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Wendy Dawson

NEW RICHMOND: - A large group of supportive volunteers along with the prize winners from the New Richmond Agricultural Fair were honoured on September 23 at the fairgrounds. The event was followed up with an evening of live music and karaoke.



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Just a small cross section of the children who participated in the Hill Billie Ranch Summer Camp seen here with Monica Krumke-Willett, one of the camp's coordinators.



New Richmond Fair volunteers.

Quebec's Department of Culture and Communications initiates expropriation process for René Lévesque house

Gilles Gagné

NEW CARLISLE: – Luc Fortin, Minister of Culture and Communications, has initiated the expropriation process of the René Lévesque house, the New Carlisle residence where Quebec's former premier was raised. The minister's actions were triggered by the poor physical state of the house.

The 16 Mount Sorel Street house has been classified as a historical monument since June 24, 1995. At the time, the house was already in the middle of talks between its owner, Denis Cloutier, and the Department of Culture, in order to have some renovation work carried out. A small amount of work was undertaken over the years, with very little visible impact.

In an August 4 letter, his second letter since the beginning of 2017, Minister Fortin asked Mr. Cloutier to collaborate, considering the legal protection conferred to the René Lévesque house, and emphasizing that he was responsible for maintaining it in a good state. Grants were and are available to support that renovation, wrote Minister Fortin.

At the beginning of Au-



Photo: G. Gagné

The exterior of the house is in poor shape and the interior is not any better.

gust, the minister gave Denis Cloutier until September 19 in order to express his intentions regarding the fate of the house. Mr. Cloutier didn't reply. Minister Fortin had mentioned in that letter that he would not hesitate using his expropriation power conferred by the "law on cultural heritage," adopted in 2012.

That law includes provisions for the expropriation of an historical monument. It is

the first time since the adoption of the law that a minister has used that expropriation power.

"Numerous attempts of direct negotiation with the owner have failed to yield results. It is the time to make concrete moves to assure the preservation of the René Lévesque house. The government acknowledges the contribution and the heritage René Lévesque left to Quebec.

That is why I am starting the expropriation process, like the law allows me," stated Minister Fortin in a press release.

His priority remains a person to person agreement with Mr. Cloutier over a selling price. Mr. Fortin is even willing to suspend the buying process if there is "serious commitment on the owner's part," to restore the house.

If the expropriation step is reached and if Mr. Cloutier

contests the price offered by the Ministry of Culture, the matter will be settled by the *Tribunal administratif du Québec*, an administrative court. The process could take many months.

The ministry will have to benefit from a government decree before putting the expropriation process in effect. That condition is facilitated by the September 19 resumption of the parliamentary session in Quebec City.

The René Lévesque house must not be confused with the Espace René-Lévesque interpretation centre, whose construction is about to end. Espace René-Lévesque is located approximately 300 metres from the Mount Sorel Street house. The initial goal was to integrate the house in the interpretation centre concept.

René Lévesque lived in that house between the days following his birth in March 1922 and 1939. His father Dominic, a lawyer, was notably in possession of a large number of books. Those books, or part of them, are likely still in the house.

SPEC tried to reach Denis Cloutier and was not successful in doing so.

René Lévesque house should be managed by Espace René-Lévesque, says heritage protector

Gilles Gagné

NEW CARLISLE: – The René Lévesque house should be integrated with Espace René-Lévesque, according to Jean-Marie Fallu, spokesperson of *Patrimoine Gaspésie*, an organization that first started putting pressure for the preservation of the residence in 1988. The goal was to preserve the house where René Lévesque was raised.

Even if the Quebec Department of Culture and Communications started on September 19 a process that could go as far as expropriating the René Lévesque house, that ministry "doesn't manage buildings, so once the process is completed, (it) will look for a new owner that will respect the obligations contained in the law on cultural heritage," explains Karl Fillion, the ministry spokesperson.

Heritage protection is the reason *Patrimoine Gaspésie* and Jean-Marie Fallu think

that it would be logical "to join the René Lévesque house to *Espace René-Lévesque* and create a circuit, all the more considering that it was the initial project."

Mr. Fallu also wishes that the contribution of the current owner of the house, Denis Cloutier, will be considered as significant, despite a discretion that convinced Culture Minister Luc Fortin to make a move towards expropriation. Minister Fortin would favour a negotiated solution though.

"Mr. Cloutier has the considerable merit of having protected many objects belonging to René Lévesque. What disturbed him during previous talks was the attitude of Éric Gourdeau, of the *Fondation de la maison René-Lévesque*, who wanted to move the house along Highway 132, where *Espace René-Lévesque* is located. Mr. Gourdeau was in a hurry to land the project before his death. Since 2012, the integrity principle of the

law prevents moving a historical monument, fortunately," explains Mr. Fallu.

The Foundation of the René Lévesque house spearheads *Espace René-Lévesque*. Foundation president Louis Bernard, a retired physician living in Maria, is quite open to the integration of the 16 Mount Sorel house to *Espace René-Lévesque*, but he expects something from the Department of Culture and Communications.

"The condition is (the ministry) carrying out the renovations. We don't have the means to renovate the René Lévesque house. We are managing a project of \$2.15 million and we are close to finishing the construction," notes Mr. Bernard.

Effective in May 2018, *Espace René-Lévesque* will present the highlights of René Lévesque's career. He was a Liberal Party Minister between 1960 and 1966, and was Premier of Quebec between

1976 and 1985. Espace René-Lévesque is located a short walk from the René Lévesque house.

The house "could well be part of a complement visit. That is what we initially had in mind," confirmed Mr. Bernard.

The house is in poor physical state. "Restoring it will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. There are strict norms when we are talking about historical monuments open to the public," he concludes.

Karl Fillion and Louis Bernard confirm that the Department of Culture and the Foundation of the René Lévesque house have not talked to each other so far.



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Shigawake-Port Daniel School is down 10 students.

Eastern Shores School Board enrollment down by 45 students

Gilles Gagné

NEW CARLISLE: – The enrollment at Eastern Shores School Board has decreased by 45 students this year. The total number of students went from 1,132 in 2016-2017 to 1,087 this year. It is a drop of 3.97%.

The biggest losses are registered at New Richmond High School with 18 students, at New Carlisle High School with 11 and at Shigawake-Port Daniel School with 10.

However, the numbers are still preliminary and they will only become official after Oc-

tober 1. The discrepancy between the projected number and the official one can sometimes vary.

Out of 16 schools, five experienced an enrollment increase. They are Belle Anse School in Percé with an increase of three students, Evergreen High School and St. Joseph-St. Patrick in Chandler each with two more students, Fermont School also with two more, and Riverview School in Port Cartier with three more.

Two schools kept their enrollment intact: Escuminac Intermediate and Grosse Île in

the Magdalen Islands.

Flemming Elementary and Queen Elizabeth High School, both located in Sept Îles, each experienced a decrease of five students. Gaspé Elementary has four fewer pupils enrolled while at Gaspé Polyvalent there is only one less student enrolled which is the case at Baie Comeau High School as well. Metis Beach experiences a decrease of two students.

There are 19 fewer pre-school pupils in the whole schoolboard. The number of elementary students rose by 11 while the number of high school students fell by 37.

Year	2016-2017	2017-2018
Baie Comeau High School	60	59
Belle Anse School	31	34
Escuminac Intermediate	28	28
Evergreen High School	21	23
Fermont School	21	23
Flemming Elementary	180	175
Gaspé Elementary	107	103
Gaspé Polyvalent	67	66
Grosse Île	52	52
Metis Beach	67	65
New Carlisle High School	151	140
New Richmond High School	122	104
Queen Elizabeth High School	74	69
Riverview School	39	42
Shigawake-Port Daniel School	71	61
St. Joseph-St. Patrick	41	43
Total:	1,132	1,087



A small venomous snake was seen and killed in the Augustines Industrial Park in the York area of Gaspé. A couple, Tammy-Lee Buttle and Archie Adams, spotted the 50-centimetre snake at the beginning of the afternoon. Mr. Adams subdued the injured animal and killed it.

“Tammy-Lee drives the school bus and she parks every day at noon between Home Hardware and the LM (Wind Power) plant. She got there at noon and knew that she had passed over something. She got off the bus and saw that it was a snake. She was not sure if it was a grass-snake... When I arrived, she said: “No, no, I don’t think it is a grass-snake.” She showed it to me. We saw that the snake was injured, I took a stick and put it on its neck and I killed it. We didn’t want it to suffer. We learned after that it was venomous and dangerous. Maybe I wouldn’t have gotten that close,” explained Archie Adams to Radio-Gaspésie.

The dead snake was brought to the veterinarian clinic located nearby. Dr. Eve Woods-Lavoie believes that it is a rare occurrence. She thinks it was a good thing that the snake was put down because its bite is poisonous and someone could have been injured.

After discussions with the Department of Wildlife, Dr. Woods-Lavoie doubts that the hospitals in Quebec keep anti-venom that could have counteracted a bite of that venomous snake.

“Quebec’s hospitals are not equipped. They do not keep anti-venom because that product has a short shelf life. Its expiry date is really short. It doesn’t work for a long time,” she says.

At the Quebec anti-poison centre, the spokesperson points out that it is possible to order anti-venom in Ontario and that the delivery delay is reasonable.

Dr. Woods-Lavoie says that the snake species is from the southern part of the United States. Someone could have owned it illegally at home and it escaped. The veterinarian wonders if it could have come from LM Wind Power’s plant, given that they send wind mill blades to Texas. However, the blades travel by truck to New Richmond, and then by train to the United States. The rail flat cars do not have closed compartments and they are returned to New Richmond, and not Gaspé.

The frozen snake was sent to the Department of Wildlife. An investigation will be conducted in order to shed some light on this case.



Commentary

Gilles Gagné

When the environment is left behind

People who care about the protection of the environment were not expecting much from the Quebec government drafts, or four regulation projects, pertaining to oil and gas. However, what was published in the National Assembly, *Gazette officielle* on September 20 surpasses the worst expectations of the most pessimistic observers.

The context had already been marred by the December 9 Quebec government adoption of bill 106, officially presented as the backbone of the Energy Policy 2016-2030, but which contained some guidelines of how oil and gas will be explored and exploited in the years to come. It was a mammoth bill in Stephen Harper's fashion, adjusted to Philippe Couillard's recipe.

Back in December, the conditions of the adoption were suspect, as National Assembly's parliamentary rules had been suspended to curtail the number of debating hours. The bill, adopted at 3:45 a.m. that December 9, was also unbelievably full of holes, and government officials specified that the missing rules, the holes, would be adopted "later."

That "later" came nine-and-a-half months later, at the door step of the municipal electoral campaign. The consultation period of the draft lasts 45 days, the exact length of the municipal election campaign. According to recent statements made by Natural Resources Minister Pierre Arcand, backed by Premier Philippe Couillard, municipal councils and municipal administrations are supposed to be prime stakeholders in the "new way" Quebec is supposed to deal with hydrocarbons.

When the four oil and gas regulation projects were published, those municipal leaders had very little or no time left for studying documents totalling 269 pages, plus some background information that would have helped them to issue a proper answer to the Quebec government drafts, even if they still have some time before submitting suggestions.

Municipalities are notably the first responders when drinkable water and other environmental issues are raised because that is where citizens go first if they want to express their needs or concerns.

On the government side, the main spokesperson in the hydrocarbon file, Natural Resources Minister Pierre Arcand, was off to Asia on a "mission," likely, once decoded, a mission to avoid facing controversy and tough questions. We have seen more courageous behaviour.

Unfortunately, that kind of government strategy is heavily fuelling the population's cynicism towards our elected people, no matter the level, be it federal, provincial or municipal. Moreover, it is easy with moves like the last one to be under the impression that the Quebec government wants to demobilize people, the main effect of cynicism. Demobilized citizens criticize less, ask fewer ques-

tions and that context opens the door to more mammoth bills full of holes.

Putting conventional hydrocarbon exploration on the same level as fracturing, a technique that is proven detrimental to the watershed, makes absolutely no sense. That's what the four drafts suggest and will likely impose.

If those regulation projects pass untouched, it will be possible to carry out fracking exploration literally under houses, as fracking includes horizontal drilling. Those holes can easily travel two kilometres under the ground.

Considering that the initial point of contact with the ground can be located only 150 metres from an isolated house, 175 metres from a concentration of dwellings, 275 metres from a hospital, a school or a day care, and an incredibly close 180 metres from a power dam, chances are that the government plan will face stern opposition.

Most of the regulation currently in place was already considered too loose by a high number of scientists, not only by environmentalists. In many aspects, the four drafts represent a huge step back. A striking example of that backward move lies in the possibility that the buffer zone between an exploratory well can now be performed 40 metres away from the sea, compared to 400 metres in the 1988 mining act.

Strategically, the government might use the 45-day consultation period to concede on a few points, and show the public that the Liberal Party Cabinet can be flexible.

However, people can bet that the changes will probably only be cosmetic and insufficient.

In August, the Quebec government handed out \$20.5 million to Pétrolia as compensation for the complete withdrawal of hydrocarbon exploration on Anticosti island. That amount was coming two weeks after a compensation of \$5.5 million given to Junex for the same reason. Those two companies are the most likely to use those funds for fracking, and the risk is that it will occur in the Gaspé Peninsula, especially in Pétrolia's case.

It will take a significant battle to counter that highly dangerous technique but the protection of the watershed cannot come in second place, especially considering what the region stands to lose and the little spinoffs oil exploration has created so far.

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The New Carlisle Song which was published in the September 13, 2017 issue of The Gaspé Spec was written by Dorothy Wellman, mother of Jimmy, Sandy, Bob and Vern Huntington. Our apologies for the error.

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Pétrolia drilled Haldimand No. 4 at the end of 2014, about 350 metres from a residential area.

OIL AND GAS REGULATION DRAFT: A “total disappointment,” says Gaspé mayor

Geneviève **Gélinas**

Gilles **Gagné**

GASPÉ: – Gaspé mayor Daniel Côté is blaming the Quebec government for having published its four regulation drafts about oil and gas exploration and exploitation at the beginning of the municipal electoral campaign, knowing that those regulations will allow fracturing and drillings very close to houses and public or private buildings.

The 45-day consultation period launched by Energy and Natural Resources Minister Pierre Arcand coincides exactly with the interval defined by the September 22 beginning of the nominations and election day on November 5. The municipalities are supposed to be front-line interlocutors for that consultation.

“During the next 45 days, all of the Quebec municipalities will be in campaign. I won’t have enough time to examine 400 pages of regulations and make (a common stand) accepted by the municipal council. I don’t want to be paranoid but these are bizarre things,” criticizes Mayor Côté.

In the regulation drafts, or projects, as they are defined in the National Assembly Gazette, the Philippe Couillard government establishes that there could be drillings very close to inhabited areas and to various buildings such as schools, protected areas and national parks (see the chart).

“If the Quebec government wants to make sure not to get the social acceptability, it does things in the right way,” the mayor adds. The proposed

buffer distances open the door to fracturing, also called fracking, at the Haldimand No. 4 well, which is 300 metres from the closest house.

According to Mr. Côté, those regulations are “a total disappointment,” and a “really painful” episode. The regulation would allow a 175-metre distance between a drilling and a residential area, and a 150-metre distance if it’s an isolated house. The distances are the same if the firm wants to fracture the rock.

“The municipalities have no power. (The government) couldn’t care less about usage conflicts between residential areas and a heavy industry,” states Mr. Côté. That government “hasn’t learned any lesson at Haldimand, Ristigouche South East and the St. Lawrence lowlands, and it hasn’t listened,” he adds.

One of the regulation projects deals with water environment, defined as “a lake or a watercourse with a regular or intermittent flow.”

That wide definition could have an impact in several regions. The 53,225 square kilometres covered by exploration licenses in Quebec affect a part of Lac Saint Jean and several rivers flowing between Quebec City and Montreal, like the Saint-François, Saint-Maurice, Batiscan, Sainte-Anne and Richelieu.

In the Gaspé Peninsula, several lakes and rivers are under exploration licenses of Pétrolia or Junex, two companies that received a total of \$25 million from the Quebec government to withdraw from Anticosti Island.

Ristigouche South East

mayor, François Boulay, who is awaiting a decision of a trial initiated by Gastem, describes as “absurd” the four regulation projects. He worries about the reduced separation distances, in comparison with the “regulation on water use and its protection,” (referred to by its French acronym, RPEP) adopted in the summer of 2014 by the same government.

“Which regulation will take precedence? The RPEP, already contested by more than 330 municipalities representing 3.9 million people because the separation distance between a (drinking water) well is considered as insufficient, is stricter than the four new regulation drafts! We’re moving backward!” says Mr. Boulay in disbelief.

The RPEP law calls for a 500 metre protection zone while 330 municipalities are asking the Quebec government to raise that buffer distance to two kilometres between a water source and an oil and gas well.

Gastem is claiming \$1 million from Ristigouche-Sud-Est because the 160-inhabitant village adopted a regulation to protect its drinking water in March 2013. The firm stopped its gas exploration at that time and sold its permit to Pétrolia.



Photo: G. Gagné

Gaspé environment advocate Lise Chartrand is stunned by the short buffer zones included in the projected regulation. Oil and gas drilling can now be carried out close to houses.

“Worse than expected,” says fracking expert

Geneviève **Gélinas**

Gilles **Gagné**

Since the adoption of the “bill on hydrocarbons,” by the Quebec government in December 2016, biophysicist Marc Brullemans, a shale gas expert working for the “*Collectif scientifique sur la question du gaz de schist*,” was expecting a discouraging outcome.

The December bill 106 was full of omissions and the Philippe Couillard government had ample room for providing oil and gas companies with what they wanted. The bill was also adopted when parliamentary rules were suspended, shortly before 4 o’clock in the morning.

“It seems worse than what I had expected! We believed that the government would at least make a clear difference between land ecosystems and wet ecosystems, as well as a clear difference between conventional drilling and fracking drilling. According to article 201, on page 217, the same buffer distances are applicable for both types of drilling, and they are smaller and less safe than in the mining act of 1988,” he explains, flabbergasted.

“In that act of 1988, a

drilling operation couldn’t take place less than 400 metres from the St. Lawrence River or the sea. Now, it is 40 metres. We are receding!” he adds.

Marc Brullemans sees in those regulation projects a hole in the protection of urban zones, “as if the regulation adopted by Heurtel (the 2014 rule that determined a 500 metre buffer zone between an oil well and a water source) protects artesian wells but not the zones served by aqueduct pipes. That opens the door to drilling near houses. It could be the case in Bonaventure, for instance, or any other Bay of Chaleur town,” (see chart)

Environment Minister David Heurtel said to Radio-Canada that the 2014 regulation protecting water sources will prevail over the new projected regulation, when both seem to apply.

Lise Chartrand, president of Together for the Sustainable Future of Greater Gaspé, dubs “completely stunning” the buffer zones referred to in the projected regulation. “It is a catastrophe that the oil and gas companies can now carry out fracking in lakes and rivers.”

The management of Pétrolia has refused to comment on the projected regulation.

Buffer zones between oil and gas wells (using conventional or fracking methods) and various installations

National park or protected area: 60 metres

Power dam or water control dam: 180 metres

Power lines: 100 metres

Cemetery: 100 metres

House: 150 metres

Concentration of houses, businesses, industries and services: 175 metres

Hospital, school or daycare: 275 metres

Airport: 1000 metres

Percé Geopark welcomed over 100,000 visitors

Geneviève Gélinas

PERCÉ – The Percé Geoparc became the most frequently visited attraction in the Gaspé Peninsula, with more than 100,000 visitors this year. The site will know next April if it gets its accreditation from the Global Geoparks Network, recognized by UNESCO.

Percé waited a long time for the new attraction which would bring its tourist sector up-to-date. The Geopark, which opened in 2016, presents an exhibition, an activity center, a suspended glass platform, a zip line and hiking trails.

The 2017 visitor count is not yet complete. However, Geopark president Cathy Poirier has already announced that the 100,000 visitor mark has been passed and that the cooperative of local business people that own the Geopark will show a profit this year.

More good news could come. The Geopark is expecting a verdict in April 2018 to know if it will get an UNESCO label. It would become the third Canadian member of the

UNESCO Global Geoparks network recognized for their geological richness. This network has 127 members in 35 countries.

Two evaluators came to Percé in August. “They left us with a beautiful smile. I’m optimistic,” says Ms. Poirier.

The evaluators recommended the Percé Geopark to “enhance the scientific aspect, to better characterize the geosites and to develop tools for popular scientific information,” reports Isabelle Cyr-Parent, scientific director of the Geopark.

Those recommendations aren’t a surprise for Ms. Cyr-Parent, who points out that the Geopark is now at this point. “I have a geologist on the field at this moment who is identifying more accurately each geological formation.”

The Geopark is also launching a young scientists club. They will have a facebook page hosted by Agathe, the “star” geologist of the Geopark exhibition “Tektonik” and they will participate in thematic activities.

In 2016, the Geopark opened its exhibition Tektonik and a game room for children in its experiential pavilion. The suspended glass platform was inaugurated on June 2, 2017. The zip line welcomed its first visitors on July 22, 2017.

The Geopark is a \$7.3 million project. The site will be open every day until Thanksgiving weekend. Then the public will have access to it on weekends only.



Photo: Percé Geopark

The Geopark suspended platform gives a view of Percé Rock and Bonaventure Island.



Photo: G. Gagné

Allan Morrisson, a former resident of Ristigouche South East.

Municipal election campaign officially underway

Gilles Gagné

MATAPEDIA: – On September 22, the municipal election campaign officially started. Candidates have until October 6 to complete their registration forms. Voting will take place on Sunday, November 5. Advanced polls will be held on October 29. There are also other ways to vote and town administrations will be able to supply supplemental details about those options in the days to come. The Quebec Department of Municipal Affairs website is also a good source of information in that regard. Some candidates have already voiced their intentions, while others will do it between now and October 5, including people who will wait until the last minute to register their candidacy form. Some candidates take all the occasions provided to them to announce they are running. Allan Morrisson, a former resident of Ristigouche-South-East now living in Matapedia, mentioned it when he testified in court on September 12 in New Carlisle, during the Gastem versus Ristigouche-South-East trial. Mr. Morrisson served one year as a councillor of that village, between November 2013 and the end of 2014 but he was forced to resign after he moved to Matapedia. Judge Nicole Tremblay, who is dealing with the Gastem-Ristigouche-South-East case, even wished him luck once his testimony was finished.



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Cathy Poirier, a Percé business woman, is also the president of the Geopark.

Cathy Poirier runs for Percé mayorship

Geneviève Gélinas

PERCÉ: – Business woman Cathy Poirier is a candidate for the Percé mayorship. “Considering the reasons why I’m entering politics, considering who I am, it was unthinkable that I don’t run, in the context where nobody else raised their hand,” she says, in interview with Spec.

“I’m very concerned about my village. It’s doing well. We have momentum,” she adds.

Ms. Poirier filed her nomination form on September 25. Only five days earlier, she was saying that she wouldn’t run for mayorship. “The timing for the municipality isn’t good,” she said on September 20, evoking the fact that she’s very busy. The same day, she also said that she was thinking about seeking the Liberal nomination in the Gaspé provincial riding.

“I’m still concerned about the regional files: transport, demography, but that’s my village first,” Ms. Poirier now says.

Cathy Poirier is co-owner of the *Fumoir Monsieur Émile* and of the *Comptoir Monsieur Émile*. She’s also the president of the Percé geopark cooperative.

She won’t try to recruit a team of candidates for the offices of councillors. “I’m

going to work with people who want to get involved.”

Nominations close on October 6. Voting will take place on November 5.

The town of Percé has remained without a mayor and without five of the eight councillors for almost an entire year, after their resignation on November 20 and 21, 2016.

The Quebec Municipal Commission appointed a temporary administrator for Percé, lawyer France Thériault, who is consulting with the three councillors still in office.

Other candidates

When Spec went to press, on September 25, some candidates in other municipalities had already filed their nomination form.

In Gaspé, Daniel Côté is running for a second term, as he announced last spring. He will have at least one opponent. Jean Lapointe, a citizen known for his battle to get hemodialysis services in Gaspé hospital, is running against Mr. Côté.

In Chandler, Gilles Daraiche stands against Louise Langlois, who is running for a third term. In Grande-Rivière, Charles Cyr and Gino Cyr are candidates for mayorship.



Photo: courtesy of Linda MacWhirter

Sherry Major, Elizabeth Thériault, Linda MacWhirter (Hope Town Mayor) and Mr. Pierrot Joncas.

Grand opening of Hope Town community centre

HOPE TOWN: – Mr. Pierrot Joncas, Caisse populaire Desjardins du Centre-sud gaspésien representative presented representatives from the Hope Town Community Centre with a cheque for \$12,000 at the grand opening of their newly renovated community centre.

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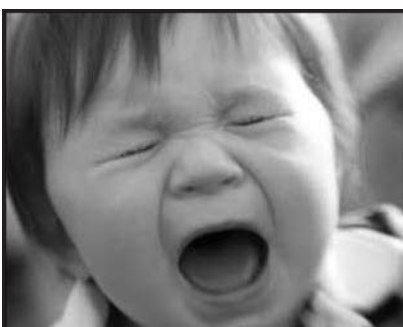
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Reflections

by

Diane Skinner Flowers



Hazelnuts

*Hazel, the tree of wisdom and learning,
Adds its strength to the bright fire burning.*

The leaves are changing colour and beginning to fall and at this time of year our Gaspesian ancestors would have been exceptionally busy collecting apples, cleaning out the last foods from the garden and making sure the winter's wood was piled and ready. This was not a pastime. This was a matter of survival.

One of the foods that our ancestors harvested was wild hazelnuts. They provide an excellent source of nutrition over the winter months. Further, many people believed that the hazelnut was a particularly magical food. It is believed that the Mi'gmaq people introduced this food to the English and French speaking settlers.

The hazelnut, also known as a filbert, is still foraged today and during a recent drive through Hope an elderly woman was spotted sitting in a picnic table shelter cleaning her hazelnuts. Not an easy task. It is tedious... and prickly. The hazelnut grows over the summer and turns from a green colour to well, a hazel colour. They are normally ready for picking in late August and September. Some people prefer to wait until the hazelnuts fall to the ground, but most pick them from the tree. This is because if you wait until they fall, the squirrels and chipmunks will take them all. Wear gloves when picking, because they have a thistle like coating.

After you pick them, allow them to dry. This should be done in a single layer for maximum drying opportunities. Some people hang them in a cotton pillowcase and when they are dry you can beat the pillowcase on the shed floor. This breaks the husks and makes them easier to clean. Once the outer husk is gone, you can store them in a mason jar. Around this time of the year you might see people selling them on the side of the road.

What's so great about hazelnuts? Apparently, many things. First, they are plentiful and free. They are very nutritious and are described as heart-healthy and brain-boosting. They provide vitamins and minerals as well as protein and fibre. They are chock full of anti-oxidants and are even thought to fight Alzheimer's. As you delve further into the research about hazelnuts it is astounding. They are believed to be cancer-fighting.

With no added sugar or salt, they are a healthy snack. Not everybody loves their flavour which can be a tad bitter. They do contain fat, but primarily healthy fats. Nutella is a popular spread that is a combination of chocolate and hazel nuts. Plain hazelnuts are a lot healthier for you! Hazelnut coffee is a specialty that many enjoy, but for maximum health benefits - just plain hazelnuts!

The hazelnut is also believed to predict the weather, explains Stephen Jerome of Gesgapegiag. If the nuts are plentiful it means a long, hard winter. Conversely, fewer nuts or if they grow later in the season, means a short winter. Hazelnuts can be ground into a very fine powder and then mixed with water and honey. This can be used to treat a bad cough. You can make a tea out of the leaves which helps lower a fever and stomach upsets.

It is said that if you make a forked stick out of the hazel tree it will help you to find water, and some say possibly buried treasure! Hazel wood was considered to be a tree of knowledge, and wisdom. Many years ago, people would weave the twigs into a crown and then make a wish. Others would place the twigs in their home to protect the house from lightning.

We are so fortunate to have foods that grow on the Gaspé that we can forage ourselves or buy locally. Hazelnuts are just one of the healthy foods that are available here that could be part of your '100 Mile Diet.' Years ago, everyone ate, mainly, a '100 Mile Diet' on the Gaspé, which is healthier for you in every way. Let's return to that life as much as we can.

Herring fisherman finds season long and unproductive

Gilles Gagné

SHIGAWAKE: - This year's herring fishing season will not make history, says Shigawake fisherman Jeffrey Vautier, except maybe for its low catches, as about 8% of the quota was still up for grabs after five full weeks of fishing. That is almost double an average season's length, especially considering that the quota was not caught.

"It was a poor season. We were seeing fish on the sonar but the fish were small and passing through our nets. With 8% of the quota not caught, some fishermen are trying to catch them but it also depends on the buyer. Some buyers have already stopped processing herring. I am going to try once or twice before the end of the season," explains Jeffrey Vautier.

He caught his fish essentially off Miscou Island, on the New Brunswick side of the Bay of Chaleur. Miscou Island, Cape Cove and Pabos are usually the three main herring spots.

"Twice, I tried to fish off Cape Cove and Pabos but it was not good so most of the fish was caught off Miscou," adds Mr. Vautier, who didn't say what his volume of catches is.

The price was good though, as he received 26 cents per pound from the Lelièvre, Lelièvre et Lemoignan processing plant in Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé. That price matches last year's and it is way above the average of the last decade.

"I find that there is less fish (herring) every year. The weather was good though, except for a couple of rough nights but that is normal," points out Jeffrey Vautier.

He is worried about the effect the rising population of grey seals is having on herring stocks. "We are asking the DFO (Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the federal ministry) to keep the grey seal population under control. That population has more than doubled in 18 years. Otherwise, we will be a nation not able to feed itself. Herring is important for our bait but also for human consumption," concludes Mr. Vautier.

Roch Lelièvre, who owns the Lelièvre, Lelièvre et Lemoignan processing plant, found that the first week of catches, which started on August 20, was good, but the vol-



Photo: Robert Nicolas

2017 marks a long season for Gaspesian herring fishermen.

ume of landings had ups and downs during the following weeks.

"It is not as steady as last year. It is not ideal (for the plant). The fisherman lost a night or two due to bad weather. It is a long season. We have seen better years," he says.

He was expecting to process about 2.5 million pounds of herring during the 2017 season, compared to 3 million pounds in 2016. The situation is partly explained by low catches but also by the fact that some lobster and crab fishermen, after an outstanding year, decided not to give herring a try.

"I have a smaller number of boats delivering to the plant. Let's say that lobster and crab fisherman had a great year. I had nine boats from the Gaspé Peninsula, compared to 12 last year and seven from New Brunswick, compared to 11 a year ago," explains Mr. Lelièvre.

The quota for the Bay of Chaleur and Gulf of Saint Lawrence fishermen stood at 12,700 metric tons this year.

"The fish are in a good state. The price we (the processing plants) receive is down a bit but the demand is strong. We pay the fisherman 26 cents. We still don't know the final price. It is determined in Japan and it will come later. The season is not finished yet. The volume of eggs is a bit lower. The price of eggs determines the price of herring," points out Mr. Lelièvre.

A small portion of the fish is sold on the regional market. Approximately 35% of the landings are used to make bait while 60% of the fish is sent to the Cape Cove smokehouse, called Fumoirs Gaspé Cured.

"It is a big market. We sell the smoked fish mainly to the United States, then to the Caribbean Islands. In the United States, the clientele is composed of ethnic communities. At the (Cape Cove) plant, we salt the fish a first time, and then a second time. The season starts at Cape Cove once processing is done in Sainte-Thérèse. Between 50 and 60 workers will smoke the fish between this fall and next spring," explains Roch Lelièvre.

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In addition to the portrait of Senator James Gladstone, who represents the role of Indigenous peoples in government, the Canada 150 note incorporates the artwork *Owl's Bouquet* by acclaimed Inuit artist Kenojuak Ashevak and the distinctive Assomption sash, an important cultural symbol of the Métis people.

James Gladstone or Akay-na-muka (his Blackfoot name) was a member of the Kainai First Nation (Blood Tribe). In 1958, he became Canada's first senator of First Nations origin. He is also the first Indigenous person in Canada to appear as a portrait subject on a Bank of Canada note.

Gladstone committed himself to the betterment of Indigenous peoples. At the time of his appointment to the Senate, he, like all Status Indians, did not yet have the right to vote. He advocated for this right, which was won in 1960, when the right to vote was extended to all Indigenous Canadians. He also advocated for improved education, economic opportunities, equality and greater self-determination for Canada's Indigenous peoples.

Gladstone served in the Senate until 1971, the year of his death. A bronze bust of Gladstone is displayed in the antechamber to the Senate in the Centre Block of Parliament Hill. It shows him wearing a feathered headdress and acknowledges his significant contribution to the Senate and to Canada.

The distinctive pattern featured across the top and bottom of the Canada 150 note is based on the Assomption sash, also known as the arrow sash. The long, finger-woven sash, most commonly worn tied around the waist, is part of a tradition integral to the history of Canada. Colourful sashes were worn by French-Canadian habitants and became a hallmark of the voyageurs and fur traders, who carried them westward at the end of the 18th century.

Traders from the Hudson's Bay and North West companies regularly offered the sashes as gifts to First Nation peoples, with whom they became popular adornments. Since then, the sash has become an important cultural symbol of the Métis people and is the centrepiece of the "Order of the Sash" ceremony, during which a sash is presented to an individual in appreciation of a significant contribution to the Métis nation.

In the large window on the Canada 150 note is a metallic image based on *Owl's Bouquet*, artwork by Kenojuak Ashevak (1927–2013).

A member of the Order of Canada, Ashevak is perhaps the best-known Inuit artist. She lived and worked in Cape Dorset, Nunavut, the last territory to join Confederation in 1999. Her work, which helped introduce Inuit art to the world, was produced in a wide variety of media, including drawings, prints, sculptures, textiles and even stained glass. Ashevak's distinctive artwork has been featured on Canadian stamps and coins but never before on a bank note.

Ashevak's work was chosen for the Canada 150 note for its great aesthetic and security value—the owl lends itself perfectly as a metallic feature.

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My First Job

I wasn't very old when I realized I could make money by selling codfish tongues in the village. I would go down to the fish stands where the boats came into Barachois. Some of these would come in loaded with codfish. I guess that was in the days when you would say that the codfish was king here because everything seemed to be centred around codfish including fertilizing the field.

They would put the codfish up on a splitting table. One person would put the fish on the table and another man would take a knife and quickly split open the stomach and cut the head a little bit and slide it over to the next person who would grab all the insides and pull them up and push up against a big knife that was already fastened to the table and bang and the head would come off. And he would just throw the head down on the ground and it would splash a bit with blood. And that's where I was. I would be down there and I would get covered with the leftovers of the codfish. All I needed to do was get the head, turn it on one side, hold my finger in the eye with one hand, and make two little cuts on each side and then hold the tongue with my hand and cut it at the top, cut it at the bottom, and I would be left holding the tongue in my hand. I learned to do that very quickly.

The fish would be dropping down and I would be getting the heads and I would fill my little quart container with tongues. Once it was full, I would put it in a pail. After that in the afternoon, I would go and wash the tongues in the salt water, clean them up, and then take my pail and walk through the village to sell my codfish tongues.

I had already established certain customers so I knew exactly where to go and who would want to buy them. Sometimes I would get a new customer. I would sell a whole quart of tongues for 10 cents. So maybe in my day I might make, if I was lucky, 40 cents in the afternoon.

I had to compete because there was more than me cutting tongues. A lot of other boys in the village also wanted to cut tongues and do what I was doing. So, when the head would fall sometimes whoever grabbed it first would have the head or we would agree you take one head and I would take the other. But it got that some guys didn't believe in that—you take one head and I the other—and they just said whoever got the head first will have it. You had to kind of fight a bit for your codfish heads.

My father got a job working building a freezer for codfish down in Pointe St. Peter which was about 5 or 6 miles from our home. He would hitch up the horse and he and Lawny, who were both carpenters, would drive down there early in the morning, stay all day, and come home around 5 o'clock. I said: "Oh my gosh, I bet you there are boats coming in at Pointe St. Peter and probably not too many people are cutting tongues down there." One day I went down there with them and hung out, and that's exactly what was going on. There weren't too many boats coming in but there was nobody there cutting the tongues. So, the following day, I said to my Dad: "Papa, I am going to go down with you tomorrow and I am going to cut tongues in Pointe St. Peter." I went along with them in the morning.

I started to cut my tongues and because I had no competition down there I was able to cut about two gallons of tongues...maybe even more. By the end of the day, I had a really nice full pail of tongues.

I wasn't conscious of the time. I was kind of watching the men working on the freezer to see

when they would end their work so I would be ready to go up and come back with my father but I was also concentrating on cutting as many tongues that day and making as much money as I could. So, at one point I looked up—and oh my gosh—all the men had stopped working. I had no idea of when they had stopped. When I did come up to where they were working, I couldn't find my father. Papa had gone home. I was so disappointed. What was I going to do? With 20 pounds of codfish tongues, how was I going to carry that home?

I started on that dirt road and there were hills coming up and down. I was carrying those tongues and finding it very, very, heavy and very difficult to do. A guy came by with his horse and wagon and gave me a ride but then I got off that. Then a two-ton truck with just a flat back on it came by - nothing really much to hold onto. They were going pretty fast, and I had a hard time holding onto the back. Anyway, they stopped after a mile or so and I got off and I started to walk with my codfish tongues again.

It was getting late now and it was getting dark. The sun was going down and the clouds were pretty black. I didn't know what kind of an evening it was going to be. It was starting to get cold. I passed by this one house, and a man was standing out beside the house in a place called Belle-Anse which means beautiful cove. This man, whose name was Mr. C., started to talk to me. I said to him: "I am too tired to carry my tongues. Can I leave my tongues with you overnight and I will come back in the morning and get them?" So, I went with him and he put them in a big, big, pail and he put some salt in the pail. He said he would put them in his shed so they would be cool.

So there. I was really happy about that. So I started to walk home.

As I got home, of course, it was getting darker and the rain started to come down. There was a big thunderstorm. It just poured and poured. I got soaking wet. All my clothes were wet. I just kept on walking. I knew I would get home eventually. It was dark; it was night time. I arrived home at probably about 10 p.m. in the evening.

I remember—you know so well, seeing the light! We didn't have electricity at that time. We just had coal oil lamps or kerosene lamps. There was a kerosene lamp. I could see it on the table in the kitchen as I came home. I remember my father singing "Mother McCree" to my mother. I felt like: "Oh, there is the candle. There is the light." I felt the warmth of my home and my mother.

I came in and my father didn't say very much of anything. He did say that they were out looking for me, and they were wondering where I was. He said that he couldn't find me. He didn't say anything more. I guess we both understood that he had left without me. Probably... I don't know what was going on...but we didn't talk very much about it. I didn't have any resentments towards him for doing that other than I should have been there waiting for him rather than him waiting for me. That was understood.

My mother took all my clothes off and put dry clothes on me. I remember that night being in bed, and just feeling so soaked to the bone even with the warm, fresh, clothes on. I still didn't feel dry. I still felt so, so wet.

So, that's a little story about my first job and that excursion away from cutting tongues in Barachois to cutting tongues in Pointe St. Peter.

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Photo: Kelly Cochrane

The 2017 Day Camp.

Day camp, a great time

Elaine Sexton

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES: - Kelly Cochrane Osbourne was again the organizer/supervisor of the day camp, which was enjoyed by a lot of children.

The summer employees this year were Scott Legouffe and Zachery Cyr. There were 34 registered campers but children who were in town on vacation were welcome to join in on the fun.

The project to hire Zack was made possible through CASA. We appreciate your dedication to our communities.

The Eagles Club is grateful to Kelly who dedicates many hours at the day camp organizing all their activities. Hats off to the two student workers as well. The children truly enjoyed all the adventures they had together and we wish them all a great and safe school year that has already begun.



Photo: Kelly Cochrane

Day camp children with the "wiggle" cars.

New addition to the Fall Festival

Elaine Sexton

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES: - Our 17th year of the festival, which will be on Thanksgiving weekend, October 6, 7 and 8, will have a new addition to the line-up of activities already in place for a few years.

They are the "wiggle cars" or plasma cars. In the photo you can see the kids from day camp trying them out. There will be races and the two day-camp workers Zach and Scott will be in charge. It will be held in the skating rink and the way they work is you steer the car by "wiggling" the steering wheel back and forth.

The go-karts started out with a bang so let's hope this will also. Face painting, decorating scarecrows, Magic Man and children's activities are all part of the fun-filled weekend. The new addition of equipment for the younger children in the playground is also a plus this year and will be enjoyed by many.

On Friday night there will be softball. Gather up a team and meet on the field. The full details will be in SPEC and in the official pamphlets as the time approaches and this year you can go on the facebook page under Cascapedia St-Jules Fall Fest for all the latest details. If you have any questions or for information, you may call 418-392-4042, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Anyone who would like to volunteer, please call the above number.

Also please note that in last week's article the time for the go-kart races should have read 11-2 instead of 11-1. Our apologies for any inconvenience.



Photo: Elaine Sexton

Cascapedia-St-Jules cancer survivors.

Cascapedia-St-Jules cancer survivors

Elaine Sexton

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES: - Pictured above are the cancer survivors from Cascapedia St-Jules wearing the Terry's Team survivor t-shirts from the Terry Fox Foundation at the 28th annual Terry Fox Day held in the community.

It was an honor to salute these women, men and sweet children. JoAnne Huntington-Barter, president of the local legion, presented a cheque to the Foundation.

The total amount of the online and direct pledges collected is \$1700.00. Over \$87,000 was raised in the small community with the help of Gesgapegiag and people supporting the group from surrounding municipalities.

Keep your eye out for an article about the amazing day in an upcoming issue of the SPEC.

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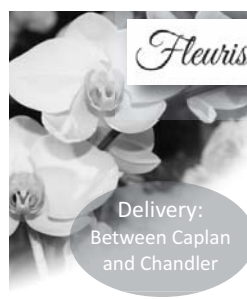
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Obituary



WALKER: Pherne Flowers

Family and friends were shocked and saddened to hear about the sudden passing of Pherne Flowers Walker which occurred on September 3, 2017, at the age of 78.

She leaves to mourn her loving husband Orville, her children: Doug, Kathy, Michael (Avis) and Shelley (Troy); her grandchildren: Michelle, Laura, Justin, Christopher and Jacob; and her great-grandchildren: Kylie, Connor and Charlie.

Also she leaves to mourn sisters: Mona, Iona and Palma and brothers: Floyd, Ernie and Brent.

She was predeceased by her parents: Grace and Alexander; sisters: Rita, Debbie, Diane and Irene, and her brother Lee.

The condolences and service was held at the St-Andrew's Anglican Church in New Carlisle on Friday, September 8, at 3 p.m. conducted by Rev. Nicholas Forte.

Our lives will never be the same. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.



In Memory



BAIRD: Theresa (née Holland)

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by since you left us. We think of you every day and are so grateful for the life that we shared with you. Thank you, Mom.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am the thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints in snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

As you awake with morning's hush,

I am the swift-up-flinging rush

Of quiet birds in circling flight.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,

I am not there, I did not die.

Hugs and love, Jeff and Laura.

FLOWERS: Donald

In loving memory of my brother, Donald Flowers, who died on September 16, 2008.

If tears could build a stairway,

And memories a lane,

I'd walk right up to heaven

And bring you home again.

From sister Evelyn and family. We miss you.

SMITH: Sadie

In loving memory of our dear mother who left us twenty years ago on September 28, 1997.

May the winds of heaven blow softly

And whisper in your ear

How much we love and miss you

And wish that you were here.

Forever missed and loved, sons Craig (Joan), Darryl (Cheryl), daughter Starr (Blake); daughter-in-law Yvette and your grandchildren.

Thank you

The family of the late Pherne Flowers Walker would like to express our sincere thanks to relatives and friends for their sympathy, prayers, flowers, food, cards and phone calls. A special thank you to Rev. Nicholas Forte for a lovely service, Enid Bechervaise the organist, the choir and also to Cathy Buttle for helping in the funeral preparations.

Your kindness towards us will never be forgotten thank you. God bless you all

The Walker family

Four Generations



Muriel McRae with her daughter Anna Bolanis, Burlington, Vermont, and granddaughter Alexandra Clauss and great-granddaughter Anna Marie Clauss from Williston, Vermont.

A Celebration of the Journey of Life

(and Peter's 70th birthday)

Friends of Peter Ross

(Yes, he's coming back to celebrate in Gaspé)

are invited to join him on

Sunday, October 1, from 2-4 pm

at the Seniors' Hall, St-Majorique

(directly behind the RC church).

Bring a poem, a story, a song, and/or some words of wisdom about the Journey of Life.

(No material gifts, please!)

Light refreshments will be served.

Arzt-Palmer Wedding



Jonathan Palmer and Sonia Arzt were married in the Basilika Frauenkirchen, just outside Vienna, Austria, on August 26, 2017. The beautiful bride was radiant in her elegant wedding gown as she entered the magnificent catholic church constructed in 1695. She was attended by her sister Lisa as maid of honour. The handsome groom in his sharp black tuxedo awaited with his brother, Brian, as best man. The bilingual wedding service was conducted in German and English.

Cocktails commenced at 3:30 p.m. with dinner and dance reception continuing at St. Martins Therme and Spa until 4 a.m. Austrian friends and family were in attendance. Twenty Calgarians including Jonathan's family were thrilled to travel for the special occasion.

The happy couple will continue to reside in Vienna.

Jonathan is the son of Tony and Agnes Palmer of Calgary, and the grandson of Dennis and Marguerite Palmer of Wakeham. Sonia's parents are from Murzzuschlag, a town in the Austrian province of Styria.

Happy Birthday!



A very happy 65th birthday to a very special lady - Sandra Flowers!

Lots of Love from Mom, Val, Laird and Karen, Richard and Helen, Kim and Todd and all of your nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews! XOXO

Happy 85th Birthday!

A special birthday party was held for Verna Gray (Chicoyne) on July 22, 2017, by her four daughters: Susan, Dawn, Pam and Kim.

John did a great job as MC and had us all laughing (especially when he did his "juggling" trick).

Sharon sang a song to the tune of Edelweiss and Dennis Drainville said a beautiful grace.

Many family members helped with the food and Shirley made a lovely birthday cake.

Everyone wrote on a piece of paper one word that they felt described Verna. These were all stuck to the back wall by the kitchen. After supper John read these words and asked for stories around some of the more obscure words like STOVE TIMER (officially this is two words but we let it slide haha). This word was from Trent - he said he remembered when he was dating Dawn and how you would put on the stove-timer and he was supposed to go home when it went off -



but he would keep setting it back.

After that Shirley read the same piece that she did for Verna's retirement from nursing (about Liz Taylor lookalike) and Carol read from the Gaspé cook-

book about success. Then the nieces, nephews and grand-kids all got up to sing a rendition of "Have I Told You Lately," with words written by daughter Kim. Everyone including Verna joined in with the last verse. It was very emotional. Then Kathy sang "Remember When" with Will, and Billy on ukulele and Kim on violin.

Verna's four daughters all spoke as well as Verna. After that the birthday cake and desserts were served and then there was music with Ralph, Lonzo, Will, Billy and Kim. Several others sang including Jane, Sharon, Verna, Lanzo and Charlotte.

It was quite a party and great fun was had by all.

Happy Birthday!



Happy 96th Birthday Dad!

Hope you have a great day!

Love Ronnie, Iona, Ray, Janet, Francis, Eric, Andrew, Ann, Peggy, Gail, Nick and families.

Still growing potatoes - these in a Canadian Tire bucket."

Social notes...

The tourist season 2017 was enhanced by wonderful weather conditions this year. The weather has recently changed, and that is a sure sign that fall is approaching. Wishing all SPEC readers a wonderful fall and winter season.

Sandie Mace received an exceptional birthday surprise when her son, Jason Bouvier, Granby, Que., arrived unexpectedly to help her celebrate her 65th birthday. Jason was able to visit family and take in some tourist attractions such as the Biopark and zip line in Percé as well as enjoy our delicious seafood.

On September 4, Ruth Dugdale flew from Sudbury to Vancouver to join Arden, Hannah and (Hannah's friend) Lea Maude for the return portion of Arden's two month camping trip. The itinerary so far has included Granville Island and Lynn Canyon in Vancouver, on to Osoyoos to see Canada's only desert and then wine tasting and fresh fruit in Kelowna. A kangaroo farm, the last spike in Craigellachie, a tour of Lake Louise, and a walk on the Athabasca glacier were the high points on the drive to Jasper. Three nights in Jasper National Park involved the usual tourist spots, some rough camping and a beautiful soak in the Miette Hot Springs. A three day stay in Edmonton allowed the girls the opportunity to thoroughly enjoy West Edmonton Mall and Elk Island National Park. At this point, the trip is at the halfway point. There will be many more exciting places to go and people to see over the next two weeks.

Terry Fox Annual Walk

Hope Town held its 14th annual Terry Fox Walk on probably the most rainy day we have ever had to walk in. Ten brave people came out to walk 10.7 km from Travers Lane in Shigawake to the municipal hall in Hope. I think the weather helped to make it one of the fastest walks ever as the first four completed the walk in just under 2 hours.

Our ten brave participants were: Linda McGie, Nancy Huard, Caroline Huard, Stephane Lévesque, Melanie Hayes, Alice Hayes, Christine Grenier, Anne MacWhirter, Lorna Bourget and Linda MacWhirter.

Congratulations to the participants and all who donated to this great cause for cancer research. Our total today is \$2729, bringing Hope Town's total contribu-



Anne MacWhirter

HOPETOWN NEWS

tions in 14 years to \$35,354. Today marks the 37th Terry Fox Walk. A suggestion was made to try and reach a total of \$37,000 representing \$1000 for each year of the Terry Fox Walk. We need \$1,646.00 to reach this goal. We have two ladies willing to donate \$200 each to help us reach our goal. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Linda MacWhirter 752-2015 or Anne MacWhirter 418-752-5270. All pledges must be received by October 4.

All the helpers made this another successful Terry Fox Walk: Olive Smollett and Jewell Roy from the I.O.D.E. at the registration desk, and the Hope Baptist Church Ladies and the Hope Town Sports and Recreation Club for the lovely lunch enjoyed by all. These three groups have been in Hope Town for all 14 of our Terry Fox Walks. This year Gabriel Larocque put up our encouraging markers in Léon Dubé's absence. Eric Larocque was once again taxi service. Linda McGie, Sherry Major, Kay Major, Kayla Major, Caroline Huard, and Michael McGie served our meal and/or helped with cleanup.

Hats off to all who contributed in any way to make this another successful Terry Fox Walk.

Hope Town's grand opening of the newly-renovated Community Center was held on September 5. In attendance to help celebrate were Bonaventure MRC Prefect, Jean Guy Poirier; Pierrot Joncas, vice president at the Caisse Desjardins; Magella Savoie, Caisse Desjardins; Hazen Whittom, mayor of Hope; Gérard Raymond Blais, mayor of St. Godefroi; Hope Town Municipal Council; members of Hope Town Sports and Recreation club and residents of Hope Town.

With a ramp and handicap bathroom, the newly renovated Community Center is more accessible for all. It is also more energy efficient with larger windows and

is better insulated. The new tin roof will last longer. We now have a beautiful hall for activities which are held every day of the week. Many compliments have been received from those who have been in the building since renovations.

This project was realized with contributions from DEC Canada, MRC pacte rurale, Caisse Desjardins and the Hope Town Sports and Recreation Club. Speeches were made by Mr. Jean Guy Poirier congratulating Mayor Linda MacWhirter and the Municipal Council on the newly renovated building. Mr. Pierrot Joncas also congratulated the Municipality and presented a cheque of \$12,000 for the Caisse Desjardins contribution to the project.

Everyone was pleased and impressed with the renovations. Punch was served followed by a delicious cold buffet. Lunch was donated by the members of the Municipal Council and The Hope Town Sports and Recreation Club with Anne MacWhirter bringing the punch. Rachel MacWhirter made the lovely cake of the newly renovated Community Center.

Thank you to all who took time out of their busy schedules to celebrate with us.



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ST. MAJORIQUE:

Military Whist Tournament

The Parish of St Majorique will be having their Annual Military Whist Card Tournament on **Saturday, October 14**, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St Majorique Municipal Hall. The cost for the day is \$25 per person including lunch. For more information or to reserve a table, please call Laurette at 418-368-0256. Door prizes and draws and prizes awarded to winning tables 1, 2 and 3.

POINTE-NAVARRÉ:

Mass of St. Peregrine

The mass of St. Peregrine, patron saint of the sick suffering from cancer and long-term diseases, will be celebrated on **Tuesday, October 3**, at 7 p.m. at the Shrine of Pointe-Navarre. Welcome to all.

YORK:

Harvest Supper

The York River Senior Citizens' Club will be holding its Annual Harvest Supper on **Sunday, October 29**. The event will take place at York Community Hall, 702 York Blvd. Take outs will be from 4 to 4:45 p.m. First setting will start at 5 p.m., and second setting at 6 p.m. The price will be \$12 for adults, \$6 for those 10 and under. Everyone welcome. Please come out and support our group.

YORK:

Fall Colours Tour

All members of the York Senior Citizens' Club are invited to participate in the changing of the Autumn Leaves (Forillon Park Fall Tour) that is scheduled for **Saturday, September 30**. The bus will be leaving from Gaspé Elementary School at 9:30 a.m. and returning later that afternoon. Everyone is welcome but please remember to bring a lunch. Should you be planning on participating, please call Tony Patterson at 418-368-3276 in order to acquire a head count so that proper bussing can be arranged.

YORK:

Thanksgiving Supper

The Parish of Gaspé will be holding a Thanksgiving Supper at the York Community Center on **Monday, October 9**. Take-outs will be available from 4 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. The first service will be at 5 p.m. Adults: \$12 and under 10 years old \$6. We appreciate your support.

YORK:

Advance Notice

The York ACW will be holding its

annual Christmas Sale and Tea on **Saturday, November 18**, at the York River Community Hall beginning at 2 p.m. There will be handicrafts, bake table, mystery parcels and a white elephant table. Afternoon tea will be served - \$5. Hope to see you there.

DOUGLSTOWN:

Douglstown Community Center Upcoming Events

The Community Centre would like to invite you to come and enjoy our living room during regular greeting hours. A nice place to read, study, chat with a friend or just sit and enjoy the view. We have a new espresso machine that is waiting for you.

Friday, October 6, at 5 p.m., the Community Centre's Happy Hour will be dedicated to all Douglstown newcomers! This is a great opportunity to get together with old friends or make new ones. Bring your refreshments and a dish to share. A voluntary contribution would be appreciated.

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.

Saturday, October 14, A pot luck supper will be held at the Barachois Legion beginning at 5 p.m. Adults \$10, children 6 to 13 years of age \$6, under 5 years of age - free. Thank you for supporting our fundraising effort to purchase a new refrigerator for the Legion.

BARACHOIS:

Harvest Supper

There will be a Harvest Supper at the Mountain View Golden Age Club at 857 Route 132 East on **Saturday, September 30**, at 5 p.m. \$12 for adults, and \$6 for children under 12. For tickets contact Flora Asselin at 418-645-3919 or Janet Harvey at 418-355-3899. Seats are limited - Everyone is welcome!

MALBAY:

Malbay Harvest Supper

The Malbay ACW will be holding its Harvest Supper on **October 7, 2017**, at Malbay Hall. Take-outs 4 p.m. Supper 5 p.m. Adults - \$12, children 12 and under \$6. Everyone welcome!

PORT DANIEL:

Upcoming Events

The following events will be held at the Three Star Golden Age Club in Port Daniel.

Saturday, September 30: Whist will be held beginning at 8 p.m., \$5 entrance, light refreshments will be served.

Monday, October 2: A gift bingo will be held beginning at 7:30 p.m. Canteen open.

Saturday, October 7: "500" will be played beginning at 8 p.m., \$5

entrance, light refreshments will be served.

PORT DANIEL:

Advance Notice

A Christmas Tea will be held on **November 16** at the Three Star Golden Age Club.

PORT DANIEL AND SHIGAWAKE:

Bible Study

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

SHIGAWAKE:

Harvest Supper

St. James Anglican Church Port-Daniel invites you to join us for our Harvest Supper, **Saturday, October 7**, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Shigawake. Prices are as follows: Adults \$12, Children 6-12 \$6, Under 6 FREE. Take-outs available beginning at 4:30. Looking forward to seeing you there!

HOPE TOWN:

Bingo

There will be a gift bingo on **Friday, October 13**, at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds for the Hayes Bursary Fund for continuing education. Bingo will take place at the Community Center and is organized by the Sports and Recreation Club.

HOPE TOWN:

Whist Party

A whist party will be held on **Saturday, October 14** at 8 p.m. at the Hope Town Community Centre. Come out and join us for a night of fun.

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, Hometown 418-752-5838 Pastor Paul R. Bedford BTh. MTh.

NEW CARLISLE:

Card Games

Every first **Thursday** of the month, starting in October throughout the fall 2017 and Winter 2018, the Kempffer Cultural and Interpretation Centre will have card games from 1 to 4 p.m. at the New Carlisle Town Hall. Play what you wish and bring your partner. Refreshments will be served. \$5 entrance fee. Proceeds go to Heritage New Carlisle.

NEW CARLISLE:

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 29: The Dart Club will be beginning a new season starting at 7:30 p.m. at the

Royal Canadian Legion. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, October 7: The Dart Club will be holding a gift bingo at the New Carlisle Legion at 7 p.m.

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, October 11**, at 9 a.m.

NEW CARLISLE:

Gift Bingo

The New Carlisle Funeral Association will be having a gift bingo on **October 28**, at 7 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion. \$10 a series or three series for \$20 Anyone wishing to donate a prize, please contact Betty Ann Crozier at 752-6373.

NEW CARLISLE:

Walk-a-thon

Mark your calendar for this year's fall fundraising event for the Linda LeMore-Brown Foundation's Walk-a-thon - **Sunday, October 1**. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. at the Optimist Chalet. Information and pledge sheets are available at the CASA office at 208B Gerard D. Levesque, New Carlisle, or call 418-752-5995.

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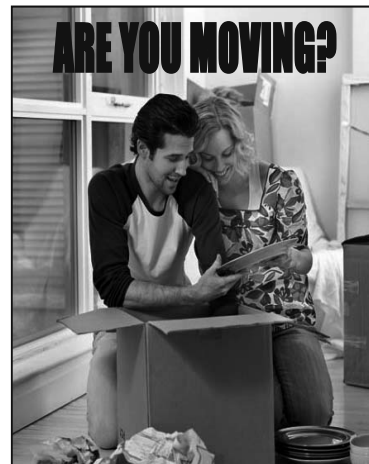
United Church

October 21: Turkey Supper
December 15: Christmas Concert.

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Shhhh Surprise

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CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

50+ Club Activities

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

Every Tuesday Night: Grocery Bingo at 7 p.m. (2 cards for \$5, each additional card \$1)

October 13 & 27: Music Night, doors open at 7 p.m.

Rotary Calendar Winners

The lucky winners for the week of September 17 are: Huguette Richard, Murray Harrison, John Lapointe, Yves Arseneault, Angèle Babin, Adèle Boudreau and Léon Arseneault.

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Sunday, October 1

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Sunday, October 1

Hope Town

10 a.m. Morning Prayer

New Carlisle

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Shigawake

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

PARISH OF GASPE

Sunday, October 1

Gaspé

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

PARISH OF ALL SAINTS

BY THE SEA

Sunday, October 1

St. Peter's Malbay

11 a.m. Service

What's This Artifact?

Marshall Billingsley



What do you think this is? The item looks to be a tool of some sort, the handle on it can be raised and there is a chamber to put something in. The handle then can be lowered and pressed against whatever you decide to put in this thing.

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



Thank you to Marilyn Campbell for sharing this artifact with our readers.

Guess Who?

My birthday is on July 16, 1967. I have starred on "Saturday Night Live," as well as have had a string of successful comic movies, including "Elf."

Answer: Will Ferrell

SUDOKU

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ANSWER:

An Eerie Experience

John W. Westbrook

It was in 1921 that Jack met Miss Georgina Elliott at a party in Montreal. It was there that he learned that she usually spent her summers at her parents' home in Port Daniel on the Gaspé Peninsula.

Some ten years previously, Jack and the others in his family had arrived in Montreal from an urban area in England. He was now twenty-two. He had limited knowledge about life in Canada -- especially that in rural areas.

Having been apprised of the beauty of the Gaspé Coast (or that of Miss Elliott) he decided to go to Port Daniel on his holiday from work.

Eventually, he arrived by train in Port Daniel and then took up residence at the one hotel. It was three miles around the bay to the Elliott residence. He had no horse, but the long walk home did not deter him. It was not long before he was spending his evenings at the Elliott home.

At that time in the Gaspé, the homes were not yet serviced by phones or electricity. There were very few motor cars.

One evening, as Jack started to return to his hotel, he noticed that the night was becoming very dark. A layer of cloud covered stars and moon alike. There was very little wind, and he could neither hear nor smell the sea. Strangely, no dogs were barking. There was still some dim light which allowed him to see the borders of the road; but soon, increasingly, the unusually dense cloud-cover turned all into darkness. Jack was now unable to see the road. How could he get home? He could easily fall into the ditch.

At that time, in the area there were only gravel roads. A typical road had a ditch on each side. In the center there was a section of rough gravel where horses' hooves had churned the surface. On each side of this was a band of hard surface where the wagon wheels travelled.

Eventually, Jack determined that he could tell where he was by the feel of the road under his shoes. So long as he stayed on the hard-packed surface, he would be safe.

Jack proceeded slowly. It was lonely, dark, and quiet. The low cloud seemed to muffle any noise.

All at once he became aware of another sound. It seemed to come from the gravel area he had passed. He stopped. The noise stopped. He moved ahead more quickly; the noise source kept pace. He was being stalked -- what could he do?

Gathering his courage, he turned to where he thought the noise was emanating. Then, for a brief moment, the clouds parted, and Jack could see that he was but a few feet from a large animal. He waved his arms, and it stopped and wandered away.

There were no more surprises on Jack's way home. It would be several months before my father-to-be would reveal how very frightened he had been when stalked by a local cow.

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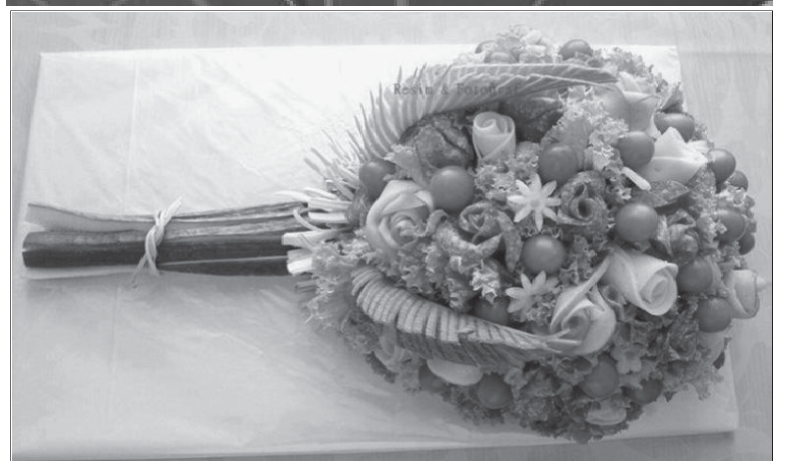
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Go ahead...play with your food



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, when an opportunity comes your way, resist the temptation to pass it up thinking something better is on the horizon. There are no guarantees, so make the most of this chance.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Many things around the home need your attention, Taurus. But you may be having trouble finding the motivation to tackle them right now. Get a partner to lend a helping hand.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, make a concerted and sincere effort to focus on family for the next few days. It's time to reconnect with everyone in the house, and you will enjoy the time at home.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Cancer, slow down a little because moving faster will not get the job done right. It may only lead to sloppy mistakes that will take even more time to handle.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

It can be challenging to find initial support for your ideas, Leo. However, once you explain all of the specifics, there's a good chance others will

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climb on board.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Risk can sometimes have a large payoff, Virgo. Just make sure you time your jump right or you could miss an opportunity to really shine.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, if you push yourself a little harder this week, you will be happy with the results. Even though it may be an uphill battle, the summit will look pretty nice.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, just when you think you can lie low and escape the week without any excitement, something pops up that requires all of your attention. Hunker down for now.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, focus on something new for a while rather than a problem that has been bouncing around in your brain. Frustration will get you nowhere, so let it go for now.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, even if you take some time

off from work, things will go on as planned. Although you are a key member of the team, others can temporarily fill your shoes.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Sometimes the things that require the most work are the ones that you enjoy the most, Aquarius. Dig in deep on a new project and the rewards will come afterward.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

A few things still need to be sorted out, Pisces. Then you can put your feet up for the time being. Gemini has something to say this week.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 24

Ian Bohen, Actor (41)

SEPTEMBER 25

Jamie Hyneman, TV Star (61)

SEPTEMBER 26

Jim Caviezel, Actor (49)

SEPTEMBER 27

Anna Camp, Actress (35)

SEPTEMBER 28

Hilary Duff, Actress (30)

SEPTEMBER 29

Alfie Boe, Singer (44)

SEPTEMBER 30

Ezra Miller, Actor (25)

It's HARVEST Time...

TO HELP USE SOME OF THOSE TOMATOES,
TRY ONE OF OUR FAVOURITE RECIPES



Homemade Salsa

5 pounds of tomatoes
4 green peppers
1 large onion
4 jalapeno or hot peppers, cut into small pieces (Use 1/2 or 1/4 of the seeds, depending on the level of hotness you want.)
4 tbsps minced garlic
2 tbsps fresh chopped cilantro
1/2 cup vinegar
4 tps salt
2 tps of sugar for every half pint filled.



DIRECTIONS:

Blanch, skin and core tomatoes and cut into 1" pieces or smaller. Cut onions and peppers into small pieces.

Add all ingredients, except sugar, to a large pan and bring to a boil. Boil and reduce until half the original amount (about 1 hour).

Before filling jars, make sure the jars and lids are sterilized. Put 2 tps of sugar into each half pint used.

Pour hot salsa immediately into the jars leaving 1/2" space on top. Put lids on jars and tighten. Wait for the lids to seal, listening for the pop.

Seafood Cocktail Sauce

13 cups plum tomato purée	2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
Zest and juice of 2 lemons	2 tsp dry mustard
3 cloves garlic minced	1 tsp cayenne pepper
1 1/4 cups granulated sugar	1 tsp onion powder
1 cup white vinegar	1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper
2 tbsp salt	3 cups finely grated peeled horseradish

You will need about 9 lbs of plum tomatoes to make the tomato purée for this recipe. To make fresh tomato purée, blanch, peel, core, seed and chop tomatoes. Place in a colander and let stand for 15 minutes. Discard liquid and purée tomatoes in a food processor fitted with a metal blade.

Place half of the tomato purée in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat, stirring occasionally. Maintaining a constant boil, add remaining tomato purée, 1 cup at a time.

Reduce heat and boil gently, stirring occasionally, until mixture is reduced by half, about 30 minutes. Add lemon zest and juice, garlic, sugar, vinegar, salt, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, cayenne, onion powder and black pepper.

Increase heat to high and bring to a full rolling boil, stirring frequently. Remove from heat and immediately stir in horseradish. Ladle hot sauce into hot jars, leaving 1/2 inch headspace.

Put lids on and place jars in canner, ensuring they are completely covered with water. Bring to a boil and process for 15 minutes. Remove canner lid. Wait 5 minutes, then remove jars, cool and store.



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