I just smiled.

Then the car gradually pulled away and that was my kind of experience with those people.

I was kind of disappointed I hadn't sold the flowers. Then I felt I did the right thing and I walked down and gave them to the nuns at the convent.

I got home and I told Aunt Margaret about the car that had asked me to sell the flowers. I don't remember her saying anything one way or the other. I don't remember her reaction to that.

But I do remember when I got home, Papa (that's what we called my Dad) was looking for me and he said: "What did you do to the oats? Why did you trample down the oats? Why did you make that big road in the oats?"

And again, I couldn't say a word to him. I was thinking: "My gosh, I didn't know I had done anything wrong." He was disappointed and somewhat angry and he said: "You go to your room now and stay there."

He sent me up to my room and I remember just lying there in my bed not knowing what to do. I remember a big thunder storm came. I remember, we always had one spot in the house where my father no matter how he tried he couldn't stop the leak by putting coal tar on the roof. I was just lying in my bed feeling sorry for myself and just feeling sad and there were little drips of water coming in from the roof.

I wasn't in my room very long before my father came up and he said: "Here is a chocolate bar for you." I was just so happy, and just so excited. A chocolate bar was something we didn't get very often. Generally, if we did have a chocolate bar we would have to cut it all up and divide it into little pieces so that everyone in the family got a piece of the chocolate bar. And here was a whole chocolate bar for me. I just couldn't believe it.

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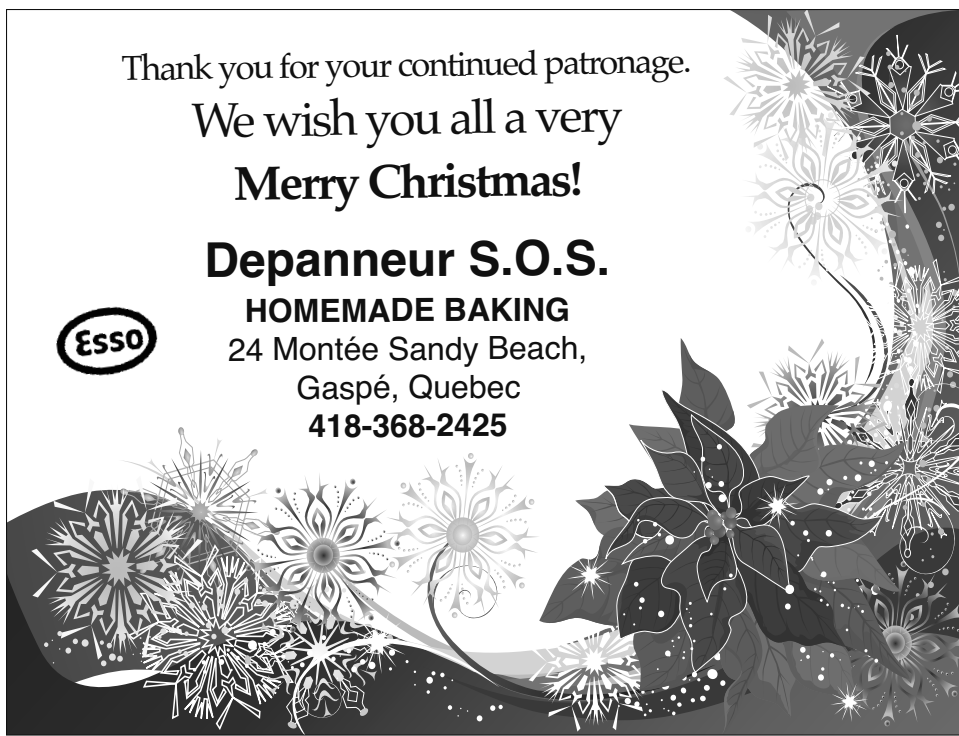
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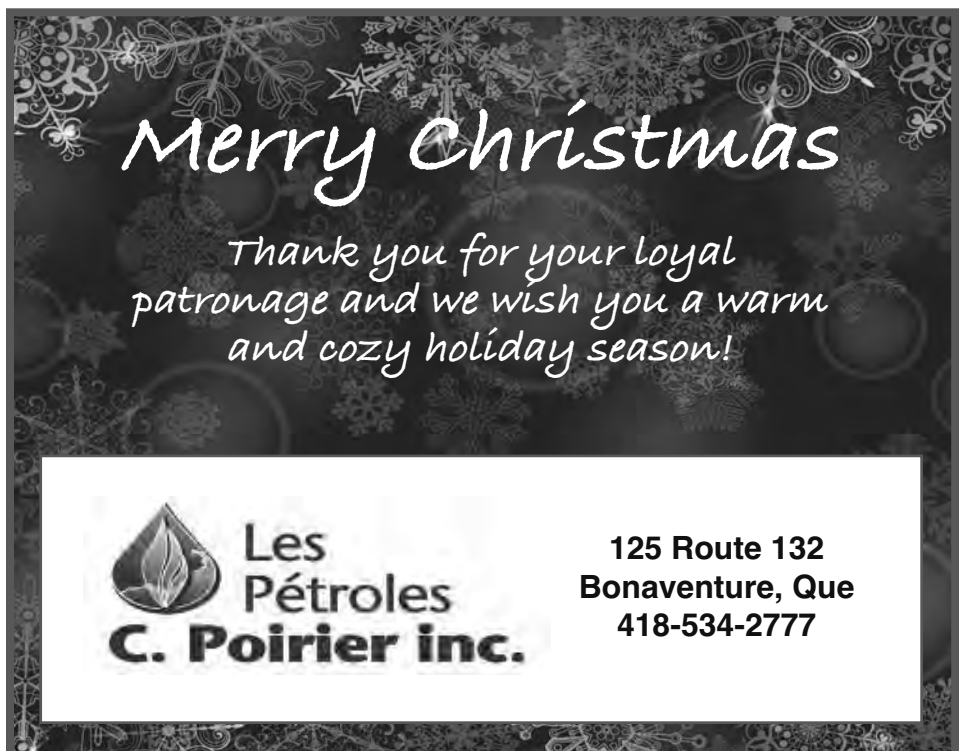


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# Lots of Christmas cheer at annual concert

Elaine Sexton

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES: - The 29th Christmas concert held at the Cascapedia-St-Jules Fifty Plus Club was once again well attended and showed off all the talent our children and adults have.

On behalf of President Russell Campbell, everyone was thanked for their support and all those gathered to hear some Christmas favourites were welcomed.

The children welcomed the audience with a poem and sang a variety of songs which included the always favourite "Jingle Bells," "Rudolph," "Deck the Halls," and other fun tunes. They each had a special decoration that they will keep as a souvenir of this special night.

Mackenzie Tourout sang a solo as did her mom, Shauna Boudreau, and they then did a duet, "Santa Baby."

My sister Darlene and I, accompanied by Jim tried our voices with "Bluegrass, White Snow" along with "Christmas Times a Coming." Jim sang two songs, one being "Halleluia," with a Christmas theme incorporated in it.

We had one last poem by me and the children then welcomed Santa. He arrived right on time to ask the children what they wanted for Christmas. Thank you Santa for taking time out of your busy schedule for us.

There were two door prizes this year. Two centrepieces thanks to A&R Decorations and all the fixings for a Christmas supper thanks to the club.

A big thank-you to the children and the parents who rehearsed with them.

Thanks to Delilah Hardy



Photo: Jenna Boudreau

Children singing at the 29th Christmas concert in Cascapedia-St-Jules

for the beautiful decorations which put everyone working in the canteen in a Christmas mood.

This year every child received a gift that was donated by the army base in Borden, Ontario. They had a surplus of gifts and Karen and Ron Cahill, from our community who live in Ontario, when asked if there was an organization who might want them, were enough to mention us, and they delivered them. We were all very touched with this gesture.

There are no words that can express our thanks to our faithful musician Jim Cahill, who once again accompanied us all. We were not a big crew this year, but we were a lively one.

We will all be back on stage again next year for our 30th anniversary. Remember time goes by so quickly, so if you would like to be part of this great tradition, write it in your agenda as the new year begins.

On behalf of President Russell Campbell and our club, I wish you all the best of health and happiness in 2017.

## The Call of the Wild.



By Joan Woodman

With the crisp winter air, the snowflakes were gently falling and the North star was shining brightly upon us. Finally it was Friday and Saturday, when we could slide, skate and play for hours after our chores were done.

Daddy would faithfully check the thickness of the river ice, he had gained that knowledge, as he and his parents crossed it for years before.

When the barn chores were finished the boys would come in and when I had finished my house duties, it was time to grab our flashlights and sleds and head off to Aunt Beth and Uncle Cecil Milligans'. The Milligan homestead.

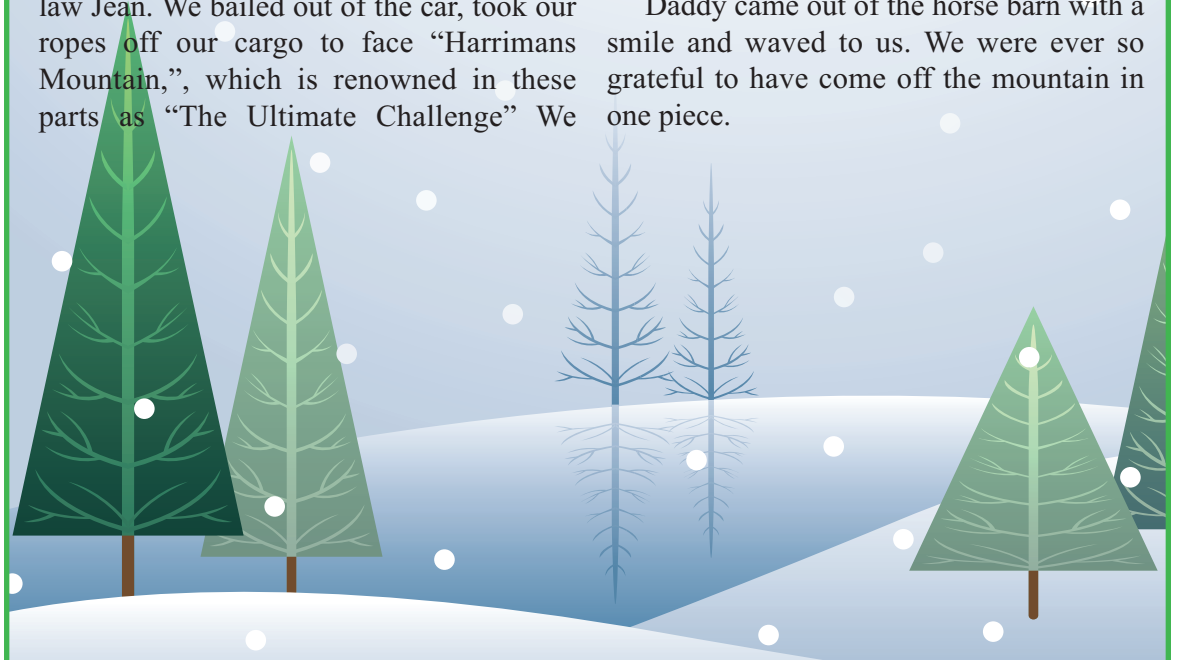
We crossed safely. There was our ride! Edward Dunbar and Darlene were loading their sleds in the truck. Lots of room for ours too. We tied them down tightly for our trek over to Harrimans' Mountain. In climbed Walter, Warren and myself into a 1958 Ford Fairlane. Aunt Beth was just "giving her," we were flying down the Nor' West with the snow banks towering around us. We loved the car ride; it was wild. Our chauffeur shifted gears and then "drifted" around Tippy Cormiers' corner, over the narrow wooden bridge, then just spun the whole way up the hill.

We soon arrived at Aunt Beth's homestead to visit her brother Albert and sister-in-law Jean. We bailed out of the car, took our ropes off our cargo to face "Harrimans Mountain," which is renowned in these parts as "The Ultimate Challenge" We

reached the summit. Back in those days we always slid with an older friend, who could help the younger ones. Well that's where my dear friend, Marshall Coull comes into the story. Did I mention the "hard-sled" we decided to bring was Daddys' barn chores sled. Off Marshall and I went, the "hard-sled" was heavy so the weight made it pick up speed like we were on "turbo-boost," Out of nowhere we saw the "clothesline pole," Timber!! Marshall yelled and so we jumped. We went in different directions. That sled cracked straight down the middle. It hit so hard and so loud the sound echoed off the mountains and over to the valley. Albert came barreling out of his house and asked "What the Jesus happened? Is everyone alright?" Aside from the shock ... I don't think I could reply. He saw the sled and calmly replied to Walter, Warren and myself. "Give me some time and I'll see what I can do". Shortly after we saw Albert coming out with our sled. It was in one piece! We were awestruck; we could not believe it. Precisionly crafted, truly a work of art. We all went home later and placed the sled, yes the hard-sled back in the same spot it had been left in earlier.

The next morning we were having our breakfast before starting our day and our eyes were peeled like stickers on the window.

Daddy came out of the horse barn with a smile and waved to us. We were ever so grateful to have come off the mountain in one piece.



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# Announcements...



## Obituaries



### CLARK: Edgar

Mr. Edgar Clark passed away at CISSS De La Gaspésie CHSLD Monseigneur Ross, on December 8 at the age of 73 years and 8 months.

He is the son of the late Mr. Edmond Clark and the late Mrs. Elsie Jean from Wakeham.

The family received condolences at the Résidence Funéraire Valère Fortin inc., located at 86 Jacques-Cartier St., in Gaspé on Sunday, December 11. The funeral service was held at the Funeral Home on Monday, December 12 at 1 p.m. Interment to follow at St-Jame's Cemetery, Wakeham.

Mr. Clark leaves behind two brothers: Wilson (Darlene), Kimberley (Danielle), three sisters: Wendy, Sandra (Garfield), Suzan, six nephews, four nieces and grand-nephews, grand-nieces and friends.



### DOW: Douglas

March 23, 1952 – December 13, 2016

Douglas passed away at Chandler hospital after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was predeceased by his parents Freda (MacWhirter) and Basil Dow. He leaves to mourn, his two brothers, Wayne (Lotta) and Leslie (Sharon) and nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at St. James Anglican Church in Port Daniel, under the direction of Reverend Nick Forte, assisted by lay reader Margaret Anne Mauger.

The organist was Lois Hayes. Choirs of St. James and St. Paul's sang Amazing Grace and How Great Thou Art. The cross was carried by John Audet.

The family would like to thank friends and family for food brought to the house. Thank you for the cards and memorial donations given to different charities. Also thank you to St. James A.C.P. for the lovely lunch provided after the service.

### MASSIE: Jean Rene (Johnny)

April 26, 1915 – November 5, 2016

Johnny passed away at Manor St. Eustache on November 5, 2016.

He leaves to mourn, his wife of 67 years, the former Doris Patterson of Gaspé, also his children, John Jr. (Dee-Dee) and Robert (Monique).

He was the son of Darciuo Massie and Bertha Proux of Alexandria, Ontario. Predeceased by three brothers, Leo, Henri and Eugene and three sisters, Pauline, Aline and Yvette. Survived by Bruno, Lucien, Reta Lauzon and Madeline Lafort. Johnny worked for 40 years for Nortel, travelling all over Canada and off-shore.

After his retirement he enjoyed bowling, curling and golf. He had a good life. Cremation was held with no viewing or service. Burial at a later date.



### PATTERSON: Ada May

Mrs. Patterson passed away at CSSS De La Gaspésie-Hospital of Gaspé, on December 11 at the age of 90 years and 7 months. She was the wife of the late Mr. Leigh Jones from Sunny Bank.

The family received condolences at St-Andrew's Church in York on Friday, December 16. The funeral service was held on the same day at 2 p.m. Interment to follow at St-Andrew's Cemetery.

Mrs. Ada May leaves behind: two sons: Bruce (Lina), Brent (Leanne), three grandchildren; Catherine, Rylan and Griffyn. Brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces and many friends.

Donations may be made to the Gaspé Hospital Foundation or St-Andrew's Alter Guild.

### Sincere Sympathy

On behalf of the Agricultural Society, we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Brianna, Zachary and all of Lisa's friends and family.

This week, we lost a member of our Board of Directors, Lisa Sauson. Lisa has served as a board member for many years. She had a passion for the handicraft loft and the overall betterment of the community. She was very hardworking and determined to expose handicraft traditions to the next generation. We will sadly miss Lisa at our meetings, at our community events and especially in the handicraft loft at the Annual Shigawake Fair and Music Festival. May we all be as dedicated as Lisa. God Bless.



### YOUNG: Eva Mae (Harrison)

Eva passed away to be with her Lord and Savior, surrounded by the love of her family in Perth hospital on Friday, December 9, 2016, at the age of 83 years.

She was the loving wife of the late Bert Young and devoted mother of Deborah (Larry) Smith, Jim (Barbara) Young and David (Cindy) Young. Eva was loved by her grandchildren Charlie (Christina), Paul (Kerry), Christina (Craig), Jamie (Sylvia), Heather (Daniel), Karen (Jonathan), Michaelia (Cole), Jacob (Shannon) and Brock (Emily). She was the very proud great grandmother of Tony, Marissa, Anthony, Addison, Aislyn, Griffin, Emerson and Rigsby.

Eva was predeceased by her son Tony (Beckie), her sister Karen Phillips and brothers Gregan and Frank Harrison. She was the loved sister of Molly (Tony) Scanga.

Eva will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law Evelyn Murray and Lorraine Young, many good friends she made throughout the years and her Asbury Free Methodist Church family.

Friends paid their respects at the Blair & Son Funeral Home, 15 Gore St., West, Perth on Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

The funeral service was held at the Asbury Free Methodist Church, 144 Gore St. East, Perth on Wednesday, December 14. Interment Scotch Line Cemetery.

In remembrance of Eva, donations to the New Carlisle Bible Chapel Children's Camp or a charity of your choice would be appreciated.



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## In Memory

### CLARK: Ralph, Della and Morris

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free.  
Miss me a little but not too long,  
And not with a head bowed low.  
Remember the love that was once shared,  
Miss me but let me go.  
For this journey we must all take,  
and each must go alone.  
Miss me but let me go.*

Loved and missed always, The Clark Family.

### SMITH: Charles

In loving memory of Chick, who left us on December 20, 2012.

*Death can't separate family from love,  
It can't take away our memories either.*

Loved and remembered by your brothers, Craig and Darryl and sister Starr.

#### Prayer for safe travel

Lord, be our guide and our protector on the journey we are about to take. Watch over us. Protect us from accidents. Keep us free from harm to body and soul. Lord, support us with Your grace when we are tired. Keep us always mindful of Your presence and love. Amen.



### SMITH: Charles William (Chick)

1936-2012

*Your presence we miss,  
Your memory we treasure,  
Loving you always,  
Forgetting you never.*

Your forever loving wife Yvette, son Robert (Sylvie-Anne), daughters Cindy (Rejean), Audra (Bryan) and your beautiful granddaughters Rachel, Stephanie, Taylor, and Ashley.

### WHITE: Leo

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather who passed away December 21, 2013.

*Those special memories of you,  
Will always bring a smile.  
If only we could have you back,  
For just a little while.  
Then we could sit and talk again,  
Just like we used to do.  
You always meant so very much,  
And always will do too.  
The fact that you're no longer here,  
Will always cause us pain.  
But you're forever in our hearts,  
Until we meet again.*

Forever loved and sadly missed by wife Lorna, daughters, Donna, Sandra and Valerie and families.

#### St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us.

Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days, on the eighth day your prayer will be answered.

K.M.A.

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We wish each and everyone of you a peaceful holiday season.  
We thank you for your support and look forward to a new year of publishing news on the Coast.

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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**Saturday, November 18, 2017:** Christmas sale. Details to follow at a later date.

### DOUGLASTOWN:

#### Community Center Upcoming Events

**Thursday, December 22:** Join us for our annual solstice supper. Traditional Christmas supper. \$12 for adults (12 years and up), \$6 for children (5-11 yrs), \$3 for children 4 and under.

**Saturday, December 31:** New Year's Eve breakfast. Traditional menu. From 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. A voluntary contribution of \$7 for adults (12 and over), \$4 for children (5-11) and free for children under 4.

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### SPDS Governing Board Meetings

**Tuesday, January 31:** There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Shigawake Port-Daniel School.

**Tuesday, March 28:** There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Hope Town Log Cabin.

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

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### Annual General Meeting

The Bonaventure Agricultural Society's AGM will be held on **January 16** at 7:30 p.m. at the Shigawake Municipal Hall.

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### New Year's Dance

There will be a New Year's dance on **Saturday, December 31** at the Shigawake community center. Price \$12 per person. Come ring in the New Year with us!

### UNITED CHURCH Sunday, January 1

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Sunday, January 8  
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### SHIGAWAKE:

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### SHIGAWAKE:

#### WI Marcil Branch Advance Notice

**Friday, February 10:** Valentine's Tea. From 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at the 3 Star 50 Plus Club. \$6 per person. Kids 6 and under free. 50/50 and door prize.

### HOPE TOWN:

#### Hope Baptist Church Upcoming Events

**Saturday December 24:** A Christmas Eve service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 25:** A Christmas Day service will be held at 3 p.m.

**Sunday, January 1:** A New Years Day service will be held at 3 p.m. "I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1). We are a Bible-based, Christ-centered and family-focused church. Sunday School is for all ages, it starts at 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.; Worship service starts at 11 a.m.; Friday Kings Club (ages 5-12 yrs) at 3:30 and Young Peoples (ages 12-18 yrs) starts at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us at Hope Baptist Church, 305 Route 132, HopeTown. www.hopebaptistchurch1.com. 418-752-5838. Pastor Paul Bedford BTh. MTh

### HOPE TOWN:

#### Military Whist

There will be a whist party on **Saturday, January 14** at 8 p.m. at

the Hope Town Community Center.

### HOPE TOWN:

#### Community Center

**Saturday, January 21:** There will be a Crib tournament at 1 p.m. \$10 per person. Call Linda or Audrey at 418-752-2015 to register your team before Thursday, January 19.

#### Winter Carnival Schedule:

**Friday, January 27:** Casserole supper from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Adults \$10. Children 7-12 \$4 and under 6 is free. Also a gift bingo at 7:30 p.m. Series of 3/\$20.

**Saturday, January 28:** Games on ice. 1:30 p.m. Family games night starts at 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, January 29:** Hockey. Oldtimers vs Youngtimers. Starts at 1 p.m.

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Bottle Drive

NCHS Grad Class of 2017 will be holding a New Year's Bottle Drive. Students will be collecting redeemable cans and bottles starting at 10 a.m. on **Monday, January 2** in the New Carlisle area. To ensure pick up call Ann at 752-6378. Money raised will help fund their grad trip to Toronto.

### 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:

#### Legion Branch 64 Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, December 28:** Featuring 28 ONE BELOW and The Landsmen. Starts at 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cover charge is \$6 per person. Come enjoy some great

music.

**Saturday, December 31:** New Year's Eve dance. Tickets on sale now. Music by Gwezee. \$25 per couple. \$15 single. Only 70 tickets will be sold.

### NEW RICHMOND:

#### Friperie Notice Holiday Closure

Friperie Entraide de l'É.P.É. will be closed for the holidays on **Friday, December 23**, and **Saturday, December 24**, and also on **Friday, December 30** and **Saturday, December 31**. We will be open again **January 6 and 7, 2017** from 1 a.m. to 3 p.m. We always have a large selection of clothing in all sizes for families as well as furniture. Couches, beds, dressers, etc. If you have items which are still functioning and no longer need them don't throw them away before calling us because there are people who need stoves, fridges, washers, dryers, beds, chairs, tables, etc. For information please call 418-392-5161 (Boul. Perron West, New Richmond).

### NEW RICHMOND:

#### Fundraiser

The Richmond Manor is the owner of a John Wiseman original that hangs in our living room and we also own all of the prints. As a fundraiser we are selling our prints for just \$50 each. This is an unprecedented bargain. What a wonderful Christmas gift it would be to offer someone a symbol of the Gaspé Peninsula. For more information please call Manjula at 418-392-4102.

### CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

#### Celebration of Life

The Grand Cascapedia Women's Institute will be hosting a celebra-

tion of life for Helen McWhirter Campbell. The event will be held on **January 7, 2017**, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cascapedia River Museum, in Cascapedia-St-Jules. Helen was a long time member of the Women's Institute. Family and friends are invited to attend and share memories of a dear friend and a lovely lady.

### CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

#### 50 + Club

#### Upcoming Events

**Every Tuesday:** Prize Bingo at 7 p.m. Entry (2 cards for \$5) and \$1 for each additional card.

### GESGAPEGIAG:

#### Community Market

A community market will be held in the Galgosiet building on **Saturday, January 21**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To reserve a table for \$5 call the band office (Bonnie Jerome) 418-759-3441.

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## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

**Saturday, December 24**

#### New Carlisle

9 p.m. Holy Eucharist

#### Hope Town

4 p.m. Holy Eucharist

#### Shigawake

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist

#### Port Daniel

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, December 25**

#### New Richmond

3 p.m. Holy Eucharist

No service Sunday, January 1

#### GREATER PARISH OF GASPÉ

**Saturday, December 24**

#### Gaspé

3 p.m. Crib service and Holy Eucharist

#### York

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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## Delight with a peppermint candy cane dessert

(NC) Peppermint candy cane could be the official taste of Christmas. For added whimsy, add a sprig of holly and a bow to make this dessert look like a festive wreath. Serves 8.

### Candy Cane Pavlova

- 6 egg whites
- 1 3/4 cups (425 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 tsp (5 mL) white vinegar
- 1 tsp (5 mL) cornstarch
- 2 cups (500 mL) whipping cream
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) granulated sugar
- 1/4 tsp (1mL) peppermint extract (optional)
- 12 to 15 mini candy canes (about 100 g)
- Dark chocolate curls

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 300°F (150°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Trace a 10 inch (25 cm) circle with a marker on the parchment, then add a 4 inch (10 cm) inner circle. When marker dries, flip it over so that the marked side is facing down.
2. Whisk egg whites using an electric mixer until foamy. With mixer running, gradually add sugar. Increase speed to high and whisk until egg whites are glossy, thick, and hold stiff peaks; about 4 to 7 minutes. Stir vinegar with cornstarch until smooth. Whisk into egg whites.
3. Spoon mixture onto prepared sheet following the marker lines to create a wreath. Use the back of a large spoon to create indentations for the whipped cream.
4. Place pan in the oven and reduce temperature to 250°F (120°C). Bake 90 minutes or until meringue is golden and cooked through. Let cool completely.
5. Using an electric mixer on high, whip cream with sugar and peppermint until it forms soft peaks. Spoon into indentations in meringue. Roughly crack 4 candy canes into large pieces and sprinkle over whipped cream, then place 8 whole ones evenly apart so each serving gets a candy cane.

## HELPFUL HINTS



Use a paper clip to help put on a bracelet when you don't have anyone to help you.

## Brie, pear and prosciutto pizza

#### Ingredients

- 30 mL (2 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- 4 portions frozen pizza dough, thawed overnight in refrigerator
- 200 mL (7/8 cup) brie, cut into thin slices
- 2 Bosc pears, cored and thinly sliced
- 30 mL (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 160 mL (about 1-1/2 cups) grated mozzarella cheese
- 4 slices of prosciutto, finely chopped
- 120 mL (1/2 cup) finely chopped parsley



1. Position racks in top and bottom thirds of oven. Preheat to 425F. Lightly spray 2 baking sheets with oil.
2. Dust a counter with flour. Roll out each portion of dough into 8 inch-wide rounds. Top with brie slices, then pear slices. Brush tops of pizza and crust with oil. Sprinkle with mozzarella.
3. Bake in top and bottom thirds of oven, switching sheets halfway through, until bottom of crust is golden and cheese is melted, 20 to 25 minutes. Sprinkle with prosciutto and parsley.

Preparation time: 25 minutes - Makes: 4 servings

## DECEMBER HOLIDAYS WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

### WORDS

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 BIRTH  
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 RELIGION  
 RESOLUTION  
 SHAMASH  
 SUFGANIYOT  
 TEMPLE  
 UJIMA  
 UMOJA  
 YULE

#### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, no one can fool you this week and this is quite an advantage. Make the most of your renewed sense of awareness and use it to make some important decisions.

#### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

A change of scenery could be just what you need, Taurus. Get out of town for a few days and recharge your personal batteries. This respite can do wonders.

#### GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Work in conjunction with a coworker to accomplish a difficult task, Gemini. Embracing your cooperative, team-first side is the right approach in the week ahead.

#### CANCER - June 22/July 22

Big changes are ahead for you, Cancer. Are you ready to turn your schedule on its head for the time being? You will have to make a series of changes in the coming weeks.

#### LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, a hectic schedule on the horizon has you feeling some pressure to get everything done. It's understandable, but afford yourself some time to have fun as well.

## HOROSCOPES

#### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, uncertainty has you considering some options you never gave much thought in the past. Be open to new experiences and embrace this chance to start anew.

#### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, think about exploring your creative side and find out ways to make the most of that exploration. The reward will be well worth the investment.

#### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, just when you think some miscommunication has been smoothed over, you find yourself needing to explain a situation all over again. Remain patient.

#### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, now is a great time to make some healthy resolutions. Changes to your diet or exercise regimen may be just what the doctor ordered.

#### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, do not overlook information that is right in front of you. This

info can help you get through a tricky situation at work that pops up unexpectedly.

#### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, try to schedule a fun diversion that takes you away from the daily grind. A brief getaway may be ideal, or even a night out with friends.

#### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, take a step back and reassess a situation that has frustrated you thus far. A new perspective might do the trick.

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

#### DECEMBER 18

Sia, Singer (41)

#### DECEMBER 19

Alyssa Milano, Actress (44)

#### DECEMBER 20

JoJo, Singer (26)

#### DECEMBER 21

Ray Romano, Actor (59)

#### DECEMBER 22

Ralph Fiennes, Actor (54)

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#### DECEMBER 24

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