

Duthie's Point: Detailed plan for the future is unveiled

Cynthia Dow

NEW RICHMOND: - What was meant to be the Annual General Meeting of the Duthie's Point site on Tuesday, March 27, turned into a general information session about plans for the future of what once was the British Heritage Village. It was held at the New Richmond Town Hall.

The AGM will have to be held at another date as there was no quorum of the Board of Directors. Some members had to be absent for unforeseen personal reasons.

Instead, Development Advisor Mary Robertson and Town of New Richmond councillor Geneviève Braconnier presented the new development plan in both French and English. About 20 people attended the event, including board members Bruce Willett (President) and Sandi Beebe.

"Tourists are looking for increasingly diversified products," Ms. Robertson explained, "And the Village had reached a tipping point." She noted that it was increasingly difficult to obtain government funds to support an operating historical village, and that in the future the site will have to generate a larger share of its own finances.

This plan has been in development for several years, and in the meantime work has been done to try to keep the current buildings in good repair. The renovations to the Gendron Store have been completed and the lighthouse has been moved far back from the cliff top where it was



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President Bruce Willett, Sandi Beebe, Mary Robertson and Geneviève Braconnier are all working on the development plan for Duthie's Point.

threatening to topple into the Bay. New roofs have been added to the schoolhouse and the Willett House and the structure of the Almond barn has been reinforced. The church, which had been sinking, has been lifted and new support beams put underneath.

The walking trails have also been cleaned, and are used in all seasons thanks to the the local cross-country ski club which maintains the ski trails.

Access to some 4,000 artefacts held at the site has been made easier by creating a new database which is available online. A new series of 12 historical panels explains the history of the site and the families who settled there.

For the future, Duthie's

Point will be focussing more on the fascinating maritime history of the area, and will provide space and services for up and coming enterprises offering products and services of interest to the tourism market. Three new businesses have already had their start at the site, although they are no longer located there. An antiques dealer, L'outre Kambucha and La Trameuse have all operated at the site in recent years but have moved on for a variety of reasons.

In response to a question from the floor, it was emphasized that the antiques dealer was not selling artefacts from the site, but rather things he gathers in his travels. However, he is no longer going to be at the site.

Amy Gravel of La Trameuse explained that Duthie's Point is a great place to start a business, as the visitors provide a captive audience for any enterprise. However, she noted that basic services such as electricity, running water and high-speed Internet will have to be supplied to all the buildings to attract business owners.

That's the idea behind the plan. Mary Robertson referred to the Avonlea development in PEI as an example of what Duthie's Point could become: a collection of small businesses offering creative and artistic wares to tourists and locals alike. The goods produced on the site would be branded with a "Made at Duthie's Point" label.

There are also plans for three groupings of small rustic cabins in the woods that could be rented out to visitors.

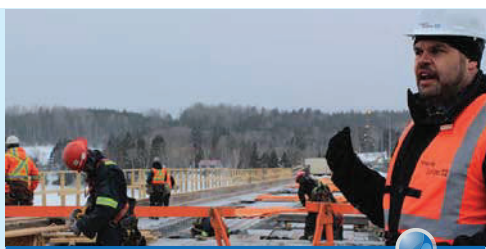
Two architects, one focussed on the buildings and a second on the landscape, have prepared schematic plans to show what could be done with the 82-acre site. The plan has now gone to the federal Department of Economic Development Canada and other government programs for funding. "The government departments are very excited about it," Ms. Robertson said.

Phase I of the project, which would see the current buildings refurbished and serviced, is estimated to cost between \$5 and \$7 million. The four major themes of the new plan are Learn, Shop, Play and Stay. The long-term goal is to become a member of the *Association des écomusées*, a world-wide group.

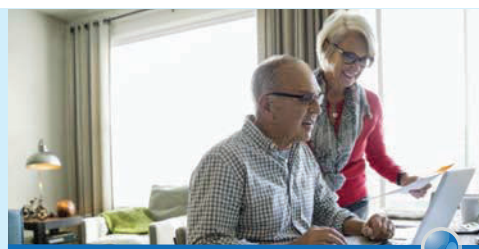
This coming summer the site will not be open for tours. At the same time, it will remain open for activities such as the Bluegrass Festival and Country Fest, the organic gardens, and the cross-country ski club. The Willett House is rented out every summer for accommodation and has proven very popular with visitors.

"We need to develop social, economic and educational initiatives to ensure a sustainable future for the site," Ms. Robertson noted. "Some 17,000 people stopped at the tourist booth at the corner of the 132 and the 299 this summer. We would like to be able to attract as least half of them."

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Photo: courtesy of Pierret St-Pierre

Pierret St-Pierre

A 2000 km...walk

Thierry Haroun

CARLETON: - Have you ever thought of doing a 2000 km walk, just for the fun of it? A woman from Carleton had just that idea. Pierret St-Pierre will start her adventure at the Niagara Falls Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix Church on April 20 and will end her journey on July 31 at the church in Carleton, if everything goes as planned. That means that she will walk on average 28 to 32 km per day. Why such an adventure? "I'm doing this to promote good health habits. It's important to exercise every day especially women who have more chances of getting osteoporosis. There's something spiritual in this adventure for me," said the retiree. This is not her first long walk, she did treks in Nepal, Russia, Peru and Arizona. This time she will walk through Toronto, Belleville, Kingston, Cornwall, Thousand Islands, Montréal, Quebec, Matane, Gaspé, etc.

The efforts were worth it, says Minassian

Thierry Haroun

PERCÉ: - The latest numbers from the Québec Statistics Institute show that more people came to the Gaspé than those leaving the region in 2017 (122 habitants). Percé Rock Prefect, Nadia Minassian is pleased by the results. "Now this is very good news for our MRC and the region as a whole. I must be honest with you though by admitting that these numbers weren't a surprise for me given that I am well aware of the efforts made by many over the years. These efforts have born fruit," she said over the phone from her office. "I'll give you two examples. The Fisheries School in Grand River with its special training program and McInnis Cement job opportunities are part of the reason why the migration numbers are positive. I sincerely think that this is just the beginning." Percé Rock MRC has a positive migration number of 38, the Côte-de-Gaspé did even better with 92 more citizens and the Magdalen Islands with 34. The three MRCs with negative numbers are Avignon (-11), Bonaventure (-21) and Haute-Gaspésie (-16).



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Chandler Mayor Louissette Langlois.

30-unit seniors project finally has sufficient funding

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CHANDLER: - The Quebec Government is granting \$610,000 to complete the financing of a major housing project for seniors who are semi-autonomous in Chandler. This news has put a smile on many faces in that municipality, which has been working on that project for the past seven years. Spec was at the news conference.

On March 23, Quebec Lodging Minister, Lise Thériault, held a press conference at the Chandler Town Hall to announce that her government was granting an additional \$610,000 for a 30-unit project for semi-autonomous seniors in Chandler that should take place next year. The project is valued at \$6M. The amount provided by the Quebec Government totals \$4.6M through a mortgage guarantee, the *Société d'Habitation du Québec* and the MAMOT Ministry. The rest of the amount is being provided by the community, including a 35 year tax break from the Town, \$75,000 from the Percé

Rock MRC, \$50,000 from the Caisses Desjardins, \$90,000 Economic Development Canada, another \$90,000 from the Chandler Economic Development Fund, to name but a few


This project came close to being abandoned by the governing board of *Habitation des Aînés de Chandler*, the corporation that has been fostering the project for the past seven years. Its vice-president, Gilles Roy, recently told *Bleu FM* radio in Chandler that if the government didn't add the \$610,000 needed to complete the financing that his governing board was ready to close the books this May. The same Gilles Roy was at the press conference and this time he was very happy about the Minister's announcement. "I think our message was heard. After all these years we can now say that this project is a reality. It will be

built!"

"This is a major announcement for Chandler and the MRC given that demography and the aging of our population is our top priority. I want to congratulate all the volunteers and citizens and those who have worked on this community initiative that made this happen," pointed out MRC Prefect, Nadia Minassian who was also at the news conference. "This is a great day for Chandler, for our seniors. We've worked so hard for this. It's important because we didn't have this type of service in our municipality," said Mayor, Louissette Langlois.

If everything goes as planned, the call for tenders will be published this spring for the start of the construction, near the Art Center, this fall. The opening is expected for the fall of 2019, at the latest. All in all, the 30-unit building can house 36 seniors at a time.

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Twelve carcasses of right whales were found in Canadian waters last year.

RIGHT WHALE PROTECTION: Express lanes for ships

Geneviève Gélinas

GASPÉ: – Once again this year, ships will have to reduce their speed in the western part of the gulf of St. Lawrence to prevent the risk of colliding with right whales. However, they will be allowed to travel at normal speed in two monitored lanes. As for crab fishermen, they will have to stop fishing very early in a 14,000 square kilometre area that is important for their catches.

On March 28, the minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Dominic LeBlanc, and the minister of Transport, Marc Garneau, announced their 2018 plan for protecting North Atlantic right whales, an endangered species. Twelve right whales were found dead in Canadian waters last year. Collisions with ships and entanglement in crab fishing gear threaten their survival. There are only 450 right whales left.

There will be a 10 knot speed limit from April 28 to November 15, for vessels 20 metres in length or longer. Ten knots equals 18.5 kilometres per hour.

Transport Canada imposed the same limit in 2017 but this year, the department demarcates two lanes, north and south of Anticosti Island, where vessels are allowed to travel at usual speeds.

The federal government will use aircraft surveillance and underwater microphones to locate right whales. When a whale is spotted, a 15-day mandatory slowdown to 10 knots will be activated within a section of the shipping lanes. Vessel owners who fail to comply will face a fine ranging between \$6,000 and \$25,000.

Ottawa implemented a

“balanced approach,” says the chief executive officer of Transport Desgagnés, Serge Le Guellec. The marine shipping company experienced longer delivery times in 2017 because of the speed limit. “We understand that there are inconveniences for navigation and for our customers, but it’s for a good cause.”

“It’s heading in the direction that we hoped a more dynamic management with lanes reserved for normal navigation,” says the coordinator of Escale Gaspésie, Stéphane Sainte-Croix. In 2017, 15 cruise ships cancelled their stop on the Gaspesian point because of the speed limit. With the shipping lanes, “the risk of cancellations in the Gaspé Peninsula is reduced,” Mr. Sainte-Croix states.

Snow crab fishery affected by protection measures

Crab fishermen will have to avoid the area where most of the right whales were observed last year, a 14,000 km² area, southeast of the Gaspé Coast. This closure will be implemented on April 28, for the remainder of the season. It means that crab fishermen will be allowed to fish during a maximum of three weeks in this area before the closure.

That’s way too soon, according to Daniel Desbois, president of the Gaspesian crab fishermen association. “Some years fishing hasn’t started yet at this date! And that’s a major place for fishing, where there’s a lot of crab biomass.” Last year, right whales were observed from June in the Gulf.

If a right whale is observed somewhere else, that area will

also be closed to crab fishermen for 15 days, and reopened only if the animal leaves the area. “I’m not sure that they are so keen-eyed to identify the species,” says Mr. Desbois, who fears that wrong sightings could lead to temporary closures.

During his press conference, Minister Dominic LeBlanc didn’t say what his government will do if a right whale dies from entanglement in crab fishing gear. At the beginning of March, administrators from his department evoked a complete closure of crab fishing in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence if such a casualty happens.

“We won’t answer totally hypothetical questions. I’m confident that those measures will reduce any interaction (between whales and fishing gear) in an extremely important way,” the Minister stated.

All snow crab fishing gear will be required to be removed by June 30. “That’s not too bad. Most fishermen are done by this date,” says Mr. Desbois.

Crab fishing will be opened as soon as possible after ice break-up, that is to say probably at the beginning of April. When Spec was reaching its deadline, an icebreaker and hovercrafts from the Canadian Coast Guard were expected to reach the northern New Brunswick harbours during the Easter weekend. The Gaspesian harbours used by crab fishermen are already free of ice.

Crab fishermen will also reduce their number of traps and their amount of rope. Fisheries and Oceans will support industry-driven testing of new gear technologies, such as ropeless gear.

Police report

Twenty-three suspects were arrested and five of them were charged on March 28 and March 29 following a major Percé Rock MRC and Montreal drug bust that required the intervention of close to 40 Sûreté du Québec, RCMP and Laval police officers. The operation, called *Pagaie* is a result of an investigation that started in 2015.

Of the five suspects that were charged, three of them live in the Gaspé Peninsula and two are Gaspesians living in the Laval area, north of Montreal.

Jimmy Briand, 26, who was already incarcerated at the New Carlisle detention centre due to previous drug related charges, appeared at the New Carlisle courthouse on additional charges. He is considered as one of the two main leaders of the drug trafficking network.

The other alleged main drug dealer is Maxime Lelièvre-Poulin, 29, living in Chandler. He appeared at the Percé courthouse and was remanded in custody. A third man, Jean-François Cyr-Landry, 32, from Newport, also appeared at the Percé courthouse. Michael Boudreau, 27, and Marie-Ève Cain, appeared at the Laval courthouse on various charges.

The accused are charged with various counts ranging from drug trafficking, possession of drugs, production of drugs, money laundering, selling stolen goods and conspiracy to commit criminal acts.

“The other 18 suspects were questioned and released. Their dossiers will be reviewed by a crown prosecutor. The investigation is still ongoing. In fact, the investigators are still looking for five more suspects. They could be arrested in the near future,” explains Sgt. Claude Doiron, spokesperson for the Sûreté du Québec.

“The investigators had targeted the Percé Rock MRC as a problematic area in drug dealing a few years ago. Recent and past police operations tend to prove that they were right,” explains Sgt. Doiron.

“Since the beginning of 2017, 30 drug busts were carried out by the police, not counting drug seizures during routine checks in vehicles. We were arresting people in recent years and drug trafficking was still continuing strong. We also needed to know how that drug was getting to the Gaspé Peninsula and we found out. Drug dealers were using regular courier or a real trucking firm to send it down here. We will not name the company because their operators didn’t know about their company carrying drugs. It was contained in regular parcels,” adds Sgt. Doiron.

Numerous items were seized during the March 28-29 operation, including 40 grams of cocaine, 3 1/4 lbs of cannabis, a small quantity of hashish, thousands of dollars, drug trafficking paraphernalia, a firearm that was not properly stored and eight vehicles.

On March 28, at approximately 3:39 p.m. an accident on Route 132 between Anse-Pleureuse and Mont-Louis claimed the life of Noëlla Thériault, 71, from Gros Morne. The victim lost control of her vehicle and was struck by a tractor-trailer.

“The victim was going west when she lost control of her car in a curve, under wintery conditions. Her vehicle started spinning out and it collided with the truck. The victim was unconscious when she was sent to the Sainte-Anne-des-Monts hospital, where she was pronounced dead. The accident occurred approximately one kilometre west of the junction between Route 132 and Route 198, which leads to Murdochville. There is no foul play to explain that accident,” says Sgt. Doiron. The truck driver had to be treated for shock.



Commentary

Gilles Gagné

A budget that looks like a fairy tale

The budget presented on March 27 by Quebec's Finance minister Carlos Leitao looks like a fairy tale, if we take for granted all the aspects of the document. However, it follows years of painful cuts and will likely be followed by more years of austerity.

The Liberal Party government of Philippe Couillard reduced expenditures to the bones between 2014 and 2017, before declaring a surplus over the last year.

That is the reason behind the 5.2% expenditure increase announced by minister Leitao. It is the highest increase of the decade.

The problem is that the cuts applied during the first three years of that government's term should have been lower or even nullified. Unnecessary pain was inflicted on the people experiencing health problems, while pupils and students suffered from a lower level of services due to underinvestment in education.

Nurses were overworked while doctors were overpaid. Twenty-five percent of teachers give up before their fifth year in class rooms because of the precarious status of their job and because of the complexity of the task, given the high number of students with learning problems and the lack of

specialized services.

That is not counting a department of Education that prefers to keep three teachers working 15 hours a week rather than hiring one teacher with a permanent status. So those part-time teachers have to find odd jobs to make ends meet.

Considering the money required to train teachers, losing one quarter of them before five years is a tremendous loss, especially considering that it could be avoided. Education doesn't stand as high as it should in Quebec.

Many of our schools are decrepit, on the verge of being condemned due to mould, structural problems and pure obsolescence. Billions of dollars will be required to replace or repair them.

So, were the last years marked by sound management? No, and it applies to the Jean Charest and Pauline Marois regimes as well, but to a lesser extent.

Buildings, roads, airports, railways and bridges that are not repaired before breaking or being dysfunctional will cost more to upgrade or replace. The failure to explain or understand those realities pretty much sums up the reason behind Carols Leitao's apparent promising situation, budget-wise. The current context is far from rosy.

The Philippe Couillard government followed an old electoral recipe. You cut during the first years of the term, and you declare a surplus that must be spent during the year leading to an election. The basic principle of the recipe is that people forget what happened more than six months ago.

That government was highly disciplined in following that electoral recipe's guidelines. However, short-sighted discipline is not a compliment and bears no advantage for the Quebec society. It fuels cynicism, period.

Will the Philippe Couillard government succeed

through the use of that old strategy?

It is hard to say. Some economic variables of Quebec are sound, like the low unemployment rate. It can hardly be attributed to the current government considering that the economy of North America is flourishing, overall.

That positive economic situation might provide voters with an occasion to test another party, like the Coalition avenir Québec, despite the lack of experience of François Legault's team and its blatant weaknesses in Quebec regions.

If the electorate is to take a chance, it might be on October 1. The Parti Québécois of Jean-François Lisée doesn't look like a serious contender for now, but six months is still an eternity in politics.

The high probability of a minority government might also add fuel to the electorate's taste for taking a chance with another political party, given the cynicism stemming from the current government's budget and the probability that another poll will come sooner than later.

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Bridge work to be completed on time, on budget

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NEW RICHMOND: - On Wednesday, March 28 local journalists were invited to visit the worksite on the Grand Cascapeia River bridge, damaged by a flood in May 2017.

Transport Ministry officials were pleased to show that work is progressing well, and told the journalists that the bridge refurbishment should be done as promised this June, and within estimated costs. "We think the budget can be respected," said Transport spokesperson Guillaume Paradis. The cost for the bridge repairs alone is estimated at \$6.2 million. Millions more have been spent on the 11.5-kilometre detour and other related costs.

Two companies are working on the bridge, Sani-Sable from Maria and Coffrage Bouchard. At any one time there are usually about 25 people at the worksite.

The work began last October after the salmon descended the river to return to the sea. The crews worked all through the winter, with a small break at the holidays. It was in early

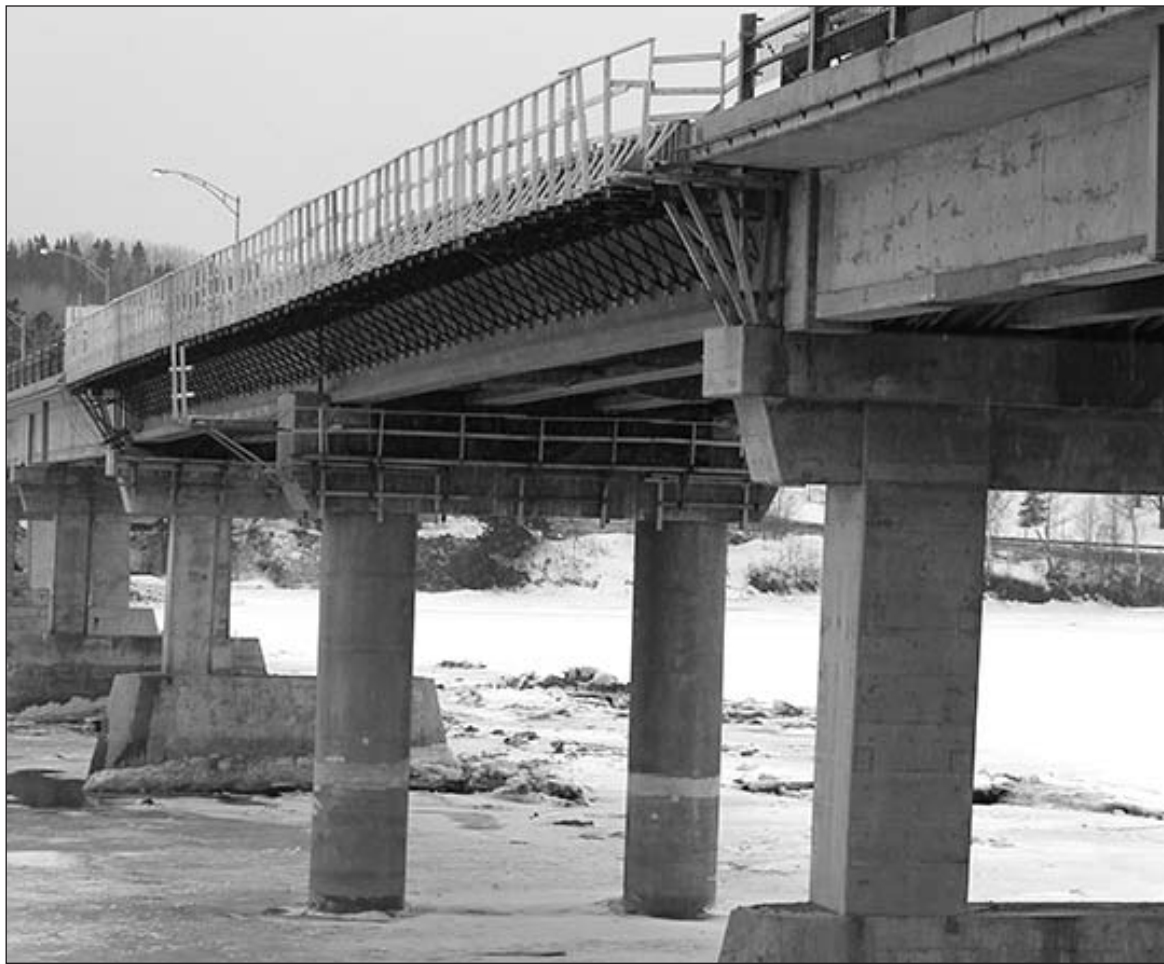


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The new pillars certainly stand out from the older ones, being of a completely different design.

January that the new pillars were built, with help of a temporary road down to the riverbed. The new pillars look very different from the originals, being completely round. For that reason, they don't re-

quire the ramparts which can be seen at the bottom of the older pillars.

All the pillars have been carefully inspected and strengthened, and better protected from future incidents of

high water.

The temporary road, already removed from the riverbed, will be completely removed from the south side of the bridge, and vegetation restored to prevent erosion. At

this time, a heavy membrane is in place to stop the remaining gravel from washing into the river.

The most important work on the roadbed will begin the week after Easter. About 67 metres of the roadbed was completely demolished this winter, and had to be replaced. In the next few weeks, workers will be completing the concrete foundation of the roadway, to be paved in late May or early June.

Asked how the two little bridges upriver are holding up to the increased traffic, Mr Paradis told SPEC that the Ministry inspects all bridges on a regular basis. He said the sidewalks will be replaced once the detour is no longer necessary. "Everything will be returned to its original condition," he said.

Tongue somewhat in cheek SPEC asked if it would be possible to hold a celebratory dance on the newly repaired bridge before it is re-opened to the traffic of the 132. Mr Paradis looked dubious, "I don't think we could continue to block Route 132 for such a reason!"

Northern shrimp are getting scarce

Geneviève Gélinas

RIVIÈRE-AU-RENARD: - Northern shrimp are getting scarcer in the gulf of St. Lawrence, to the detriment of Gaspesian communities relying on that resource. The average decrease of 35% in total allowable catches will lead to a loss of the equivalent of 250 full time jobs, if one takes into account only the economy of Rivière-au-Renard and the surrounding villages.

At the Rivière-au-Renard harbour, Captain Martin Dubé and fisherman helper Ghislain Shaw are carrying out final repairs before going fishing on the Calypso, a boat from the Gespeg Micmac community. Shrimp fishing opened as of April 1.

"It's going to be a shorter and quieter season," states Mr. Dubé. His quota was cut in half between last year and this year, because a large part of it is located in the Sept-Îles fishing zone, affected by a 60% decrease in biomass. He has 588,000 pounds to catch in 2018.

There are two main causes to explain shrimp scarcity: the warming of sea water and the

fast increase in redfish biomass. The northern shrimp, a cold water species, has more trouble flourishing because the temperature of deep water has risen by 1°C over the last few years. The biomass of redfish, a species under moratorium that eats shrimp, is exploding in the gulf. Fisheries and Oceans Canada estimates that this fish ate 160,000 tons of shrimp in 2017.

For Quebec, the Maritimes and Newfoundland fishermen who fish shrimp in the gulf, the total allowable catches went from 26,732 tons last year to 17,337 tons this year, a 35% decrease. It's a return to the level of the early 1990s. From 2000 to 2015, the allowable catches have always been higher or close to 30,000 tons.

A steep decrease of 35%, "we have never experienced that in the Gulf," says Vincent Dupuis, president of the *Coopérative des capitaines-propriétaires de la Gaspésie* (CCPG). As a result, there will be less revenue for captains, fishermen helpers, employees of processing plants and for the stores and services where those people usually spend their money. The



Photo: G. Gélinas

Ghislain Shaw and Martin Dubé, who fish on the Calypso, have half the amount of shrimp to fish this year.

CCPG estimates that over 100 km of Coast between Grande-Vallée and Cap Gaspé, including Rivière-au-Renard, the equivalent of 250 full-time jobs will be lost, in a population of less than 10,000 people.

Shrimp fishermen, including Martin Dubé want to ne-

gotiate better landing prices with processing plants. "The prices must rise. It could compensate, even partially, the decrease in quotas," the captain states. He expects that one third of the boats could deliver their catches to Newfoundland if the prices are higher over there, which

could worsen the economic impact in the Gaspé Peninsula.

As SPEC was reaching its deadline, Gaspé shrimp fishermen and processing plants had not reached an agreement on landing prices. Last year,

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Reflections

by

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The gentle art of Swedish death cleaning: Free yourself and your family from a lifetime of clutter

Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful.

A number of years ago a friend asked for help to clean and pack up her recently departed mother's home. "Sure," I thought, "that should not take long." Wrong. On the hottest day of July, we began the monumental task of packing up her mother's home. She was not exactly a hoarder, but there was so much, the task turned out to be overwhelming. We developed a system of the Big 3: stuff to keep, stuff to donate, and stuff to throw out. We were swamped. Add to the mix the friendly, but interfering neighbour who wanted to go through the items bagged and ready to go for garbage at the curb. Dear Edna kept bits of wool, used butter tart tins, dead batteries and thousands of photos. By the end of Day 1 we were exhausted and had completed just one room.

A recently published book, *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning: Free Yourself and Your Family from a Lifetime of Clutter*, published in 2017. This book outlines a method of cleaning out the clutter now, not when you are forced to, due to health, age or even death when somebody else will have to do it. The idea is that de-cluttering your life is a positive thing. It's a way of taking stock of what is important and getting rid of that which is not. The author approaches this as a positive and joy-filled process. While you pare down your possessions take the time to "celebrate and reflect on all the tiny joys that make up a long life."

This process gives older people an opportunity to use the Big 3 method now, and not later when they are not able. Would you like to decide who gets the photos, spoon collection and needlework? Now is the time, because if you are gone you do not have any say where your possessions go. Also, this prevents family from arguing about who gets the blue lamps or your sea glass collection. It gives you some peace of mind.

Keep in mind that the things we value may not be those our children want at all. I had a large china cup and saucer collection. When I offered them to my daughters their facial expressions told it all. They were not interested. Many younger people do not want your heavy old clunky dining room set. They want modern, even preferring IKEA style furniture. We may not be doing them a favour by holding on to those things.

So, if somebody calls and asks what you are up to say, "I am in the process of death cleaning." It means that you are simply removing unnecessary things in order to make your home neat, tidy and when you leave this planet you have not left a giant burden for your loved ones. Either we do it. Or they will have to. Our children might not want to talk about death cleaning with us. But after all, these things that fill our homes are just stuff. Just stuff. It is people that matter.

As the author writes, death cleaning is "a permanent form of organisation that makes everyday life run smoothly." What better legacy to leave behind than to ease the bereavement process for the ones we love? In the meanwhile, we can live our golden years without clutter.

Support for anglophones going to Quebec City for medical treatment

Diane Skinner

GASPÉ PENINSULA: - Patients from the Gaspé must travel out of the area, at times, for medical treatment. This can be an extra hardship for English-speakers who may be apprehensive and lonely while so far from home and in a vulnerable position. A newly created position of Patient Navigator in Quebec City can help to ease some of these concerns. Recently hired Steve Guimond will be filling this role. And this service is free to patients.

The Patient Navigator position was created by the Quebec Community Health and Social Services Foundation (QCHF) as a result of years of hard work by many organizations to document the problems faced by patients from Eastern Quebec having to travel to receive medical services in urban centres like Quebec City and develop strategies to address those needs. CASA was the first organization to dedicate resources in 2006 when they did the first analysis of what was happening. Then in 2014 the CISSSGI and CASA collaborated to push the dossier again. This time more partners in the English-speaking community of Gaspé des Îles, the Lower Saint Lawrence, North Shore, Lower North Shore and Quebec City were brought on board and a real group effort brought some concrete results.

In total, eight community-based organizations, in collaboration with their regional partners in health and social services, were involved in collecting the data, sharing the findings, and identifying and implementing plans to address these issues and support the English-speaking community. These community organizations are:

CASA
<http://www.casa-gaspe.com/>
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<http://www.micami.org/en/>
Vision Gaspé Perce Now
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Coasters' Association
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Heritage Lower Saint Lawrence
<https://heritagelsl.ca/>
North Shore Community Association
[\[northshore.org/\]\(http://northshore.org/\)
Jeffery Hale Community Partners](http://www.quebec-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

<http://wejh.ca/about-us/jeffery-hale-community-partners/> and

CHSSN - <http://chssn.org/>

The first steps taken were the creation of the travel4health.ca website and the associated hard-copy travel toolkits (available from local community organizations). These resources were developed for anglophone residents of the Eastern regions of the province - Gaspé - Magdalen Islands, Bas-St-Laurent, and Côte-Nord.

The website and toolkits are intended to provide reassurance for patients unfamiliar with the cities they are travelling to and providing detailed information needed for these often-stressful visits. Support include preparation, transportation support, hospital information, projected costs and refunds, lodging, financial assistance, checklists, patient rights and needs, packing lists, as well as numerous other helpful tips. The Patient Navigator, Mr. Guimond, is the next step in improving access to services. He can support patients and their companions once they arrive in Quebec City for treatment.

Funding for the www.travel4health.ca website, the hard-copy tool kits and the Patient Navigator position was provided by all the organizations involved, along with Health Canada and the Quebec Community and Health Services Foundation-<https://qchfoundation.org/>

The Anglican Diocese of Quebec City, has offered similar free services for a number of years and they will continue. The QCHF and the Diocese will work together to ensure that everyone needing support will be able to find it.

The Patient Navigator will be the 'point' person on the ground providing in-person support to English-speaking patients and their companions travelling to Quebec City for specialized health care services, assisting them in navigating the different steps in their care as well as the informational, emotional, logistical challenges the experience presents. Always ready to listen, offer friendly suggestions, and with a mandate to



Steve Guimond, patient navigator.

advocate for patient rights, the Patient Navigator also provides a link to the city itself.

This is a free service! Steve Guimond, Patient Navigator, is located at Jeffery Hale Pavilion, 1270 Chemin Ste-Foy, suite 2106, Québec, QC, G1S 2M4 To contact Steve call 419-932-0095 or navigator@qchfoundation.org or through the www.travel4health.ca website. Steve Guimond states, "Ideally, contact me with as much notice as possible as I only have part-time hours for now. I will adjust my schedule according to patient needs."

Steve Guimond informs us that the position may become permanent, full-time as currently his role is a one-year contract. He hopes that in the future there might be more than one Patient Navigator in Quebec City. He is anticipating a high demand for his services. He adds, "We are hoping to soon build a dedicated team of volunteers to help with different aspects of the service." Mr. Guimond asks readers of Spec to spread the word about this initiative. If the service is to continue and grow, people need to be using the service.

Cathy Brown, Executive Director of CASA states, "Many of our community members must travel to Quebec City for various medical reasons. The new Patient Navigator service is very important to the English-speaking community and their families in our region. It provides one less worry for them knowing that there will be someone available who can meet them and provide various support services while they are away from home."



Photo: G. Gagné

The Quebec budget earmarks money for the maintenance of the railway and for the forestry industry.

Some of the provincial budget measures could affect Gaspésians

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: – Several measures in the Quebec government's budget, which was presented on March 27 by Finance minister Carlos Leitao could have an economic impact on the Gaspé Peninsula. The fields most impacted include maritime, forestry, rail and air transportation.

However, very few details are known at the present time, as most budget breakdowns for the regions will only be known at the end of April or the beginning of May.

One program that seems better defined than others deals with the amount of money earmarked for the Gaspésie Railway Society, the operator of the region's rail line. The Society will get \$12.5 million over the next five years for its management and the maintenance of its network and locomotives. It equals the average amount of the last three years, at \$2.5 million yearly.

The Gaspésie Railway was in the middle of negotiations with the Quebec government for the renewal of its agreement as the line operator. Since the Quebec government acquired the line in March 2015, those agreements were renewed annually instead of over a multi-year period.

The amount of \$12.5 million is not part of the \$100 million announced in May 2017 by Premier Philippe Couillard in New Carlisle. That amount is earmarked for repairs on many bridges mainly located between Cascapedia-St-Jules and Gaspé.

In regional development, the Quebec government will invest \$80 million in the program supporting regions like the Gaspé Peninsula. The share for our region should hover around \$2.5 million re-

garding the FARR (*Fonds d'aide au rayonnement des régions*). The part earmarked for territories experiencing economic difficulties is not known in detail yet.

The government will allot \$250 million for Quebec's shipyards. A number of pilot projects will be supported. There again, the type of project is not defined at the present time.

Air service

Finance minister Carlos Leitao announced \$173 million to improve air services in Quebec's regions. Of that amount, \$100 million will be allotted to upgrade airports.

Once again, the details pertaining to how those funds will be invested and where it will go remain to be communicated. Several Gaspesian mayors have pushed the need of funding for the betterment of their airport for years, including Daniel Côté in Gaspé and Simon Deschênes in

Sainte-Anne-des-Monts. Those two towns operate their own airports.

Money for forestry

The Quebec government will also invest a \$40 million increment to fight the epidemic of spruce budworm currently affecting public and private forests. That envelope will increase the surface covered by the planes spraying an organic pesticide.

Another amount of \$14 million will be spent to plant trees in areas ravaged by spruce budworm. The epidemic is forcing some forestry companies to harvest trees prematurely, while they still have some lumber value.

The government will also allot \$45 million over the next three years to encourage projects that will develop products made with currently unused wood fiber. The goal of the government is to convince the private sector to invest \$100 million in those ventures.

SHRIMP:

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fishermen obtained \$1.19 per pound for big shrimp, \$0.99 for medium shrimp and \$0.85 for small shrimp.

Redfish

Captain Dubé doesn't believe in an early and strong return of the shrimp biomass. "I'm sure that we'll have to start fishing redfish. We have no choice," Mr. Dubé says. He

could catch redfish with his trawler, but first he would have to invest \$150,000 or \$200,000 to adapt his fishing gear.

The CCPG hopes to protect the jobs during the transition. "If redfish fishing reopens, we'll need fishermen helpers and the processing plants will need workers," Mr. Dupuis points out. "Minister (of Fisheries and Oceans, Dominic) LeBlanc promised that we'll have a part of the redfish. We hope he will keep his promise."

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2. THAT By-Law 1359-17 has been approved by the qualified voters during a register held on January 23, 2018.
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4. THAT the interested can consult that By-Law at the Clerk's office, at the Town Hall, 25, rue de l'Hôtel-de-Ville, during regular office hours.

GIVEN at Gaspé, April 4, 2018.

Isabelle Vézina,
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Louise Arsenault, *Secretary*

Melissa Savidant

GASPÉ: - Accessing English speaking health care professionals on the Gaspé coast can be difficult. When dealing with health related matters, this can create a stressful situation. It is important that our health care system continue to recruit bilingual professionals to the Gaspé coast and create employment opportunities here.

Vision Gaspé-Percé Now's Health and Harmony campaign aims to acknowledge those health care professionals who speak English and create a safe and comfortable environment for anglophones. Featured health care professionals are nominated by fellow community members.

Louise Arsenault is a secretary in the x-ray department at the Hôtel-Dieu de Gaspé. Louise received several Health and Harmony nominations from members of the community. She is described as a very pleasant person who regularly goes above and beyond and, overall, makes the patient experience less stressful.

Louise was born and raised in Gaspé. At a young age, her parents encouraged her to speak English and explained



Louise Arsenault, secretary, x-ray department

the benefits of having a second language. Her father, a well-known member of the community, was bilingual and worked with many English-speaking residents. Her mother, she recalls, put in a great effort to learn English, even though learning a second language at a later age proved very difficult for her. Naturally, her mother wanted to safeguard her children from this struggle, so she took steps to ensure her children learned English early in

life. Louise credits her mother's persistence, television, and her partner of 37 years for her knowledge of the English language.

Louise attended a secretarial course at the CEGEP in Gaspé. Fresh out of school, she began working in the financial sector, but soon realized it was not the place for her. She wanted to feel like she was doing more to help people. In 1991, she applied for and was hired to her first position at the

Gaspé Hospital. Throughout her career there, Louise has worked in the Cardio department, the Family Medical Clinic at the CLSC, and the x-ray department.

The doctors, nurses, and staff in the x-ray department are "like a family," explained Louise, and they all work very closely together to ensure patients are well taken care of.

Louise is the first point of contact for patients needing CT scans, x-rays, mammograms, and MRIs. She said that, on a daily basis, as many as fifty percent of patients can be anglophone. Patients often arrive for testing full of anxiety and she believes it is part of her job to help them relax and lessen their fears by giving them the best possible service. When asked why she feels it's important to serve English-speaking patients in their own language, she expressed her desire to "serve all of the public and not just a portion," and explained the importance of communication and understanding, especially in the medical field. She states that "patients are appreciative when you can speak to them in English," and Louise is always willing to assist in other departments if they require

support with translation. She admits she still makes grammatical errors, but believes that as long as she has made the effort and helped a patient's understanding, she has done her part.

In her spare time, Louise is an avid runner, often hitting the pavement as early as 4:30 a.m. Although she grew up seeing her father's participation in many sports, Louise's interest commenced later in life. In 2011, she spent time watching her daughter and sister prepare for a marathon. After some encouragement, rather than standing on the sidelines, Louise decided to try it, and her passion for running was born. Louise is proud of how far she has come as a runner, and considers it a great accomplishment. She also enjoys biking, participating in triathlons, and is presently helping her daughter prepare for university in the fall.

It is certainly clear when meeting Louise why she is a well-respected member of the medical community. Her gentle and comforting nature is instantly apparent and community members are lucky to have such a devoted caring individual available.

Canada's new \$10 note: reflecting on rights and social justice

Press release

"I'll never forget this day—I can't, it's written in history!" Wanda Robson—the sister of social justice defender Viola Desmond, who appears on Canada's new \$10 bank note—was visibly emotional as the note's design was revealed on March 8, 2018—International Women's Day.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau, Bank of Canada Governor Stephen S. Poloz, Ms. Robson and Dr. John Young, President and CEO of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, took part in the unveiling of the note in a ceremony at the Halifax Public Library.

Once the note enters circulation in late 2018, it will mark the first time that an iconic Canadian woman is portrayed on a regularly circulating Bank of Canada note.

Ms. Desmond was selected by Minister Morneau after an open call to Canadians to nominate iconic Canadian women who could appear on the re-designed \$10 bank note.

A successful Black Nova Scotian businesswoman, Ms. Desmond defiantly refused to leave a whites-only area of a movie theatre in 1946 and was subsequently jailed, convicted and fined. Her court case is one of the first known legal challenges against racial segregation brought forth by a Black woman in Canada.

"Viola's is just one of millions of stories from women who have helped shape, build and influence our country," said Minister Morneau. "But it's an important story, because it shows that standing up for what we believe, whether it's on the step of Parliament Hill or in a movie theatre in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, can make our country and the world a better place for future generations."

The new \$10 note is also the first vertically oriented note issued by the Bank, which allows for a more prominent image of Viola Desmond and differentiates it from the current polymer notes.

The back of the note features images and symbols that depict Canada's ongoing pursuit of rights and freedoms, including the Canadian Museum for Human Rights—the first museum in the world dedicated solely to human rights; an eagle feather—representing the ongoing journey toward recognizing rights and freedoms for Indigenous peoples in Canada; and an excerpt from the Canadian Charter of Rights and

Freedoms.

"Respect, reflection, dialogue—these are the values that Canadians aspire to, and this new note will help teach Canadians, indeed anyone who sees one of these bank notes, about the ongoing story of human rights in Canada," said Dr. Young.

This new note includes some enhanced security features to help keep it safe from counterfeiting yet easy to use, ensuring that Canadians maintain trust and confidence in their money.

"It is the Bank of Canada's job to design, produce and distribute bank notes that Canadians can use with confidence and pride," said Governor

Poloz. "Bank notes are designed to be not only secure and durable, but also works of art that tell the stories of Canada. I am confident that you will agree that this new \$10 note fits the bill."

Watch for the \$10 note featuring Viola Desmond when it begins to circulate at the end of the year, and stay tuned for the launch of the next Bank NOTE-able campaign, in which the Bank will reach out to Canadians to seek input on the portrait subject and design of the next \$5 note.

Visit bankofcanada.ca to learn more about the design and security features of Canada's currency and follow the Bank on Twitter (@bankof-

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Budget reactions: Clarification needed regarding the railway and airports

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND – The Quebec governments budget is perceived somewhat favourably by Éric Dubé, president of the Gaspésie Railway Society, but a number of clarifications remain to be made in order to fully reassure him.

The Gaspésie Railway Society will receive \$12.5 million over the next five years to secure track maintenance and acquire new equipment, according to Quebec budget documents.

“We expect to sign a five-year agreement with the government in June. It gives us more possibilities to plan things over the long term. That was not really possible as long as we signed one year agreements, which was the case since 2015,” points out Éric Dubé.

The agreement with the Quebec government remains to be fine-tuned, regarding points like the inclusion of certain types of expenditures in the \$12.5 million envelope. The temporary cement transshipment terminal for Nouvelle is one example.

“I would say that the Nouvelle terminal will be included in the \$12.5 million amount. I would rather use the \$100 million (announced 11 months ago by Premier Philippe Couillard) for building the Nouvelle terminal, which will cost \$600,000 to \$700,000, I would say (in-



Photo: G. Gagné

Gaspésie Railway Society president Éric Dubé says the company needs additional equipment to be more efficient.

cluding the tracks). We will accept what government authorities say. We can try to influence them on some issues but the final decision is theirs,” says Mr. Dubé.

While the Gaspésie Rail-

way Society is covering its operation costs with the revenues generated by freight traffic, some equipment has to be replaced or upgraded.

“Our fleet of maintenance

vehicles cannot fill our needs.

A pickup truck equipped to go on the rails costs \$160,000. We also need an extra locomotive. We brought one from Gaspé but there is always one locomotive requiring repairs, sometimes two, out of the four we have. With two setups in Nouvelle (Temrex sawmill and McInnis Cement), one setup in New Richmond (McInnis Cement), with the windmill blade traffic, we need one more locomotive. We will also need two additional tracks in Nouvelle and two in New Richmond. We currently have two windmill blade trains on the line and we are congested. It is a good problem to have but we have to improve our operational conditions,” explains Mr. Dubé.

In Gaspé, independent Member of the National Assembly (MNA) Gaétan Lelièvre remarks that projects planned for big cities benefit from well-defined time frames, which is not the case for regional ventures.

“I find it unbelievable that in the 2018-2019 budget, the government plans the realiza-

tion of the Réseau Express Métropolitain (a light train initiative) between April 2018 and the summer of 2021, a \$6.3 billion project. While on the Gaspé Peninsula, almost one year after the \$100 million announcement by the Quebec premier for the rehabilitation of the rail line, only \$4 million has been invested and they are unable to confirm an accurate schedule to repair existing bridges. Is the technology so different between Montreal and the Gaspé Peninsula or is it that the political will differs a lot between the two places?” wonders Gaétan Lelièvre.

Regarding air transport, the Gaspé riding MNA doubts that there will be a lot of money for the four Gaspé Peninsula airports in the budget, despite the \$173 million announcement by Finance Minister Carlos Leitao.

“The 2018-2019 budget is endowed with \$53.8 million for the airports. Five years ago, that amount was \$61.1 million,” he says, pointing at a loss over the years.

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Gastem board still reflecting on court decision

Gilles Gagné

CARLETON: – Permission to appeal, payment or bankruptcy? Gastem's board of directors was still considering their options and the response to give to the February 28 Superior Court decision to reject Gastem's compensation lawsuit against Ristigouche South East, and Judge Nicole Tremblay's order.

The order forces the company to pay \$164,000 to Ristigouche South East, considering that parts of the lawsuit were considered abusive by Judge Tremblay. The fine imposed on Gastem amounts to half of Ristigouche South East's legal fees.

On March 30, four weeks and two days after the decision, Gastem president Raymond Savoie was a board meeting away from communicating the decision.

"Because of the (Good Friday) day off and Easter

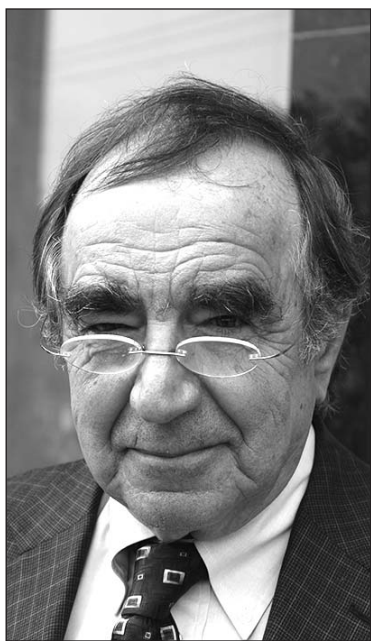


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Gastem president Raymond Savoie is still reflecting on his options.

week end, we have until April 2 before making our decision known," pointed out Mr. Savoie then.

On March 30, defence attorney Jean-François Girard was under the impression that the company had until April 3

before deciding about the relevance of asking for an appeal. The Monday after Easter is also considered a day off in certain jurisdictions.

"Our decision is not made yet. We have a final board meeting to hold. We have convened to give no hint as to what we will do. It is a team decision," added Raymond Savoie.

An appeal is not an automatic process. Gastem, like other parties in similar circumstances, must ask permission of the Court of Appeal. That court will evaluate the arguments of the company and decide if there are grounds to hold a second trial.

According to Raymond Savoie's testimony heard during the September trial, Gastem is not a rich company. Most of its operations were mothballed between 2013 and a few months before the trial. The company's attorney,

Daniel Kochenberger, worked for free during the trial.

The low cash flow of Gastem complicates a payment of \$164,000 to Ristigouche South East. Judge Tremblay also ordered the company to pay the interest fees to the municipality, and certain court fees.

Could the company go bankrupt instead of paying an amount that must near \$200,000? Raymond Savoie didn't say if that option is being considered by Gastem's board.

The mayor of Ristigouche South East, François Boulay, is cautious when asked about his expectations regarding the payment his municipal administration might receive. "Nothing surprises me anymore in this case," he simply replies.

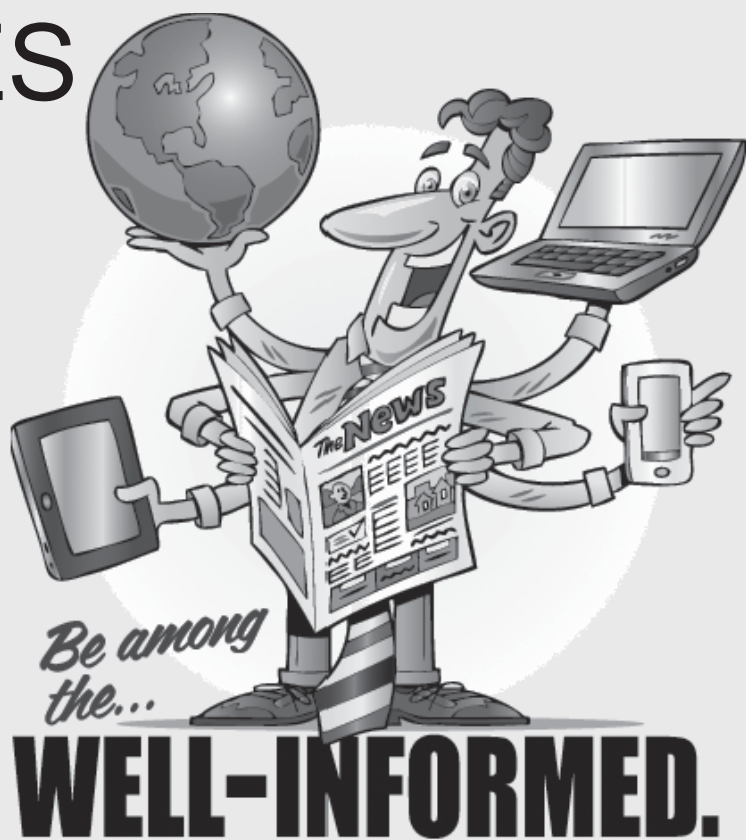
Gastem blamed Ristigouche South East for the adoption of the March 2013 by-law prohibiting any hy-

drocarbon drilling less than two kilometres from a drinkable water source. At the time, the company was planning to drill an exploratory well about 100 metres from a house and the Kempt river.

The company never challenged the by-law and opted for a compensation lawsuit instead. The initial amount sought by Gastem was \$2 million, a sum reduced to \$1.5 million in 2014 and to \$1 million during the trial. The company sold its Ristigouche South East exploration rights three years before the trial.

Judge Tremblay explained in her decision that Ristigouche South East adopted a perfectly legal by-law. She also stressed that a municipality doesn't only have the right to protect drinkable water or other responsibilities falling under its jurisdiction, but the duty to do so.

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Obituaries



CLARK: Mortimer (Mot)

November 11, 1950 - December 20, 2017

Predeceased by his father, Lawrence on August 20, 1981. He leaves to mourn, his wife Heather Justason, his mother, Julia Jean Clark as well as six brothers, six sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and friends.

CLARK: Julia Jean

April 19, 1931 - March 22, 2018

Predeceased by husband, Lawrence, August 20, 1981 and predeceased by son, Mot, December 20, 2017. She leaves to mourn, six daughters, six sons, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, two sisters, many nieces, nephews and relatives.



In Memory



FRANCOEUR: Ralph

In loving memory of our dad who passed away on March 30, 2011.

*We often think of days gone by,
When we were all together,
A shadow o'er our lives has cast,
Our loved one's gone forever.*

Forever remembered by your sons Alain and Michel.

Please keep in mind when submitting photos of a loved one do not send in photocopies, copies printed off a home colour printer or the cards given out at the funeral home. The quality of your photo will not reproduce well in the newspaper.



GALLON: Ellison Howard

In memory of Ellison Howard Gallon who died on April 8, 2005.

*I feel a warmth around me,
Like your presence is so near,
And I close my eyes to visualize
Your face when you were here.
I remember the times we spent together,
And they are locked inside my heart.
As long as I have those memories,
We will never be apart.
Even though we cannot speak anymore,
My voice is always there,
Because every night before I sleep,
I have you in my prayers.
Just remembering no one knows,
What today may bring or tomorrow holds.*

Remembered and loved by wife Eleanor and son Clyde.

LANGLOIS: Leonard

In loving memory of a loving husband, father and grandfather, who passed away March 10, 1998.

*This day is always remembered and quietly kept,
No words are needed,
We will never forget,
For in our hearts you'll always stay
Are loved and remembered every day.*

Love you for ever. Iona and family.

ROBERTS: Earl and Beatrice

In loving memory of Mum and dad. Dad - April 6, 2000 and Mum - February 16, 2003.

*Nothing can ever take away,
The love a heart holds dear,
Fond memories linger every day,
Remembrance keeps you both near.*

Love you both. Iona and family.

STEWART: Alymer and Dulcie (Mullin)

In fond and loving memory of my parents, Alymer and Dulcie Stewart (Mullin). Dad passed away December 24, 1971 and Mum passed away April 5, 2006. Both the Christmas and Easter Season will always hold sad, but happy memories.

*When someone you love
Becomes a memory,
The memory becomes a treasure.
Our memories of you will never grow old,
They're locked in our hearts like letters of gold.
Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure.
Loving you always
Forgetting you never.*

"In God's Loving Care" Lovingly missed, daughter Pam, son-in-law, Keith, grandchildren, Matthew, Michael and Melissa Spicer.

WERELEY: Paul

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away March 22, 2013.

*As we loved you, so we miss you,
In our memory you are near.
Loved, remembered, longed for always,
Bringing many a silent tear.*

With deep love, your family. Always in our hearts.

Thank you

The family of the late Mot Clark and Julia Jean Clark would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who helped with snow removal at the church and graveyard, sent cards, flowers, gifts of money and food, and donations to the Alzheimer Society. Your thoughts of encouragement and kindness help soothe the pain.

The Clark Family



WILLIAMS: Lester

November 14, 1922 - April 1, 2005

WILLIAMS: Robert (Bob)

In loving memory of Dad (Lester) Williams and our son/brother Robert (Bob) Williams.

Broken Chain by Ron Tranmer

*We little knew that morning
God was to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

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COAST ROUND-UP**POINTE-NAVARRÉ:****Upcoming Events**

Monday, April 9: Evening Taizé: Prayers in peace, songs and music in the spirit of Taizé. You are invited to the sanctuary from 7-8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday, April 17: Thanksgiving Mass. During the year 2018, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the death of Father Watier. We will give thanks to the Lord by recalling a feature of the life of Father Watier and his mission among us. Welcome!

Sunday, May 6: The Annual General Meeting of the Sanctuary of Pointe-Navarre will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the church. You are all invited to this meeting to receive information on the administration of the sanctuary. Welcome.

GASPE:**Rummage and Bake Sale**

The Parish of Gaspé will be holding a rummage and bake sale in the basement of St Paul's Church on **April 7** beginning at 9 a.m. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Fund. This fund provides chaplaincy support to residents of the long-term residency and medical facilities in Gaspé. If you have items that you would like to donate to the rummage sale, they can be dropped off at St. Paul's church on Sunday mornings during service. To arrange drop-off at times other than Sunday morning, please contact Vera Patterson at 418-368-3624.

GASPE:**Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting for Camp Fort Haldimand will be held on **Thursday, April 12** at 7 p.m. in the basement of St Paul's Church. The committee is looking to have new members join and get involved with this great asset to our community. This committee is also responsible for the oversight of the summer day camp offered at Camp Fort Haldimand. Please come out share your ideas.

YORK:**Advance Notice**

Wakeham ACW will be holding its annual summer sale and tea on **Saturday, July 7** at York River Community Hall. We will have baked goods, a handicraft table, white elephant table, and mystery parcels. Afternoon tea will be served (\$5). Doors open at 2 p.m.

BARACHOIS:**Barachois Renunion**

Following-up from the August 2, 1996 - 50 Plus/Minus Baby Boomer Reunion, the 2018 organization committee, Gerald Girard, Dianna

Francis & Stanley Ste Croix will be hosting a dinner at the Fort Prevel Golf Course on **Saturday, July 28, 2018** starting with cocktail hour (\$ cash bar) at 5 p.m., dinner served at 6 p.m. There will be a two choice five course menu served at the cost of \$22.95 for chicken or \$27.95 for salmon + taxes. In keeping with the same Baby Boomer age group, the committee has decided to modify the criteria which will include the students from the Belle Anse School who were born within the years 1945-1946-1947. To be eligible to attend the dinner you would have to be born within the years of 1945-1946-1947 and have attended school in Barachois or Belle Anse. If you fit the above criteria and would like to attend, you can be accompanied with your spouse or friend. Please confirm ASAP that you will attend by contacting Gerald Girard: gerrygirard@bell.net 450-619-9655 / 514-913-1350 or Dianna Francis: diannafrancis36@icloud.com. 418-385-2427 with your names, telephone number and your choice for the main course (Salmon or Chicken) The committee thanks you all for your support and asks that you help to spread the word about the reunion to the former Barachois and Belle Anse students who were born within the years of 1945-1946-1947

BARACHOIS:**Annual General Meeting**

The Barachois Recreative Center at 1062 Route 132 East, Barachois, is holding its Annual General Meeting on **Sunday, April 8**, at 1:30 p.m. There will be elections of all officers of the Board, as well as a discussion and approval of proposed changes to the by-laws. Everyone interested in the future of the Centre is urged to attend. For a copy of the proposed by-law wording changes please contact janet.c.harvey@gmail.com.

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. **Thursday Nights:** Darts will be held beginning at 7 p.m. New players welcome. No experience necessary.

PORT DANIEL:**Upcoming Events**

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

April 6: Gift Bingo, starts at 7:30 p.m., \$10 a series, and three series for \$20. Canteen service.

May 12: Mother's Day Tea.

PORT DANIEL:**Upcoming events to support St. James Anglican Church**

April 27: Gift Bingo at the Three Star Golden Age Club in Port Daniel at 7:30. All proceeds will go to St. James Anglican Church Port Daniel. Single card \$10, series 3/\$20. Get

your dabbers ready! Canteen service and 50/50 available as well.

June 30: Canada Day Entertainment Evening

July 28: Annual Bazaar

October 6: Harvest Supper

November 10: Casserole Supper and Auction

PORT DANIEL:**Strawberry Social**

The Marcil Women's Institute will be holding its annual strawberry social on **Friday, July 27**, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Three Star Golden Age Club at 177, Route 132, Port Daniel West. Entrance \$7, children under 6 free; door prizes, bake table, sales table, 50/50, more information call 418-752-8152.

SHIGAWAKE:**Upcoming Activities**

The following events will be held at the Shigawake Community Center.

Sunday, May 13: Mother's Day Brunch 9 a.m.-1 p.m., \$10, children 7-12 years \$5, 6 and under free
Saturday, June 23: Fish Cake supper \$12 per person

SHIGAWAKE:**Tea, Bake and Craft Sale Advance Notice**

A tea, bake and craft sale will be held at the Shigawake Community Centre (across from the Anglican Church) on **Thursday, July 19** from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Adults \$7, children 6 and under free. Door prizes, prizes, 50/50.

HOPE TOWN:**Service**

Hope Baptist Church welcomes You! Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Corporate Worship at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study; Friday 7 p.m. Young Peoples for Grade 7-11, 305 Route 132 West, Hope Town 418-752-5838

HOPE TOWN:**Upcoming Activities**

The following activities will be held at the Hope Town Community Center.

Saturday, April 7: A crib tournament will be held at 1 p.m. \$10 per person. Please register your team by April 5. Call Audrey or Linda 418-752-2015.

Saturday, April 14: Military Whist beginning at 8 p.m. Come and join us for a night of fun.

NEW CARLISLE:**Annual General Meeting**

The AGM of the New Carlisle Funeral Association will be held on **April 17, 2018** at 4 p.m. at the Town Hall

NEW CARLISLE:**Upcoming Activities**

The following activities will be held by Heritage New Carlisle at the New Carlisle Town Hall.

Friday, April 13: Spring Soup and Sweets from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

May 11: Soup and Sweets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please note There will be no card games until

further notice.

NEW CARLISLE:**LIFE Association upcoming events**

May 5: Mother's Day Tea from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. At the New Carlisle Town Hall. \$5 per person.

June 16: Bingo at 7 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in New Carlisle. \$10 series or 3/\$20.

NEW CARLISLE:**Gift Bingo**

The dart club will be hosting a gift bingo for and at the Royal Canadian Legion on **Saturday, April 21** starting at 7 p.m. \$10 a series or three for \$20.

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:**Legion Benefit Breakfast**

A benefit breakfast for the Royal Canadian Legion will be held on **Sunday, April 15**, at the New Carlisle Optimist Chalet beginning at 9 a.m. Cost \$10 per breakfast. All are welcome.

NEW CARLISLE:**Annual General Meeting**

The AGM of the New Carlisle Seniors Corporation will be held on **April 16** at 2 p.m. at the Gilker Residence. Everyone is welcome.

NEW RICHMOND:**Friperie entraide de L.É.P.É.**

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NEW RICHMOND:**Ham and Scalloped Potato Supper**

The United Church will be holding a ham and scalloped potato supper on **April 14** from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$6. Takeouts available starting at 4 p.m. Call Kathleen Paquet 418-392-4960.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:**Royal Canadian Legion****Br. 172****Upcoming Events**

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 172 meets monthly on a regular basis every third Saturday at the Legion, located at 55 Gallagher St.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:**50+ Club****Upcoming 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).

Friday, April 6 and 20: at the 50+ Club, 319, Route 299, there will be jam sessions open to all musicians and spectators. Doors open at 7 p.m. with entertainment beginning at 7:30 - free admission, donations accepted. Canteen service on site. Welcome to all.

Saturday, April 22: There will be a turkey supper including soup and dessert from 4:30-6 p.m. Adults \$12, children 12 and under \$10. Takeout is also available.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:**Book Room**

Please note that the book room is now open **Wednesday** afternoon from 1 - 4 p.m. On other days, please contact Kathleen Paquet at 418-392-4896.

GESGAPEGIAG:**N.A. Meetings**

N.A. Meetings held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Mawiomni Treatment Centre, located at 85 School Street in Gesgapegiag. Everyone welcome! For more information call 418-759-3522. N.A. is a non-profit fellowship of men and women for whom drugs have become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. This is a program of complete abstinence from all drugs. There is only one requirement for membership, the desire to stop using.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Sunday, April 8**New Carlisle**

10 a.m. Morning Prayer

Hope Town

10 a.m. Morning Prayer

Port Daniel

10 a.m. Morning Prayer

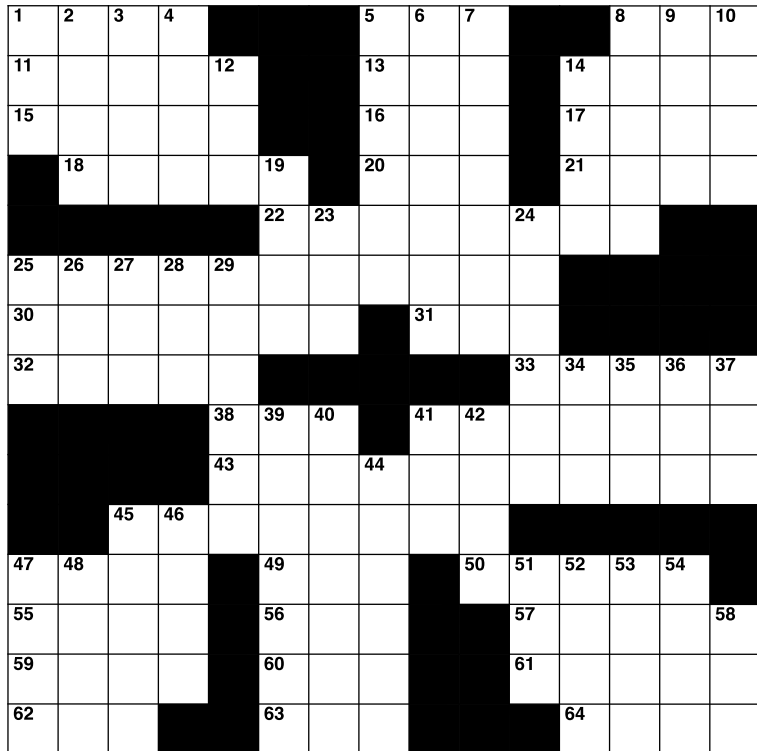
PARISH OF ALL SAINTS**BY THE SEA****Sunday, April 8**

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11 a.m. Service

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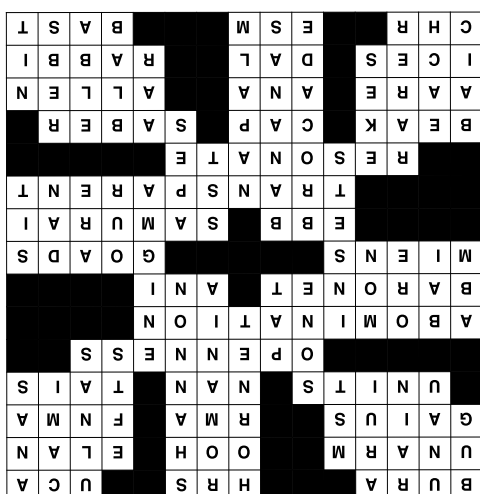
CLUES ACROSS

1. Genus of beetles
5. Time units (abbr.)
8. Fiddler crabs
11. Remove weapons from
13. Express delight
14. Energy
15. Roman general
16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
17. Mortgage group (abbr.)
18. Parts
20. Leavened bread cooked in a clay oven
21. Type of cloth
22. Frankness
25. Causes disgust or hatred
30. A member of the British order of honor
31. Folk singer Di Franco
32. One's looks
33. Provokes
38. Partner of flow
41. Japanese warrior
43. Easy to perceive
45. Meet with one's agreement
47. Bird's jaw
49. Ballplayer accessory
50. Sword
55. Swiss river
56. Comedienne Gasteyer
57. Beat icon Ginsberg
59. Clinches a victory
60. Split lentils
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Book of the Bible (abbr.)
63. Electronic warfare-support measures
64. Fibrous plant material

8. Arm bones
9. Women's undergarment
10. Genus of dabbling ducks
12. Time zone
14. Newts
19. Sound unit
23. Dab
24. Puzzlement
25. Defensive nuclear weapon
26. Actress Ling
27. Natural solid material
28. Burmese ethnic group
29. Puts within
34. Belonging to us
35. They ___
36. One of twelve sons of Jacob
37. Grab a seat
39. Rich fabric
40. Fruits
41. Very fast airplane
42. Large primates
44. Flammable jelly
45. Less common
46. Supplements with difficulty
47. Chinese automotive company
48. Every one of two or more things
51. Swiss river
52. Speak incessantly
53. Italian Island
54. Fighters against authority
58. Egg of a louse

CLUES DOWN

1. Annoy
2. Two-toed sloth
3. Precipitation
4. Barbary sheep
5. Large stinging paper wasp
6. Balkan country
7. ___ Doherty, actress



Why do we SAY...

By Gary Briand

An acquaintance from Nunavut got in touch to tell me that he had overheard on CBC North an interview in which two Inuit women were considering going to court to have the term "Eskimo Pie" declared illegal throughout U.S.A. and Canada. What is "Eskimo Pie"? In 1910 a Danish gentleman and a recent Immigrant to the United States came up with the idea of covering an ice cream bar with melted chocolate and then refreezing it. In 1920, the man, Christian Nelson, sold the first "I-Scream-bar."

In 1921, a major chocolate manufacturer, Russell Stover, bought out fifty percent of Mr. Nelson's business. He got a patent for the new confection but detested the name. Mrs. Stover suggested naming the product "Eskimo Pie" and it was sold franchised. Her first advertisement carrying the new name appeared in 1921 and by 1923 there were more than one thousand franchises offering the new ice cream bar.

In 2009, a Canadian Inuit tourist visiting New Zealand encountered the bar and went to lawyers who contended that the Eskimo Pie name was offensive to her people. She won her case. We are now to see a repeat of the same fight. Political correctness, no doubt!

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Thai-Style Beet Salad

Makes: 5 servings

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup (75 mL) mayonnaise
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) fresh lime juice
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) fish sauce
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) black pepper, freshly ground
- 1 pkg (340 g) PC Beet Slaw
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) fresh cilantro (including tender stems), chopped
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) dry-roasted unsalted peanuts, chopped

Directions:

1. Stir together mayonnaise, lime juice, sugar, fish sauce, salt and pepper in large bowl. Add slaw; toss until well coated. Stir in cilantro and green onions. Cover and chill 30 minutes.
2. Stir in peanuts.



What's This Artifact?



Answer: It is a homemade horse-shoe hammer to remove snow and ice from the horse shoe.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, things may seem to be going smoothly when something unexpected pops up out of the blue. Thinking quickly will ensure you do not miss a step.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may want to help solve a problem at work, but in this case, it might be best to let others draw their own conclusions. Take a step back.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, teamwork is the name of the game in the days ahead. If you learn to work with others, seemingly unsolvable problems can be solved rather easily.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Cancer, your performance at work is a topic of discussion this week. Others' recognition of your hard work will provide a confidence boost.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Communication between you and close friends this week is a breeze, Leo. You are able to tackle quite a number of subjects and may even plan a brief getaway trip.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, your week starts out on solid



footing. All you need to do is maintain the status quo for the next few days and things will progress in the way that you expect.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Be proud of the way you are able to remain neutral in complex situations, Libra. This is why others will come to you when they need advice in the days ahead.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, others may misinterpret your willingness to offer an opinion as intrusive. Reassure them that you are just offering help, not trying to pry.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you are tempted to color outside the lines and break all sorts of boundaries. But at this juncture in time, it may be better to play things a bit more moderately.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, if you are serious about your goals, you have to hunker down this week and draw out a plan. Seeing things in black and white will help you

set your course.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, although it may seem foolish at this point to scale back on your workload, doing so will enable you to focus more intently on specific details and do your best.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, don't be afraid to go off on your own this week. Sometimes you need some time to think for yourself to get into a zone.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 1

Susan Boyle, Singer (57)

APRIL 2

Michael Fassbender, Actor (41)

APRIL 3

Alec Baldwin, Actor (60)

APRIL 4

Robert Downey, Jr., Actor (53)

APRIL 5

Pharrell Williams, Singer (45)

APRIL 6

Peyton List, Actress (20)

APRIL 7

Jackie Chan, Actor (64)

Tractormania



Art MacPherson

Well everybody, or just about everybody has a hobby of some description, and some of us have several. Weston Gallon has fun collecting model tractors. In the photo you can see that he takes his collection seriously.

There are nearly 50 tractors, and quite a few implements also. Then there are the trucks, cars and trailers to add to the assortment. Many of the tractors are sturdy die-cast metal scale models in 1/16th, 1/32nd and 1/64th scales.

Wes has been gathering for quite a few years, and of course he is especially proud of the “blue ones,” FORDS. Well they all had to have a home so he asked Reid Renouf to build the beautiful cabinet they are displayed in.

I know he will never stop adding to his collection because there’s always that “one more jewel,” to add to the case. He will even repair tired old tractors, and as you can see, they all are shining like new. I think the one he is holding on his knee is a favourite...

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