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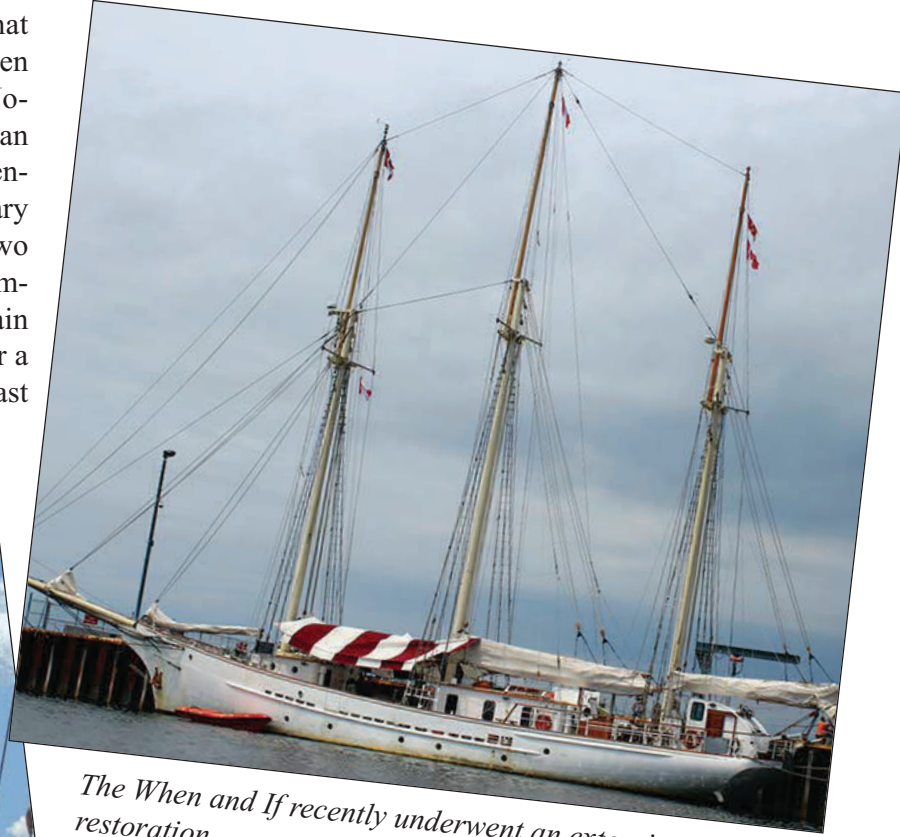
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Thousands of people visit tall ships over the weekend

CARLETON: – In Carleton, the two tall ships that moored at the local wharf, the Blue Clipper and the When and If, drew large crowds for more than two days. Notably due to the state of wharf, the ships were smaller than the ones that moored in Gaspé. Their popularity was enhanced by the celebrations marking the 250th anniversary of the 1767 foundation of Carleton. The stay of the two sailboats was lengthened by six hours because of the number of people wanting to visit them. A small bout of rain combined with sun rays allowed the ships to sail under a rainbow, as they were slowly disappearing off the coast of New Richmond.



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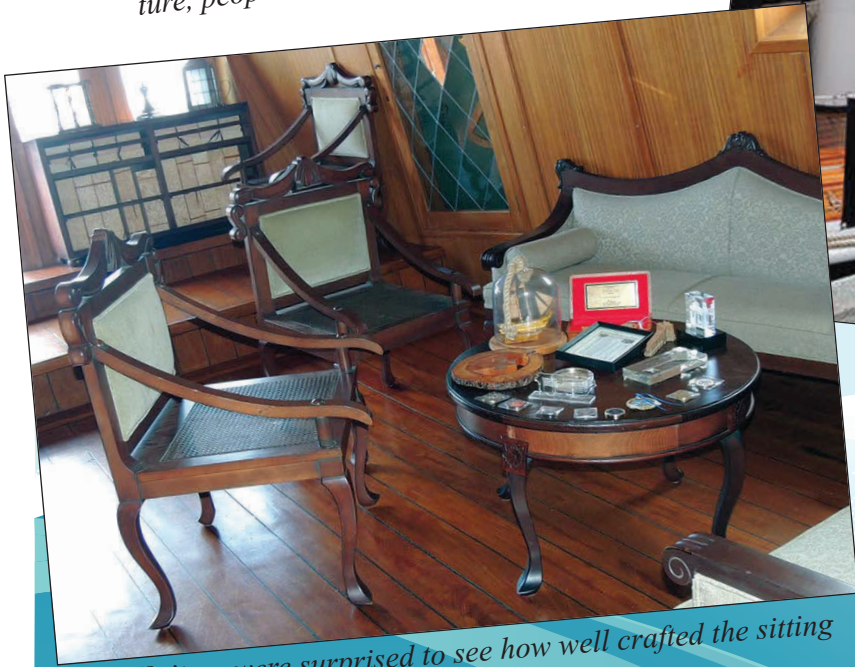


The When and If recently underwent an extensive two-year restoration.

GASPÉ: – Many people took advantage of the opportunity to visit the tall ships: Alexander Von Humboldt II, the Bluenose II, El Galeon, the Jolie Brise and Rara Avis. The tall ships were at the Sandy Beach wharf between July 7 and 9 as part of the RDV 2017 Guest Port Program.



The Bluenose II is a replica of the original Bluenose. The Bluenose II's main purpose is to promote Nova Scotia tourism.



Visitors were surprised to see how well crafted the sitting room in the El Galeon was.

Inside this week



Shigawake-Port Daniel School gets \$2.6M for a gymnasium



Walgwan Centre: 20 years of service



Defence fees jump to \$328,000 for Ristigouche South East in lawsuit initiated by Gastem

Shigawake Port Daniel School gets \$2.6 million for a gymnasium

Gilles Gagné

PORT DANIEL – On June 26, Quebec's Department of Education announced that the Shigawake-Port Daniel School (SPDS) will benefit from the "one school, one gymnasium" policy and get a new gymnasium, a \$2.6 million investment that should have the new building up and running by December 2018.

The news was communicated by Eastern Shores School Board (ESSB) Chairperson Wade Gifford, who was very pleased to announce the new gym to the staff, the parents and their children attending SPDS. Because of the low ceiling the current space cannot be used for certain sports such as basketball.

The gymnasium will be located on the north side of the school. "It will have a surface of approximately 450 square metres, with changing rooms, bathrooms and showers," points out Trevor Renouf, building coordinator for ESSB.

The school board submitted a project in August 2016 with the hope of obtaining a gymnasium for SPDS. Plans prepared by architects Bourbeau, Proulx and Savard were proposed to the Ministry of Education.

Trevor Renouf explains that those plans for an elementary school gymnasium will not necessarily be wholly retained by the Education Department. They will be updated and finalized between September 2017 and May 2018.



Photo: G. Gagné

Shigawake Port Daniel School will soon have a new gymnasium.

"We expect to go for a call for tenders in May 2018. The construction should be completed by December 2018," says Mr. Renouf.

"This addition of a gymnasium to the school will help SPDS ensure an environment conducive to learning while promoting a healthy lifestyle through physical activity," also mentions the school board press release.

Eighteen new gymnasiums will be built in Quebec schools as part of the "one school, one gymnasium" program. The investment totals \$50M.

Trevor Renouf adds that the new gymnasium will be accessible to handicapped people and to the neighbouring communities when not used by pupils.

Ray Venables, who on June 26 was still president of the Eastern Shores Teachers Association, the union representing the school board teaching staff, was not expecting that announcement of the new gym-

nasium.

"My teaching colleagues and I were surprised by the announcement of a new gym at SPDS. Although this is very good news for SPDS, I would like to see more teachers involved in a needs assessment of all ESSB's schools and centres. For example, Belle Anse School doesn't have a gym, and I wonder if a similar project was submitted to the MEES? In terms of priorities, the most pressing need is to improve the internet infrastructure in our school board. Teachers should not be asked to "go home" to join online meetings because the school's internet connection is unreliable, and students should have a reliable broadband internet connection in the 21st century classrooms," he stated.

Mr. Venables stepped down from his ESTA president position on July 1 and is replaced by Gillian O'Rourke-Garrett, a teacher from SPDS.

Save the Gulf of Saint Lawrence

Thierry Haroun

QUEBEC: - In light of recent events, Eau Secours, an organization devoted to the Saint Lawrence River and the Gulf, is asking all government levels to do what has to be done in order to adequately protect its water. "Whales are dying because of probable toxins in the water. Fisheries and Oceans has recently given its go-ahead for oil exploration in protected areas. We also recently learned that a waste site on the North Shore is dumping garbage in the river," says Alice-Anne Simard, spokesperson for Eau-Secours. "Governments have to invest more money to better protect this great water heritage on which more than 3.7 million Quebecers depend for their drinking water. I'm from the Lower Saint Lawrence region and I'm well aware how important that river is for the tourism and fisheries sectors. If whales can die, what will happen next to other species?" she added.

Watch where you park in Percé

Thierry Haroun

PERCÉ: Until September 30, be careful where you park in Percé because there's a good chance that you may get a parking ticket. In fact, there are many streets where you can no longer park your vehicle. They are the following: rue de l'Église, rue Saint-Michel, rue Sainte-Anne, rue du Mont-Joli and rue du Quai. As for route des Failles and rue Biard one cannot park on the east side. Finally, on rue du Cap Barré, seven parking spots are reserved for the visitors of the seniors' residence. This decision was made following an information session held on June 1. Road signs will soon be installed to ensure people respect these new measures. The Town of Percé indicated that the Sûreté du Québec has the authorization to give parking tickets. According to the town, the decision was made for safety reasons during the peak summer season. It should be said that free parking spaces are available near Biard Street.



Heritage New Carlisle greets specials guests

Press release

NEW CARLISLE: - Mr. Jean-François Lisée, leader of the Parti Québécois; Mr. Mathieu Traversy, official opposition representative for tourism; Mr. Sylvain Roy, Bonaventure Deputy; and representatives for Espace René Lévesque, Mr. Louis Bernard and Ms. Hélène Leclère visited the Kempffer Cultural and Interpretation Centre on June 27.

Heritage New Carlisle board members had the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and new members had the opportunity to meet the guests for the first time and chat. Everyone enjoyed visiting the available exhibits.

Betty Anne Smollett, newly-elected president of Heritage New Carlisle and Jacqueline Mallet, pro-mayor, remarked what a pleasure it was to chat with Mrs. Leclère, wife of Mr. Louis Bernard, President of the Fondation de la Maison René-Lévesque. She was so encouraging and thought that our new ideas were wonderful regarding Julia's tea corner, among other things. This event was the perfect example of a true partnership between the two cultural organizations.

Closure of operating beds

Thierry Haroun

GASPÉ PENINSULA: - The Gaspésie Health and Social Services Center (CISSS) will close operating beds in all four of its hospitals this summer. The medical authority reassures the population that the quality of services will be maintained.

Québecor Media recently divulged that across the province a total of 778 operating beds will close in 43 hospitals during the summer season, mainly from the end of June until the beginning of September. That number is lower than last year when 925 beds had been closed.

Regionally

Reached at the head office located in Gaspé, the

spokesperson of the CISSS de la Gaspésie, Johanne Méthot, confirmed operating beds will be closed between July 16 and August 27. Here are the numbers in details: five out of 38 beds will be closed at Chandler Hospital, five out of 43 at Gaspé Hospital, four out of 29 at Sainte-Anne-des-Monts Hospital and three out of 61 beds at Maria Hospital.

"In the Gaspé, as is the case also across the province, there's a slowdown period that corresponds to the summer season for the operating rooms because people take vacations. They are busy for all sorts of reason. They receive family and friends and so forth," says Johanne Méthot, before adding this: "It's not the first time we do this. We've been doing it

over the past few years. We foresee a slowdown period and during that period it gives the opportunity to our medical personnel, nurses, and so forth to take vacations also."

Same quality of service

But there's nothing to worry about in terms of quality services offered to the population despite the foreclosure of beds during those six weeks. "Emergency cases will be treated as they should," assures Johanne Méthot. "It would really like to point out something important. Those faced with emergency cases or cancer cases will be operated on as they should. There's no problem whatsoever and there's nothing to be worried about. That has to be clear," she added.

BOURQUE: Profit dependent on additional work

Geneviève Gélinas

GASPÉ: — Additional work is required before Pétrolia can expect profitable oil or gas production in the Bourque area on the Gaspé, announced the company. Moreover, this additional work could include hydraulic fracturing, which raises concerns among environmental groups.

Up until now, an amount of \$32 million has been spent in the Bourque project, located between Murdochville and Grande-Vallée. Pétrolia drilled two horizontal wells last fall. Recorders were lowered into both wells to collect pressure data. The analysis of that data established the presence of oil and gas in the reservoir, but it is too tight for hydrocarbons to naturally flow in a profitable way.

“It must be noted that 80% of new wells in Canada are completed with hydraulic fracking and that more than 200,000 wells have been fracked in Canada,” writes Pétrolia in its press release.

“Pétrolia will propose to its

partners, *Ressources Québec* and Tugliq, to resume the production tests and then to study the best options for stimulation and completion. The stimulation can be, for example, injection, hydraulic fracturing or pumping,” explained Pétrolia spokesperson, Jean-François Belleau.

The fracturing process consists of pumping underground a mix of water (or another liquid), sand and chemicals to break apart rock, freeing oil or gas to rise to the surface.

The industry uses the word fracturing, or “fracking” when using a certain volume of fluid. Below that volume, the companies refer to “injection.”

Groups, such as *Tache d’huile* and *Environnement Vert plus*, think that Pétrolia is “revealing its true colours in regards to its Bourque drillings.” Hydraulic fracturing “adds natural canals which make it easier for gas to reach groundwater or the air,” they say.

“Fracturing showed how dangerous it is at all levels, from earthquakes to global

warming, including ground-water and watercourses contamination (...). If it’s unacceptable for Anticosti (Island) and in several countries, what justifies that it would be acceptable for the Gaspé?” asks Nastassia Williams of *Tache d’huile*.

Depending on the stimulation method to be used afterwards, the casing and cementation of horizontal wells, such as Bourque, are not built in the same way. “They have to know if they’re going to do fracturing. If they know, why don’t we know? For fracturing or any other non-conventional method, there are risks. They have to be presented and the population has to be consulted,” says Ms. Williams.

The Quebec government invested \$8.5 million in the last drilling campaign at Bourque, through *Ressources Québec*, an *Investissement Québec* subsidiary. Ms. Williams sees a “major incoherence” since the government has committed to reducing the greenhouse gas emissions.

Sylvain Roy to run again

Gilles Gagné

BONAVENTURE: — Parti Québécois leader Jean-François Lisée announced that Bonaventure riding Member of the National Assembly Sylvain Roy will run again in the October 2018 election. Mr. Lisée spent two days in that riding at the end of June.

Mr. Roy was first elected on September 4, 2012, and was a Member of the minority government of Pauline Marois. On April 7, 2014, he kept his seat by a narrow margin against Damien Arsenault of the Liberal Party, the man he had defeated in 2012.

April 2014 was the third battle between the two men, since Mr. Arsenault had more votes than Sylvain Roy on December 5, 2011, in the by-election held to fill the position vacated by Nathalie Normandeau when she retired from politics.

“Sylvain has proven his capacity and we are glad to have him back for the 2018 election,” pointed out Mr. Lisée during a stop in the town of Bonaventure.

Meanwhile, Jean-François Lisée expressed his concern for the future of the Gaspé Peninsula if another Liberal Party

government is elected in October 2018.

“I am significantly stunned by the discrepancy between the will and the innovative capacity of the people (...) on one side, and the loss of development tools caused by government cuts. We saw Gaspésians that are busy pushing for their development. They told us that they lost their tools, that they hardly get answers from government officials, and that they face hurdles in their attempt to move forward. Certain communities even experience a lack of manpower. We see a Gaspé Peninsula that is at the opposite position of the pessimistic image that is often presented of the region. Gaspésians are working very hard to develop,” explained Mr. Lisée.

He mentioned some of the Liberal Party government cuts. “They cut about \$12M in annual regional development funding (in the Gaspé Peninsula and Magdalen Islands),” emphasized Mr. Lisée, adding that the FAIR (*Fonds d’aide aux initiatives régionales*) will expire on April 1. That fund is endowed with a maximum envelope of \$6M yearly.

“In the health sector, there is no communication between the population and the board of

health organizations. All those organizations were merged to create the CISSS (the French acronym for Health and Social Service Integrated Centre) and very little information comes out of that new board,” said Mr. Lisée.

He is also worried about the effects of Optilab, the centralization of two region’s health sector’s laboratories in Rimouski, a situation that will likely cause delays in the treatment of patient’s samples.

“That would be axed (under a Parti Québécois government). The only effect of Optilab so far is that people (health sector employees) will be moved from one region to another,” he affirmed.

Jean-François Lisée assured that his party would restore the pre-2014 regional development budgets. However, he doesn’t commit to reinstating the *Conférence régionale des élus*, the CRÉ, the now-defunct body that is in charge of a large part of regional development budgets.

“We resist the temptation of recreating the (organizational) structures. The “Table of prefects” is active in regional development. We would consult the stakeholders in place,” he said.

Police report

The Sûreté du Québec has recently released the statistics of their operations during the 2016-2017 financial year in the two regions of the Gaspé Peninsula and Magdalen Islands and Lower Saint Lawrence which form the Sûreté du Québec district of Eastern Quebec.

The number of crimes committed against people rose very slightly in 2016-2017 compared to 2015-2016. Crimes such as assault, uttering threats and forcible confinement increased to 2,503 for the financial year that ended on March 31, 2017, compared to 2,431 the previous year, which is an increase of 72 crimes.

“It is not a significant rise. We could say that it is stable. The average of the last four years was 2,471 crimes against people. Meanwhile, the number of crimes against property dropped sharply to 3,231 compared to 3,483 in 2015-2016. The average of the last four years was 3,573. So the reduction of the last year is significant,” explains Sgt. Claude Doiron, spokesperson for the Sûreté du Québec.

Efforts to curtail drug trafficking were also stable in 2016-2017, as 760 files were dealt with, compared to 741 in 2015-2016. The average of the last four years was 792. “We can call it stable there as well. Despite the intent of the federal government to legalize marijuana, we are still applying current laws. We are not giving up. We know that the legalization process is ongoing but so many things can happen between now and July 2018 set by the government. Legalization can be delayed. We will adjust as time passes,” points out Sgt. Doiron.

The number of impaired driving cases reached 576 during the last financial year, compared to 614 cases in 2015-2016 and 651 cases on the average over the last four years. “It is a drop of 38 cases. It is a trend that we have observed all over Quebec,” says Sgt. Claude Doiron.

The number of fatal accidents dropped to 17 during 2016-2017, from a total of 34 collisions in 2015-2016. The average of the four previous years was 26. “It is always delicate to say that the situation improved, because one fatal collision is one too many. It is interesting to see that the number is diminishing though. We think that awareness campaigns as well as our presence on the roads are improving the numbers,” says Sgt. Doiron.

Overall, the Sûreté du Québec detachments of Eastern Quebec received 49,691 calls in 2016-2017, calls that are sorted out in three classes of priorities. The priority 1 calls amounted to 32,564, compared to 11,779 for priority 2 calls and 5,348 for priority 3 calls. The average of the last four years was a total of 47,206 calls.

On the evening of July 4, the Sûreté du Québec detachment in Gaspé and the major crime squad based in Chandler carried out a drug bust in a Douglastown house and arrested two people. Police officers seized close to 1.5 kilogram of cannabis, drug paraphernalia and an undisclosed amount of cash. The two men in the house are aged 20 and 48. They were questioned and released. They will be summoned to appear at the Percé courthouse at a later date on drug-trafficking related charges.

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Commentary

Gilles Gagné

The amount given to Omar Khadr: previous decisions killed wiggle room

Is the \$10.5 million compensation given to Omar Khadr exaggerated or is it fair? It might take a few months of reflection to judge that matter but the amount is far from the only original aspect of that ordeal.

Born in Canada in 1986, Omar Khadr was enrolled as a child soldier by his father after following him to Afghanistan. He was 15 when he was arrested by American troops in July 2002. He had just been involved in open fights against American soldiers and had received three shots in the chest. He was so badly injured that he asked his enemies to kill him.

During the fight that had just taken place, American Sergeant Christopher Speer was fatally wounded by a grenade allegedly thrown by Omar Khadr. The 15 year-old adolescent was made prisoner instead of being killed by the other American soldiers. He was treated for his injuries and was later sent to Guantanamo prison in Cuba, the place where many terrorists were incarcerated.

At the time, Omar Khadr fitted every norm defining child soldiers, either by Canadian or United Nations standards.

Both Liberal Party and Conservative Party governments completely ignored the status of Omar Khadr. They objected to applying the rules of Canada and international laws in that regard.

In 2010, Omar Khadr entered a plea of guilty in front of an American military tribunal. The real reason was to be released from the inferno of Guantanamo and be repatriated to Canada. After all, he was a Canadian citizen. In 2010, Khadr was the last western world citizen to remain in Guantanamo, an embarrassing situation for Canada.

He eventually won his case in front of the Supreme Court of Canada, whose judges unanimously agreed that the country had violated in-

ternational laws Canada had signed and committed to respecting.

When the financial settlement was reached with Omar Khadr a few days ago, the Canadian government had already coughed up \$4.5 million in legal fees linked to that case. Now aged 31, Khadr is suing the government for \$20 million, and has a fair shot at winning.

What was the reasonable thing to do, opt for a settlement or sink more money in a wicked case, with a possibility of paying higher compensation?

Justin Trudeau has not impressed most political analysts with his decision-making since winning the October 2015 election but in the case of Omar Khadr, he had very little wiggle room. He had to pick up the mess left by Jean Chrétien, Paul Martin and Stephen Harper.

Former general Roméo Dallaire, one of the most respected former army officers not only in

Canada but in the world, praised Justin Trudeau's "courageous yet fair decision." That says it all.

Conservative Party officials will complain about the recent deal for months, probably for years to come. To boost their arguments, they refer to images of Khadr making bombs. However, he was 14 or 15 years of age at the time. Like the Canadian Taxpayers Federation they would still complain if Khadr had received \$50,000 instead of \$10.5 million.

A few years after Khadr's incarceration, Canadian civil servants completely ignored international rules when they "visited" him at Guantanamo, knowing before questioning him that he had been tortured. Unfortunately, we have no images of that, however, chances are that common sense will prevail, that the population will understand that there was very little space for Justin Trudeau this time around.

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Track repairs have begun in the Chandler area

Gilles Gagné

CHANDLER: – During the last full week of June, a small crew of the Gaspésie Railway Society employees started to put in place the rails and ties that were washed out during the December 30, 2016 storm.

The repairs are minimal for now. The rails and ties are put back so that a hi-rail maintenance truck can inspect the line east of Caplan and all the way to Gaspé. The operation so far has cost a little over \$20,000 for the most damaged spot, near mileage 42, which is located between the Chandler train station and the bridge spanning over the Grand Pabos River.

“It is remarkable what three guys can do with a loader used over three days, a bulldozer for half-a-day and 15 truckloads of gravel,” summed up Luc Lévesque, director general of the Gaspésie Railway Society, showing SPEC the result of his crew’s work. He was also involved in most of the work.

The funds came from the Gaspésie Railway Society even if the line belongs to Transports Québec.



Photo: G. Gagné

Luc Lévesque shows part of the work his crew carried out for a paltry budget of \$20,000.

On May 5, the Quebec government announced \$100 million for the upgrading of the Matapedia to Gaspé line, including the repairs that have to be carried out on many bridges. The announcement was made by Premier Philippe Couillard, however, no time frame was provided by him.

“We are taking our own funds without knowing if we will be paid back. Transport Québec was informed of the work we are doing here, and

they gave us a go-ahead. To me, putting the line back in place is a matter of safety. It also looks better,” adds Mr. Lévesque.

A train would not be allowed to pass on the tracks considering the minimal state of repair they were in after the end of June chores. However, Luc Lévesque considers that adding \$75,000 over the fall, and before the big storm season, would complete the repair task of the spot that was hit the hardest in Decem-

ber, a 2,000 foot stretch that had not received valuable protection since 2010.

“We need 2,000 to 3,000 tonnes of ballast and between 1,000 and 1,500 new ties. We will bring the temper machine to level that stretch of tracks and it will be repaired for trains,” points out Mr. Lévesque.

Following the December storm, he prepared a document for Transports Québec describing the list of works that would have to be carried out in order to repair the six spots that were then damaged. The total bill for the six spots amounted to between \$700,000 and \$900,000.

When the minister responsible for the Gaspé Peninsula, Sébastien Proulx, stopped in Chandler on January 12, he was seeing track repairs in that area as an almost insurmountable task, notably expressing that the line was in such bad shape that some spots were not reachable.

Luc Lévesque doesn’t know if Transport Québec will agree to earmark money over the fall for the protection of the stretches that are currently repaired. He is revising his first cost assessment.

“If the most affected spot can be repaired for \$75,000, and considering that there are five other spots, math tell us that it won’t cost \$900,000,” he simply says.

The other damaged spots are located in Pabos Mills, two places near mileage 41, in Pabos, near mileage 48, in Corner-of-the-Beach, Barachois, and in Douglastown.

“In Pabos, the rocks protecting the track were not washed out but some of the ballast was, due to the waves. It is minor. In Pabos, the work is comparable to Chandler’s but the spot is shorter. The tracks are also protecting highway 132 and we will, in all likelihood, get some assistance there from the road division of Transports Québec because of that aspect. In Barachois, there is very little erosion. In fact, we have to clear the sand on the track. In Douglastown, we have to do some protection work for the track but that’s it,” explains Luc Lévesque.

So far, there is no information about the way the sum of \$100 million announced on May 5th will be invested or when some of the money will be available

Woodchip cars are in, cement silo ready for tests

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: – Chandler track repairs are not the only progressing file at the Gaspésie Railway Society. Twenty-five woodchip cars were delivered on June 26. The cars are leased for four years, with the option to buy. The construction of the silo that will be used to ship out part of McInnis Cement Port Daniel’s plant output was also completed over the third week of June.

“Sixteen of the 25 woodchip cars are already in New Richmond and the others are in Matapedia. They will be put in service gradually. They have to go to the Rail GD shop for minor repairs and checked before being put back in service,” explains Luc Lévesque, director general of the Gaspésie Railway Society, the operator of the Matapedia-Gaspé line.

All of the 25 cars, built in 1979, will be in service before the end of the summer. “They will replace the cars leased from CN. That will improve our profitability and secure that traffic which was put in



Photo: G. Gagné

Some of the woodchip cars leased in Oregon by the Gaspésie Railway Society arrived in New Richmond on June 26.

jeopardy at times over the last three years,” adds Mr. Lévesque without further explaining.

Éric Dubé, president of the Gaspésie Railway Society, has stated on several occasions that CN was charging too much for woodchip cars. Number-wise, woodchip cars represent a significant amount of traffic for the GRS, which is under municipal control. The rates charged by CN were nullifying the profits that could have been made for woodchip hauling.

Approximately 1,000 woodchip cars are loaded annually at the Temrex sawmill in Nouvelle and delivered to the White Birch paper mill in Rivière-du-Loup. This year, in New Richmond, more than 1,000 cars will be loaded with windmill blades, a traffic that is becoming number one on the Gaspésie line.

As for hauling cement, Luc Lévesque points out that tests have to be carried out on the silo before the track is re-installed under it. “We will use a truck for the unloading and

loading test. Then, we will put the track back in place under it. We will start as soon as we get a signal from McInnis Cement,” he says.

The Gaspésie Railway Society is also ready to load lumber in New Richmond, near the Fabrication Delta plant, a bit to the northwest. The lumber is produced by the Association coopérative forestière de Saint-Elzéar sawmill.

“We are waiting for a call from the Saint-Elzéar mill broker. Maybe the lumber dispute (between Canada and the

United States) is slowing down the process but we are ready,” says Mr. Lévesque.

The next windmill blade train is scheduled for July 22nd. It will be the eighth such train since that new traffic materialized in December. The blades are made by the LM Wind Power plant in Gaspé and trucked to New Richmond because the railway is closed east of Caplan. That situation contributed heavily to the Quebec government’s decision to allot \$100 million for the Gaspé Peninsula railway.



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Railway Society looks for ways to benefit from new federal program

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: – The president of the Gaspésie Railway Society, Éric Dubé, and his director general, Luc Lévesque, are considering ways to take advantage of the new transport infrastructure program announced on July 4 by Canada's Transport Minister, Marc Garneau.

The federal government plans to invest \$2 billion over the next decade into trade and transport infrastructure, including trade routes along the Canada-United States border. Parts of that border have become clogged and are in urgent need of expansion.

Indirectly, that issue might affect some of the Gaspésie Railway Society customers, including its biggest client, revenue-wise, General Electric, which is likely to export close to 1,000 blades to the United States in 2017 alone. The blades are produced by the LM Windpower plant in Gaspé. LM Windpower is now wholly owned by General Electric.

"We are looking at the new program. We are weighing opportunities and we are trying to learn if the program applies to us. We are not the owners of the line. We are the operators

of the line. The Quebec government owns it. Will the Quebec government embark on that kind of partnership with the federal government? I don't know," says Mr. Dubé.

Another side of the federal program could be relevant for the Gaspésie Railway Society, as Minister Garneau stated that other projects the government will consider funding are those that reduce the effects climate change and severe weather might have on transportation routes.

Currently, the Gaspésie Railway Society direction wants to load LM Windpower's blades in Gaspé but the line east of Caplan was put in a dormant state by Quebec's Department of Transport in 2015.

The blades are consequently hauled by truck between Gaspé and New Richmond where they are transferred to railcars. That stretch represents two-thirds of the line. Up to five vehicles, including police cars and escort pickup trucks, are required for each blade. The cost per blade is considerably increased because of that factor, and so are polluting emissions.

"Like Gaspé, we want to reach Port Daniel as soon as

possible because traffic destined to the United States could originate from there as well. Smaller quantities of cement are likely to be exported by train instead of by ship. So it (the federal program) could be a factor there as well," adds Mr. Dubé.

Before the line is repaired between New Richmond and Port Daniel, some of the McInnis Cement output will be trucked to New Richmond and transferred to railcars, again with an impact on gas emissions.

The management of the Gaspésie Railway Society is even considering investing in the line repairs despite not owning it anymore. This could be a way to get federal funding.

"We just invested \$20,000 in Chandler to partially fix the damage caused by last winter's storms. It will happen again, I guess. We just need permission from Transports Québec. We are now profitable and we will do two things with our profits: invest money in our equipment and invest money on the line," explains Éric Dubé.

Minister Garneau specifically mentioned railways when he announced the new program.

Reflections

by

Diane Skinner Flowers



Lovely Lupines

Driving along the Gaspé Coast is a visually stunning experience. Now, add to that, the strikingly beautiful array of purple, pink, blue, yellow and white growing at the side of the roadways. These are lupines, a member of the pea family, that grows in tall majestic spikes of up to 4 feet in height. The alternative spelling of lupines is also lupins.

We love lupines because of their intense colours and they love sandy soil. This is why they are often found near beaches. They are a beautiful example of wildflowers and are often, but not always, perennials. Plant them once and hopefully they will come back year after year.

The flowers of the lupine are striking but examine the leaves because they are lovely as well. They are normally gray-greenish or a soft green in colour, and are covered in dense, short silvery hairs. The seeds of lupines, which are sometimes referred to as lupine beans, were popular in Ancient Rome. In Australia the lupine seeds or beans are cultivated as a food. They are high in protein, antioxidants and fiber; and are low in starch and contain no gluten. They are currently used in baking, sauces and in fermented foods. They can be used to feed pigs, poultry and for farmed fish.

In Europe lupines are sold in a salt solution, like olives. In Egypt you will see people walking along the street eating them as a salty snack food. In North America, aboriginals used the seeds as a food. Some people have allergies to lupines and it is often found that people who have peanut allergies are also allergic to lupines.

They do not mind poor soil and actually help to enrich the soil. They increase the nitrogen levels in the soil thus benefitting other plants growing around them.

Lupines are not just beautiful and can be consumed but they are hosts to endangered butterflies. If you wish to 'save the butterflies' and want to plant lupines you can use seeds or cuttings. They like a sunny spot and a well-drained soil, like a hillside or ditch. If you are planting seeds, best to soak them overnight in water so that the seed coating is softened. Other gardeners have had success with putting the seeds in the fridge for a week to allow them to chill. Plant lupines in the fall for best results and while they are in the ground all winter they will be chilled.

Lupines love acidic soil so you can help out by adding coffee grounds, peat moss or evergreen needles to make the soil more acidic. Lupines like to stay put where they are planted. Transplanting is less successful because they do not like having their roots disturbed. But if you do transplant, scoop way underneath the plant roots and re-plant quickly in a well-watered hole with a little gravel or even sand at the bottom. Remember that the lupines love soil that has good drainage. This is why they grow so well in ditches, because the water drains away from the sides of the ditch. Add sun and you have the perfect environment for your lupines.

Once you get your lupines started, they will 'self-seed.' If you are an adventurous gardener you can save the seeds from the lupine plants. Wait until the fall when the seed-pods turn brown and appear dry. Pick the pods and save them in a cool dark place for next season.

Even if you do not grow your own lupines, you can still enjoy the lovely, colourful lupines growing abundantly and proudly on the Gaspé.



Photo: T. Haroun

Mickaël Cloutier.

Ranked seventh in the world!

Thierry Haroun

PERCÉ: - Mickaël Cloutier, from Cape Cove (near Percé), is now ranked seventh in the world following the Powerlifting World Championships held on June 25 in Minsk, Belarus. "I'm extremely satisfied with my results. It was really a great experience and I'll be even more ready when the World Championships will take place in Calgary next year if ever I make the team again. I would be proud once again to represent my country," says the athlete, aged 25, who's the Quebec champion in his category (less than 120 kg or 264 lbs). He competed against the best of ten other countries, such as the United States, Ukraine, Lithuania, Sri Lanka and Great Britain. His results are the following: At the squat he lifted 689 lbs, at the bench press 485 lbs and at the deadlift 689 lbs. For more information and to follow his career one can visit his facebook page.

Walgwan Centre: 20 years of service

Diane Skinner Flowers

GESGAPEGIAG: - The Walgwan Centre, founded in 1996 in the Mi'gmaq community of Gesgapegiag, provides treatment and a healing environment for young members of the Indigenous community who struggle with substance abuse. The 20th anniversary was officially celebrated on Saturday, July 8 from sunrise to 4:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Centre. It is the only treatment centre of its kind in eastern Canada.

The celebration began at sunrise and pipe carriers were invited to ceremonially begin the day. Breakfast was held under a big tent and at 11:00 a.m. the official opening was held. Highlights of the day included an Elder song

played on the big drum and some young dancers from the community. Approximately 125 people attended the event on a beautiful summer day. The day included recognition for different people in the community. One group that was thanked was the police of Gesgapegiag who Director of Walgwan Centre Pamela Charlong says has provided remarkable support to the Centre. Also recognized was Christopher Caplan, 13 years old, who donated a moose to Walgwan. Pamela says that the residents ate moose all winter!

The Walgwan staff work together as a team to help Indigenous youth, aged 12 to 17, transition towards a healthier and better life by providing holistic and cul-



Photos: Courtesy of the Walgwan Center

Participants at the anniversary: from the left employee Jackie Dimock, and elders Irene Sanipass from Elsipogtog, NB, and Ramona and Bernard Jerome from Gesgapegiag.

tural care. The Centre, explains Pamela Charlong,

takes care of four aspects of well-being: the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual.

The Centre has 12 beds, so can meet only a small portion of the needs of the Indigenous population. Board Chair Jacqueline Kistabish states, "In the current context of reconciliation, it is important for us to be a leader in our field. We want to inspire governments, public organizations and communities to work with us to help youth and their families. The physical and mental health of Indigenous youth is essential to the well-being of communities and represents a wealth for our future."

Director Pamela Charlong shares that the strategic plan

in place for 2017 – 2022 is looking towards treatment not just for the youth, but their families as well. From a feasibility study it was determined that parents do want to become involved. It is an ambitious new direction for Walgwan, one that Pamela is very enthusiastic about. She says, "We are a family here. Talk to any staff member and you will realize how committed and dedicated they are."

The Walgwan Centre is moving forward under the banner, "Get together, journey together, grow together." This new strategic plan defines a series of actions to support, engage and empower each youth through their personal journey.



During the anniversary, the close collaboration of the Gesgapegiag Police Department was celebrated, with a plaque presented to a young policeman from Gesgapegiag, Dave Condo (centre) by Cultural Coordinator Theresa Caplin (left) and Executive Director Pamela Charlong (right)

Defence fees jump to \$328,000 for Ristigouche South East in lawsuit initiated by Gastem

Gilles Gagné

RISTIGOUCHE SOUTH EAST: – The defence fees of the Municipality of Ristigouche South East regarding the lawsuit initiated by Gastem have ballooned to \$328,000, from \$225,000, according to a recent assessment. Mayor François Boulay is consequently asking all Quebec municipalities to help the village of 157 inhabitants. Mr. Boulay sent a letter on July 6 asking for help.

In August 2013, Gastem, an oil and gas exploration company, initiated a \$1.5 million lawsuit, seeking compensation for the adoption of a March 2013 regulation by Ristigouche South East. The regulation forbids oil drilling operations less than two kilo-

metres from a water source. All of the village's households depend on artesian wells for their drinking water.

"I am absolutely not shy to ask for financial support from the municipal sector. I call upon all the mayors of Quebec. If Ristigouche South East loses, the impact on the perception and the capacity of a municipality to protect commonwealth will be greatly affected," says Mayor Boulay.

In July 2014, Ristigouche South East launched a fundraising campaign in order to raise \$225,000, the amount presumed sufficient at the time to assure the municipality's defence. That defence amount is now \$328,000. The compensation sought by Gastem reaches

\$1.5M, five-and-a-half times the annual budget of the village.

Since the summer of 2014, Ristigouche South East has raised \$182,473 from various sources in order to pay its defence fees. There is a gap of close to \$146,000 to reach \$328,000, a gap that François Boulay explains easily.

"Two years passed between the lawsuit notice given by Gastem, on August 30, 2013, and the submission of the complete files (by the company and the municipality) to the Superior Court, in September 2015. Two more years are passing before the hearing of the case, between September 5 and 18. Yes, the time factor costs more and yes, the case is more complicated. Some things have

evolved in Quebec over the past four years and we must include those aspects in the preparation of the case. That costs money too," he adds.

"In 2015, we had anticipated a four-day trial. The case was then believed to be worth 13 court days. The judge in charge of court coordination determined that 10 days would be sufficient. It remains longer than four days," he further explains.

François Boulay emphasizes that "there are 1,273 municipalities in Quebec and if 1,000 of them support Ristigouche South East financially, they will only have to pay \$146 per municipality to complete our defence budget. The jurisprudence that will come out of that trial is capital for the municipal world,"

says Mr. Boulay.

He is encouraged by the derogation request submitted to the Department of the Environment by 230 municipalities asking Minister David Heurtel to use his discretionary power to allow an extension of the protection zone between an oil drilling and a water source. The municipalities are asking for a two-kilometre buffer zone. Quebec's current regulation limits that zone to 500 metres.

Those 230 municipalities represent a total population of 3.5 million Quebecers.

"I am entitled to make the Quebec rule more strict, in the name of public interest. The City of Montreal agrees

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53rd Annual Fishing Tournament

Saint-Simeon's 53rd annual fishing tournament will be starting on July 16 and running until July 23. Events such as super bingo (July 16), line dancing (July 20), a pool tournament (July 19), a masked ball (July 22), a washer tournament (June 23) and a horseshoe tournament (July 22) will also take place.



Activities will also be available for children of all ages. If you are a competitive fisherman and like to compete against others for love the sport of fishing, this is the place for you to be! For more information, check out *Tournoi de Peche Saint-Simeon* on facebook.

Festive music by Azimut will take place in Chandler on July 19. They will be playing music from the 1960s to today, from waltz to disco. If you are a lover of live entertainment and dancing, then this is the place for you!

Local artist Jordan Duguay will be playing music in Percé on July 20 starting at 8 p.m. at the Coin-du-Banc Cultural Museum. If you like to support local artists and enjoy live entertainment, mark this date on your calendar! For more information, please call (418) 782-5448.

Lily of the Valley will be playing music at the Pub Pit Caribou in Percé on July 15 starting at 9 p.m. for anyone who is interested! If you enjoy live music, this will be a show for you. For more information, please call (418) 782-2277.

Willet & Jones will be performing classic rock, rock, and country for Thirsty Thursdays at the Trough at 7 p.m. on July 20. If you enjoy these genres of music, then mark this date on your calendar!



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Avoid potluck pitfalls: How to host a healthy reunion

(NC) Summertime sunshine calls for patio parties, family barbecues and get-togethers with friends, especially during Canada's birthday year. But balancing these celebrations with a healthy lifestyle and evolving taste preferences can be a challenge. Fortunately, Hubert Cormier, a registered dietitian, offers three easy tips for reunion hosts to keep calories in check, simplify planning for dietary needs, and reduce prep time and food waste.

Simplify food options. Studies show that when people are presented with many food choices, their caloric intake will likely increase. To avoid this potluck pitfall, assign specific dishes for guests to bring and limit the spread to four or five options. A wholesome menu could include a taco pasta salad portioned into small mason jars as a festive appetizer, one or two main dishes, a green salad or vegetable tray, and fresh fruit for a light dessert.

Accommodate tastes. Keep guests and their food restrictions top of mind when planning. As a host, prepare dishes that can be easily modified for allergies and food preferences. For a dish that meets many needs, the same taco pasta salad can easily be altered with a gluten-free pasta, such as Catelli's Gluten Free Fusilli, and topped with seasonal veggies.

Refresh drink options. Get creative with the drink station and introduce some refreshing, healthy beverage alternatives to help your guests stay hydrated on hot summer days. Fill drink dispensers with sparkling water infused with cucumber, lemon or fruit for a modern twist on the classic punch bowl.

Check out the festive taco pasta salad recipe and other modern-day family reunion dishes from the 150th Anniversary Recipe Collection at www.Catelli.ca

Artisans' Market

On July 19 at the Coin-du-Banc Cultural Musuem, an artisans' market will take place. They will discuss their work and exhibit samples of said work which may be for sale to the public.

Story Time and Picnic for Kids

An Hour of Storytelling and Picnicing with Katou Minou will take place at the Paspébiac Municipal Library on July 15 at 10 a.m. for children up to age 5. To sign your child up, please call (418) 752-6747.

ATV Drag Races

An ATV Drag Race will take place in Chandler on July 16. Entrance booth will open at 10:30 a.m. and the event begins at 12:30 p.m. If you are a ATV enthusiast or enjoy watching ATVs racing, then this is the place for you to be on July 16!



Summer Tea and Sale

The York ACW will be hosting their Summer Tea and Sale on July 15. Baked goods and handicrafts, mystery boxes and other assortments of goods will be available. Afternoon tea will cost 5\$. The event will take place at the York River Community Hall.



Tide Predictions

<u>Paspébiac</u>	<u>Carleton</u>	<u>Chandler</u>	<u>Gaspé</u>
Thursday, July 13 05:40 - 1.81 m 12:20 - 0.37 m 18:09 - 1.34 m 23:48 - 0.45 m	Thursday, July 13 05:50 - 2.24 m 12:12 - 0.34 m 18:24 - 1.70 m 23:50 - 0.50 m	Thursday, July 13 05:35 - 1.35 m 12:25 - 0.35 m 18:03 - 0.95 m 23:37 - 0.41 m	Thursday, July 13 04:50 - 1.64 m 11:51 - 0.49 m 17:20 - 1.13 m 22:59 - 0.59 m
Friday, July 14 06:17 - 1.74 m 12:53 - 0.39 m 18:53 - 1.37 m	Friday, July 14 06:29 - 2.16 m 12:47 - 0.36 m 19:06 - 1.75 m	Friday, July 14 06:14 - 1.32 m 13:02 - 0.37 m 18:48 - 0.97 m	Friday, July 14 05:26 - 1.59 m 12:25 - 0.49 m 18:01 - 1.18 m 23:51 - 0.62 m
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Translating the beauty

THE ART OF CORNELIA KARKOSSA

Gaspé born and raised, Cornelia Karkossa moved to Montreal to pursue her studies and obtained a Bachelor's Science Degree in Biology and Bachelor of Fine Arts in visual arts. Her focus presently is on exploring the medium of coloured pencils, crayons, watercolour crayons and inks as well as some painting. Her work tends to be semi-abstract and she uses bold colours. She is influenced by the sea...the eternal movement of the waves, fish and boats.

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.

Cornelia Karkossa was born on the Gaspé and she lived here until the age of 19. She moved to Montreal to pursue her studies and lived there for almost 20 years. She obtained her BSc in Biology and then a BFA in Visual Arts. She moved back to the Gaspé when she was 37 and has been living here since that time.

Cornelia Karkossa recalls drawing from her earliest days and remembers her dad teaching her to draw a few things and then becoming annoyed with him when he tried to change something she had done. She says, "I guess I had my own idea of how I wanted things to be." She adds, "In any case, it seems I have always been drawing, pencils and crayons in my hand since as long as I can remember ... it was just what I did." She reflects that her mother was her biggest fan, approved of everything she drew, and always encouraged her.

Inspiration

Cornelia is driven to make things that allow her to express some emotional content that is

within her. Other creative people inspire her. She feels re-energized when she sees others at work, whether it be visual arts, music, or science ... anything that seems to be worked on with true passion.

Cornelia chooses her subjects from a group of images and forms that she finds appealing. This inspiration comes from nature, flowers, leaves and the sea. Sometimes Cornelia will deliberately think of what themes or forms she would like to use and other times she will just start drawing with a few colours and lines and then see where they will lead.

There are a few artists who stand out in Cornelia's mind. These include Georgia O'Keefe, Emily Carr, Patterson Ewen and Anish Kapoor. These artists make her "stop and engage." Other artists appeal to her for a variety of reasons: how they play with colour, form, simplicity or detail. She remarks that there are some very talented artists in this area, naming Claude Côté and John Wiseman with his ability to strip away everything except the essence of his subject.

Process

Cornelia prefers to draw above all other things but she does paint as well. Her favourite media are paper and pencils, crayons, watercolour crayons and inks. She enjoys painting with a wide range of colours, but she adds she loves the simplicity of drawing which can be done any place



Photos: D. Skinner

Cornelia is inspired to create by the beautiful environment of the Gaspé. She says the water, the waves and the colours all influence her art.

and anytime, with no complicated set-up.

Cornelia's advice to other artists? "Just keep doing it." She is almost always working on a number of creative projects at one time. When she tires of one she moves on to another. She reflects on her process. "I like to slowly work on something, and let it evolve with minimal planning, though I am trying to spend more time these days on the preparation of my art, and slowing down the beginnings of the pieces. Beginnings are difficult, so I try to slow down and not jump in just because I am anxious to get started on the actual work."

Cornelia finds the most challenging aspect of creating her art is sitting down and getting started and deciding what type of imagery she wishes to

use. Painting takes more time to plan and set up.

When asked about inspiring artistic advice she has received, her response suggests the free spirit that Cornelia is. "Approach the creative process with a sense of play." Then she adds, "Well, someone suggested I paint naked. They obviously have never lived in anything but 30 degree weather. Inspiration? That strikes rarely, and almost always after you have started working."

Has her style changed over the years? She says it has, but not very much. She has loosened up the lines she uses and is less worried about details. Her approach is to give the viewer the basics and allow them to put it together in their own minds.

Cornelia loves to draw while sitting on her favourite living room chair, listening to music or a podcast or watching reruns or chatting with a friend. She is a multi-tasker. Painting is done in her studio area where she has access to her paints and does not have to worry about getting her area messy. Cornelia works every day, from one to four hours. She finds that it calms her.

Cornelia feels strongly that the Gaspé influences her work. She says the water, the waves and the colours are very inspirational to her. She cannot imagine doing what she does without having a beach nearby. She says, "I might not always draw the sea, but the sea is always in what I draw."

Tribute

She recalls a tribute from a friend that meant a great deal to her. The friend had visited a Georgia O'Keefe exhibition and remarked that 'Cornelia is just as good as this!' Cornelia also mentioned that another friend told her that every time she looks at a certain piece of Cornelia's art she feels at peace. She appreciates anytime someone, after having had an artwork of hers for a long time, says that they still love it! She is one of the artists featured in the book, 'G is for the Gaspé', where she illustrated the letter Y.

The art of Cornelia Karkossa is colourful and full of soft lines and movement. At first glance her art seems whimsical and after second examination that ability to strip the subject to its meaningful essence is apparent. Cornelia reflects that there is always more for an artist to learn but



Cornelia is always busy creating. She paints rocks while watching tv or listening to podcasts.

that ultimately the artist should create for himself or herself because they feel a need to.

To visit Cornelia's home studio in Wakeham call 418-360-4133 or ckarkossa@gmail.com. Website cornelia.karkossa.net In the summer, some of her pieces are available at the Boutique at Point O'Hara, Gaspé and at Café des Couleurs in Barachois. She has an Etsy shop: corneliakarkossaART where she currently sells originals, and later she will be offering reproductions as well. She is on Facebook and Instagram. (ckarkossa) Prices: Drawings range from \$125 to \$185 for originals. Reproductions are \$25 to \$80, depending on size.

Support our Gaspesian artists



This piece is dark and moody and an example of how Cornelia uses soft lines to suggest movement.

Transports generate six times more gas emissions than trains

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: – If the federal program announced by Minister Marc Garneau is serious about curtailing gas emissions linked to transportation, the upgrading of the Gaspé Peninsula line and the resumption of traffic east of Caplan should qualify for some funding.

According to Statistics Canada, one tonne of freight hauled over one kilometre by train generates six times less greenhouse emissions than being hauled by transport. That tonne generates 17.85 grams of carbon dioxide in a train compared to 114 grams per tonne when pulled by a truck. Ships are emitting less carbon dioxide per tonne, at 5 grams over a kilometre but they can't be used much inland, unless there are seaways.

Gaspésie Railway Society president Éric Dubé is confident that the transporter will haul 5,000 carloads in 2018.

“We just would like to haul that traffic over the longest stretch possible along the line, the whole line in the case of Gaspé, for the windmill blades, or a longer distance, like Port Daniel for cement. That is not counting other types of traffic that will arise if we offer a service east of Caplan. Overall, the progress we have made since the spring of 2015 is staggering,” says Mr. Dubé.

The situation of the Gaspésie Railway Society appeared quite bleak between November 2014 and March

2015, as the municipal body filed for the protection of the court due to financial difficulty.

In 2015, the number of carloads nevertheless reached 1,624, a record since the creation of the Gaspésie Railway Society in 2007, which started with a volume of 400 cars. The 2015 numbers were surpassed by the 1,741 carloads of 2016, the difference being mainly attributable to the first windmill blade train of December.

The Gaspésie Railway Society management is expecting to haul 3,000 carloads this year, a rise largely stemming from the traffic generated by the LM Windpower activities in Gaspé.

The \$2-billion fund announced on July 4 will go to projects that will have the biggest impact on more easily moving goods and people around the country and over borders. Proponents will be able to provide their proposals by Sept. 5, with funding to start coming out at the beginning of 2018.

The program is included in a \$10.1 billion expenditure plan over the next 11 years on trade and transportation corridor projects. Close to 50% of that amount, about \$5 billion, will be allotted to projects through the soon-to-be-created infrastructure bank. The bank is supposed to use federal funding to try and leverage private investment slated to help pay for projects that can generate revenue and profits to private investors.



Photo: G. Gagné

Sending all of LM Windpower's blades by rail from Gaspé instead of New Richmond would greatly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Quebec's Department of Transport put that portion of the line in a dormant state in 2015.

RISTIGOUCHE:

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with us; thank you Denis Coderre,” points out François Boulay.

“I have problems understanding certain stands made by provincial politicians,” he adds, referring to the refusal expressed by Quebec's last municipal affairs ministers, former Minister Pierre Moreau and current Minister Martin Coûteux, to intervene in the file, given the possibility that Ristigouche South East could go bankrupt if it

loses its court case.

The management of Gastem has not commented on the file recently. Calls or emails have not been returned to SPEC.

The company has sold its exploration rights in Ristigouche South East since 2013. Pétrolia bought those rights. Gastem has never challenged in court the adoption of the water source protection regulation by Ristigouche South East, only its effects on an exploration campaign that was supposed to take place in 2013.



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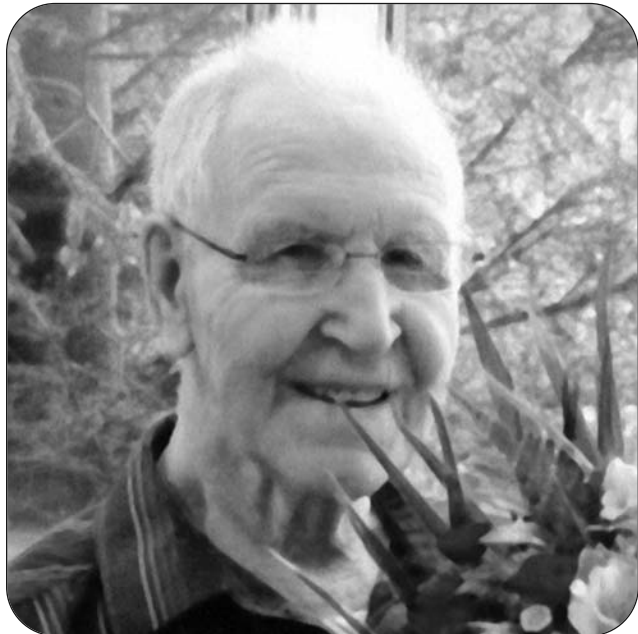
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Announcements...

Obituaries



ROSS: Wesley "Wes" Graham

In his 95th year, Wes died peacefully at Hillsdale Estates, Oshawa, Ontario, on Monday, July 3, 2017. He is predeceased by his father Robert Ross and mother Edith Campbell, brother Havelock Ross and stepsister Nora Dea. He leaves to mourn his nieces: Edith Loisel, Eileen Cyr, Shirley (Earl) Gallon, Lorna Rejas and Leila (Norman) Dowland; and his nephew Kenneth (Olivia) Ross; and their families.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial service at New Carlisle Gospel Chapel, New Carlisle, Quebec, on Friday, July 14, 2017, at 2 p.m. with visitation from 1 p.m. until time of service, officiated by Pastor Paul Bedford. Interment to follow at Bayside Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Wes to a charity of choice may be made through McIntosh-Anderson-Kellam Funeral Home, 152 King Street East, Oshawa (905-433-5558) and online condolences may be shared at makfuneralhome.com.

In Memory



ROSS: Havelock Alward
November 22, 1921 - July 7, 2009

LEMASURIER: Kathleen June
June 24, 1919 - July 14, 1966

Waiting for me

*I know somewhere they're waiting,
As they always waited for
My coming at evening,
And they'll meet me at the door.*

*I will see their smile of welcome,
There eyes with love will shine,
I will feel their arms around me,
As I hold them close in mine.
So why should I be grieving,
As this lonesome world I roam,
I know they're waiting for me,
Somewhere in that other home.*

Your memories will remain always in my heart. Your loving daughter, Eileen.

STARNES: Ila

In loving memory of our mother, mother-in-law and grandmother who passed away July 15, 1996.

*We miss you more than ever,
Your guidance and your love,
But we know you're still watching,
Silently from above.*

*The love you gave still warms us,
The way it always will,
But leaving left an empty space,
That time can never fill.*

*From heaven you're still giving,
The love you always had.*

*We know you hear us talk to you
And we'll always will.*

Sadly missed and never forgotten, daughter Valerie, son-in-law Harvey and grandchildren Monica and Darcy and families. Love you Mom xo

Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held for Peter LeGresley on Thursday, July 20, at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Anglican Church. Visitation will be from 2 to 3 p.m.

Interment of Ashes

A memorial service with interment of ashes will be held for Walter Richard (Dick) Munro at Zion United Church in New Carlisle on Friday, July 21 at 11 a.m.

Burial Service



Burial for Herman (Bun) Gaumond will be on July 28, 2017, at 12:30 p.m. at St-Peter's Church in Barachois. Family and friends are invited to join us for celebration of life at Barachois Legion immediately after burial

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Walker-Ross Wedding



Olivia Walker, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Walker of Marcil, Quebec and Kenneth Ross, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Havelock Ross, were married on Saturday, June 17, 2017.

The double-ring ceremony was held at the Bible Chapel in New Carlisle at 2 p.m. with Pastor Paul Bedford officiating. Organist was Rev. Bob McGregor.

Given in marriage by her foster mother, Mrs. Beatrice Flowers, the bride wore a gown fashioned of white lace. She carried a bouquet of white and purple roses. Olivia was attended by her sister Lisa Flowers as maid-of-honour.

The best man was Norm Dowland, brother-in-law of the groom.

A beautiful wedding reception followed at the New Carlisle Town Hall. Master of ceremonies was Kathy Gallon who did a splendid job of making the evening run smoothly. Speeches were emotional and the couple were wished a wonderful beginning and love to last a lifetime!

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our family and many friends for making our wedding day on June 17, 2017 so special.

A big thank-you to all those who helped decorate the church and reception hall, those who helped with the delicious lunch, and those who travelled from out of town to attend our special day.

A special thank you to Elizabeth Grenier for making the bouquets and boutonnières. Thank you so much for all the lovely gifts and donations. It was very much appreciated.

Olivia & Ken Ross



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Social notes...

Hello, everyone. It is so very nice to meet up with visitors to our beautiful part of the country. A number of these people are returning Gaspésians who appreciate: the sea breeze; the fresh air; the beautiful beaches of Haldimand, Peninsula, and Douglstown; the boardwalk along the waterfront in town; the cooler nights which allows for restful sleep; and the quiet mornings to enjoy the sounds of the birds while taking a nice walk or while enjoying a good cup of tea or coffee. Sometimes even the mosquitos are appreciated (go figure). So, get your favourite beverage and let's share sometime together - here we go!

Recent events and news

Just after my last news submission, I attended the play "Nuisances" that was performed in the Holy Name Hall in Douglstown from May 26-28. It was very well performed and it was wonderful to follow the fictional lives of the residents of the Shamrock home for seniors. The authors of the production: Lorraine Blais, Patricia Turbide, and Fred Kraenzel are very good at writing about the life experiences of seniors. The director Daniele Rouleau is an important addition to the crew. Her enthusiasm is contagious and her musical talents compliment her enthusiasm for the show. It's a win/win situation. Will there be another play? We hope so, but no pressure ...

Recently Norma McDonald returned from spending time with her youngest daughter, Una, and her family. Norma left Gaspé on May 24 and travelled to Kingston, Ontario, to meet up with Una and her husband Ken Asselestein. Together they travelled by plane to Regina, SK, to attend the RCMP graduation of Dustin Girard. Dustin is Una's son and Norma's grandson. Then on June 3, the family (Norma, Una and Ken) were in attendance at the marriage of Katelyn Bell to Dustin Girard in Kingston, ON. Congratulations to Katelyn and Dustin!

Our sympathies and condolences are extended to the family and friends of Roger Patterson who passed away at the Gaspé Hospital on June 8 at the age of 66. He will be dearly missed by his many siblings and their families: Wayne & Linda, Blair and Faye, Judy and Norman, John and Helene, Tony and Edmond, Joel and Carolyn, Linda Whalen, and stepfather, Arthur Boyle. Roger was predeceased by his parents Ulric and Hazel Patterson from York as well as by his brother Wade. He will also be dearly missed by his many nieces, nephews, and friends. Rest in peace, Roger!

Ruth Miller Patterson Armstrong is home for the summer and she is enjoying all the local festivities. Her daughter Susie and her husband Scotty Palmer are also home for the summer.

Ron Dumaresq too is home for the summer. He is one of the few people whose cottage at Haldimand Beach did not have any damage from the flooding this winter.

Peter Pasold is also home for the summer. He too was fortunate to not have had major damage to his home at Haldimand Beach. Like many others on the front side of the beach, they have beautiful views of the water and they experience breathing in that delicious salty air. Is there anything like it? Don't think so!!

Congratulations are extended to Tara Simpson and her husband Benoit Arseneault on the birth of their son Brayden. Brayden joined his beautiful family on June 19. His older brother Edouard is also very happy to meet Brayden. We wish you a great summer, Brayden, getting to know your family and meeting many friends from near and far.

The show "A Little Bit Country and a Little Bit Rock 'n Roll" was held on Thursday, June 22, at Gaspé Elementary School - it was a great success. The group of 16 performers and their director, Karen Briand, had a great time entertaining their audience. They enjoyed doing it so much that they will do it again on Thursday, August 3, at 7 p.m. at Gaspé Elementary School. Tickets should soon be available.



Sharon Howell

GASPE NEWS

The Corner of the Beach Cultural Museum, formerly St. Luke's Anglican Church, held an afternoon of music from 2 - 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 25. The music was as varied and as delightful as the performances. There was classical, folk, traditional, country, pop, and gospel music which was played on piano, guitar, and fiddle. The intimate sized venue which lends to great acoustics was filled to capacity. Keep an eye out for other cultural events at this location throughout the summer.

Belated and sincerest congratulations are extended to Mr. & Mrs. Courtney Simpson who recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 26. Aline celebrated her 89th birthday a few days before her anniversary. We wish them many more happy years together.

On July 1, Canada Day celebrations in Gaspé included the annual breakfast at Fort Haldimand. It was another successful event in spite of the much cooler and overcast weather. I believe they served approximately 150 people. The success of the event is due to a number of things: it is well-organized; the volunteers are very dedicated; the food is delicious; the company is excellent; and it certainly helps to set the mood for the rest of the day. Thank you to everyone who took part in helping to make the breakfast so enjoyable.

This summer the Anglican churches in the Parish of Gaspé, the Parish of All Saints by the Sea, and the Parish of Chaleur Bay welcome the arrival of Joshua Paetkau who is a Theological Student from the University of Toronto. Joshua will be in the area for the summer through to the end of September. Joshua will be spending much of his time in the Parish of Gaspé and living at the rectory in Wakeham. In the later part of August his wife and their two children will join him until the end of September. Welcome Joshua, we hope you make some new friends here and enjoy your visit.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Melanie and Charles Smith who have moved from their townhouse across from the Carrefour to the new apartment block across town and up the San hill area. Their living area will be on one level and they have a beautiful view of town and the bay.

Mrs. Ella Clark Gillis' son Kevin and his wife Marie are home from Edmonton. They visit and spend lots of time with Mrs. Ella who is now 95 and who is living at the Manoir St-Augustin. Marie and Kevin take in as many events as possible while they are home and were recently at the July 1st breakfast at Camp Fort Haldimand.

Each year the Pioneer Days Committee works very hard to put together a diverse and interesting program. This year, on the opening evening, Wednesday, July 26 at 7 p.m. in the main hall at Fort Haldimand Camp, regional military heritage buff, Tom Eden, will deliver a lecture entitled "Remember Vimy" which will focus on the events of April 9th, 1917. Particular attention will be on the soldiers from Gaspé who fought and fell there. A selection of World War One era artifacts, courtesy of the Chaleur Bay Military Museum in New Richmond, will be on display. The public is invited to bring in any WW1 items they may have and wish to show; e.g., medals, photographs, letters, and documents are all welcome. This is a chance to share our local military history. An Honour Guard by members of Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 59, will be on hand to formally open and close the event.

Linda and Archie Patterson have returned from visiting with their daughter Tammy and her family in Regina. Their grandson Tyler really wanted them to be there as he graduated from high school, so ... they

drove to Quebec City and flew from there to Regina. I am sure that Linda will have a few exciting news items to share when next she sees us.

My sister's grandchildren are home for the summer. Isabel, Tristan, and Delaney Normand arrived early in the morning on Saturday, July 1. Their mom Cara Howell drove them down and returned to Chateaugay on Monday, July 3. Already they have spent some time with their cousins in Douglstown and have been keeping busy with their Nana. Soon, their Nannie Valerie will enjoy their company as well as their Auntie Vickie and her family. They love being in Gaspé. Aren't they wise for their years?

Fulton Methot is celebrating his 76th birthday on July 5. At the same time he will also conclude 36 years as a resident at the San. I believe Fulton is one of a few patients there who has such an incredible record of residency in their care. He has made many friends over the years and unfortunately has lost many of them, too. We wish you, Fulton, a wonderful birthday. Know that you have many friends who do care for you very much.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please join me in wishing the following people all the very best on their special day and throughout the coming year. Suzanne Eden - July 1; Fulton Methot & Carmelita Aubert Simoneau - July 5; Debbie Patterson - July 8; Janna Sams - July 10; Mary Jane Rehel - July 13; Marilyn Pye Ahern and Alyssa Langlais - July 14; Sharon Moore Baird and Ronnie Gallichan - July 15; Emma Dawn Eden and Diane Eden Patterson - July 17; Jason Madill and Ivy Phillips Nielsen - July 19; Don Miller - July 24; Cara Howell and Frances Kilbride - July 26; Peggy Gallichan Foley and Fiona Meagan Boulay - July 27 and David Baird - July 28.

Congratulations and best wishes to Eleanor & Clayton Bourgaize who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 15th. May you have many more happy years together!

Congratulations and best wishes are also extended to Dolores & Berton Miller who will be celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary on July 24. Wishing you a wonderful day and many more happy years together.

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

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YORK: Summer Tea and Sale

The York ACW will hold its summer tea and sale on **Saturday, July 15**, at 2 p.m. in the York River Community Hall. There will be baked goods, handicrafts, mystery parcels, white elephant table and afternoon tea (\$5). Hope to see you there.

YORK:
Senior Summer Activities
Friday, July 28: Annual Seniors' Day is part of the Pioneer Days Festival at Camp Fort Haldimand. All members (50 and over) of the greater Gaspé Community are welcome to our free day of games, activities, lunch, bingo and finishing with music.

YORK:
Canada's 150 Celebrations
The York River Seniors' Club will be taking part in at least four different events this summer at O'Hara's Point as part of Canada's 150 Celebrations. **July 22** - Band Day, **July 30** - Fiddle Gala and **September 4** - Annual Corn Boil.

BARACHOIS:
Bingo
The next bingo at the Barachois Recreation Center will be **Friday, July 21**, at 7 p.m. More than \$500 to be won.

BARACHOIS:
Amateur Hour
Amateur hour will be held at the Mountain View Golden Age in Barachois West on Friday, July 14 at 8 p.m. If you can sing, play fiddle, guitar, banjo, your talent is welcome! Admission \$5.

BARACHOIS:
Local Market
The first Barachois Local Market will take place on **Saturday, July 29**, from 9 a.m. to noon, under the tent at the Malbay Festival. For those in the Barachois area as well as greater Percé, if you are interested in selling your handmade knitting, crocheting and sewing, baking, jams, etc. and would like a table, please let us know. Also if you will have any gardening produce ready, consider joining our local produce table and we will sell it for you. Contact Sandy Coombs at 418-645-2874, or email badc-cdbe@out-

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

COIN DU BANC:
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
Soon Open: The Corner of the Beach Cultural Museum will be open daily (except Mondays) during July and August from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, July 20: Jordan Duguay Concert starting at 8 p.m.
Each Wednesday in July from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. there will be a series of lectures on various topics: **July 19** - Artisans (Artists who create in various mediums such as stained glass, jewellery & sculpture will discuss their work and exhibit examples which may be for sale.) **July 26** - Authors. Anyone wishing to take part in this series, please email shirleyboyle@gmail.com

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.

PORT DANIEL:
Strawberry Social
Marcil Branch W.I. will be holding its Annual Strawberry Social on **Saturday, July 29**, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the 3-Star Golden Age Club in Port Daniel West. Entrance: \$7. Children 6 and under free. There will be a 50/50 draw and door prizes. Everyone welcome. Bring your friends. For further information, call Audrey Dea at 418-752-8152.

PORT DANIEL:
Annual Bazaar
St. James' Anglican Church will be hosting its annual bazaar on **Thursday, July 27**, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Three Star Golden Age Club. There will be a bake table,

tea and dessert, bottle table, children's games, 50/50 draw and much more. Free admission and fun for the whole family. A great way to spend an afternoon.

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

SHIGAWAKE:
Yard Sale
There will be a yard sale on **Saturday, July 15**, starting at 9 a.m. at 286 rte 132. Furniture and many small items will be sold.

SHIGAWAKE:
Advance Notice
Tea, Bake and Craft Sale
St. Paul's ACW will hold a tea, bake and craft sale on **Thursday, July 20**, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Adults \$7, children 6 and under free. There will be door prizes and other prizes as well as a 50/50 draw. Welcome all and bring your friends to Shigawake Community Centre across from the Anglican Church.

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:
New Hours
New hours for the Legros-Wise gallery in Hope Town (384 Rte 132 East): Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (porcelain jewellery, one-of-a-kind porcelain, photos and sculptures). Everyone welcome. Enid loves to have visitors. On Saturdays until September 23, she will be at the open market in New Carlisle, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (porcelain jewellery). (Jy26)

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, Hopetown 418-752-5838 Pas-

tor Paul R. Bedford BTh. MTh.

NEW CARLISLE:
Heritage New Carlisle
You are invited to "Julia's Tea Corner" at the Kempffer Cultural and Interpretation Centre every Wednesday this summer from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For only \$5, come and enjoy a cup of tea accompanied by treats cooked by our volunteers. The Kempffer Centre is located at 125, G.-D.-Levesque Blvd. To contact us: 418-752-1334.

NEW CARLISLE:
Gospel Hymn Sing
A gospel hymn sing with Alberta Flowers family and others will be held at St. Andrew's Anglican Church on **Sunday, July 23** at 2 p.m. Freewill offering. Everyone welcome.

NEW CARLISLE:
Moving Sale
A moving sale will be held at the New Carlisle Municipal Hall on **July 18, 19 20** from 9 to 4 p.m. Furniture, dishes, bed, blowup mattress, antique table, antique clock, tools, Christmas decorations, antique truck, suitcase, etc.

NEW CARLISLE:
Local Market
The market season begins on **July 15** and 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 jewelry. Be entertained as well. Contact us through our facebook page or call Sandi @ 581-233-0658 or Carol @ 418-752-8555.

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
Friday, July 21: A Strawberry Social will be held from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the United Church Hall in New Richmond. Casseroles and strawberry shortcake will be served. Admission: \$10 adults, \$6 children under 12 years of age. Everyone welcome!
July 30: Memorial Hymn Sing
October 21: Turkey Supper
December 15: Christmas Concert.

NEW RICHMOND:
Friperie Notice
NEW schedule: The Friperie Entraide de l'E.P.E. will open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open from 8 a.m. on request at: 418-392-5161. Summer clothes have arrived for the whole family

and in different sizes. There are a lot of free things every week: soccer shoes, skates, skis, dishes, toys, plush boots. 248 Boulevard Perron West, New Richmond. For information call 418 392-5161.

NEW RICHMOND:
Garage Sale
A garage sale will be held on **August 19** at 256 Boul. Perron, New Richmond, starting at 8 a.m. A Nordic Trac will be available as well as other household items from two residences. For further info., please call: (418) 392-2725.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:
50+ Club Activities
Every Thursday: Dame de Pique at 1 p.m. \$5 per person.
Friday, July 21: There will be a music night doors open at 7 p.m.
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.

GESGAPEGIAG:
Community Market
A community market will be held in the Galgosiet building on **Saturday, July 15 and July 29**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To reserve a table for \$5, call the band office (Bonnie Jerome) 418-759-3441.

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UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, July 16

New Carlisle 2 p.m. service

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Sunday, July 16

New Carlisle

10 a.m. Morning Prayer

Hopetown

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Shigawake

11 a.m. Dedication

PARISH OF GASPÉ

Sunday, July 16

Sandy Beach

9 a.m. service

PARISH OF ALL SAINTS BY THE SEA

Sunday, July 16

Barachois

9 a.m. service

Percé

11 a.m. service

On the lighter side



Winter's End

The leaves are on the trees.
The fields, they all are green
And down beside the rippling brook,
The salmon are in again.

Down beside the silvery tide
Where I so love to roam,
The breezes seem to whisper now.
Seagulls are coming home.

Groups of wild geese flying low
In search of fields where oats did grow.
Coons and bears wake from their dens
Because they know that winter ends.

Squirrels and rabbits run and play
Just to pass the time away.
Birds will make their nests and sing
At the very thought of spring.

Seagulls resting on the tide
Because they are weary on the wing;
And in every heart throb,
We feel the pulse of spring.

And every individual
That is glad at winter's end
Will feel the thrill that makes them glad
That spring is here again.

Elton Hayes



ACROSS
1. Being chilly
5. To do something
6. Outer garment
7. Cow sound
8. Give new strength

DOWN
1. Thick and smooth
2. Dairy sugar
3. Can be eaten
4. Fashion scene

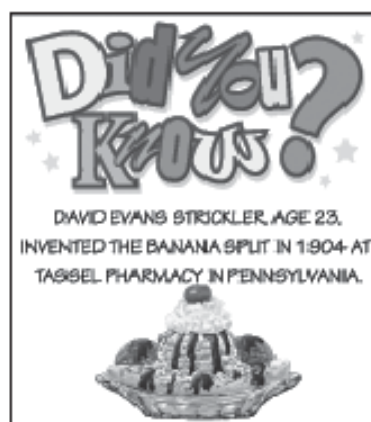
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CANADIAN ANTHROPOLOGIST DAVID BLACK DISCOVERS A POSSIBLE MALARIA CARRIER IN BEIJING, CHINA.



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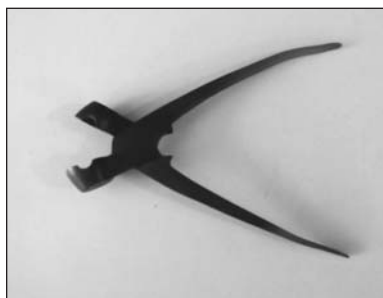
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WORDS

- AIRPORT
- BAGGAGE
- BOOKING
- BUDGET
- CLIPPING
- CONFIRMATION
- CURRENCY
- DESTINATION
- DUTY
- EXCHANGE
- FAMILY
- HOTEL
- HOUSEKEEPING
- INTERNATIONAL
- ITINERARY
- MOTEL
- PACK
- PASSPORT
- PLANNING
- POOL
- RECREATION
- RELAX
- RENTAL
- RESERVATION
- SHIP
- SIGHTSEEING
- SNORKEL
- SPA
- STAY
- SUITCASE
- SUNSHINE
- TERMINAL
- TICKETS
- TRAVEL
- VACATION
- VISA

What's This Artifact?



Answer: Lead ball maker. Molten metal could be poured into this object through the small hole in the top of it while it was closed, and the metal then could be cooled and a perfectly circular lead ball would be formed.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, allow time for others to process a big announcement you recently made. Patience is something you will need this week. Viewing things from others' points of view will help.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Very little that is holding you back this week, Taurus. You realize you can do anything that you set your mind to. Use this power wisely in the next few days.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

It's the little things that make you

happy this week, Gemini. Taking time to laugh with friends or enjoying a quiet dinner with family is just the thing to elicit a smile.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, lately life has been busier than ever before, but you can handle it. Go with the flow for a little while and wait for things to settle down.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

You never need to remember all of the details when you speak the truth, Leo. Be as forthcoming as possible this week, and remember the truth shall set you free.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Avoid using back channels to communicate, Virgo. If you want something to

go a particular way, be straightforward with those who might be affected.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, do not delegate to others what you can clearly do yourself. Now is not the time to take shortcuts. Everything needs your stamp of approval.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, being the go-to person can sometimes be tiring. Many people lean on you for advice or to get things done. Consider it an honor.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Handle your to-do list one task at a time, Sagittarius. This way you will not become overwhelmed by everything on it. Take frequent breaks if the

workload gets to be too much.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, if it has been some time since you spoke to someone after a quarrel, don't allow too much time to pass before extending an olive branch. Take the initiative.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you have been making many healthy changes as of late and it's important to keep that momentum going. Some hurdles will be tougher than others, but stick with it.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

You have to walk before you can run, Pisces. Do not let the slower pace get you down. You will reach the finish line soon enough.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JULY 9

Jack White, Singer (42)

JULY 10

Adrian Grenier, Actor (41)

JULY 11

Alessia Cara, Singer (21)

JULY 12

Topher Grace, Actor (39)

JULY 13

Harrison Ford, Actor (75)

JULY 14

Conor McGregor, MMA Fighter (29)

JULY 15

Lana Parrilla, Actress (40)

Canada fêted at Duthie's Point

Cynthia Dow

NEW RICHMOND: - More than 100 people from toddlers to seniors gathered at Duthie's Point on July 1st to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. There was lots to do, including live music provided by Rodrigue Laviolette from St. Alphonse, Willett and Jones, and Hillbilly Deluxe. In-flatable games, Zorb soccer balls, face-painting and a magic show by Maria's David Philippe were a big hit with the kids! A BBQ and bar service were offered. Despite the iffy weather, the fireworks went off without a hitch. Happy Susquetennial Birthday, Canada!



Photo: C. Dow

Magician David Philippe held the crowd spellbound with the help of some young fans, including Jackson Nellis.

New Carlisle Canada Day parade



Diane Lebouthillier was on the Town of New Carlisle float in the annual Canada Day parade. The Shigawake Agricultural Society won first place in the float contest. Their float consisted of live entertainment and a mooing calf.

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