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## Lobster price remains high like in 2017

Gilles Gagné

SAINT-GODEFROI – The price of lobster remained high during the first stretch of the 2018 lobster season. The Gaspé Peninsula fishermen received \$7.70 per pound during the first week, compared to \$7.75 in 2017.

The volume of catches was comparable for most fishermen as well. The weather is also cooperating as most fishermen have not lost fishing days except for about 20 of them in Grand River, where the wharf was blocked for three days by the ice floe that went down following the debacle of the Grand River.

Shigawake's Jeffrey Vauthier says that "the catches are down a bit from last year but it is still good. Some areas are still good and some other areas are down a bit," he explains, two weeks and two days into the ten-week season.

Mr. Vauthier, who delivers his catches to *Produits marins Saint-Godefroi*, points out that the weather so far "has been cold a bit and that's it." The wind has been strong on a couple of occasions in the Gaspé Peninsula but not enough to be an important factor.

Port Daniel West's Mark

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In December 2015, the bridge underwent urgent repairs following an inspection that had revealed structural damage. The Hope Town bridge was built at the beginning of the 1960s. Work was scheduled to begin May 14, but due to a truck strike as *Spec* went to press, work had not yet begun.

## Work to start on Hope Town bridge Should take up to 18 months

Gilles Gagné

HOPE TOWN – Quebec's Department of Transport has chosen a Drummondville company, *Grandmont et Fils*, to carry out the reconstruction of Hope Town's Route 132 bridge, at a cost of \$9.7 million. Work is scheduled to start on May 14 and is slated to last until November 2019.

The bridge is located at the barachois lagoon. The location of Route 132 will be in part displaced at both extremities of the bridge, which will be built slightly to the north of its present location. The road will also be recon-

structed at both ends of the bridge. Altogether, Route 132 will be rebuilt over a length of 810 metres.

"Part of the new bridge will be situated on the present infrastructure," says Alexandre Bougie, spokesperson for Transports Québec.

During most of the construction period, traffic will be limited to one lane, on an alternate basis. Initially, the contractor will demolish the south part of the current bridge and build the first lane of the new infrastructure. During that phase, the users will use the north part of the

old bridge.

"During the second phase, the work will consist of tearing down the north lane of the present bridge and completing the construction of the structure, namely the lane going to the west. During that last phase, the users will pass on the south part of the new bridge," adds Mr. Bougie.

During the construction, the speed limit will be reduced to 70 kilometres per hour in the zone leading to the bridge. The width of the remaining lane on the bridge will be reduced to 3.45 metres.



The catches are comparable to 2017.

# McInnis Cement plans to reduce greenhouse gases

Gilles Gagné

PORT DANIEL – McInnis Cement will look for ways to reduce its greenhouse gases a few years down the road through a partial substitution of petroleum coke by wood residues in its kiln. That substitution could reach 30% of the present petroleum coke consumption and would consist mainly of residues produced by Gaspesian sawmills.

The kilns at the Port Daniel plant generate 600,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases annually. The facility's total emissions reach a minimum of 1.76 million tonnes of such gases per year when the extraction and crushing of limestone steps are included.

"The goal is to use 30 percent of (wood) biomass. We think that we could use 100,000 tonnes of forest biomass but there is no ceiling quantity and no deadline," says Alexandre Rail, vice-president of McInnis Cement's operations.

"The use of 100,000 tonnes of forestry biomass would cut the volume of greenhouse gases (at the cement plant),"

*forestière régionale de la Gaspésie* is a group of eight forestry cooperatives working together on different stakes. The Saint-Elzéar sawmill is a member of that group.

McInnis Cement currently consumes 200,000 tonnes of petroleum coke annually. Petroleum coke is a highly pollutant oil refinery residue, cheap to acquire and renowned for its calorific capacity. If wood residues were to replace 30% of its petroleum coke consumption, the Port Daniel plant's yearly consumption would decrease to 140,000 tonnes.

"The supply of forestry biomass doesn't seem to pose a problem," affirms Amélie Saint-Laurent Samuel, "because the Gaspesian forest generates a residual volume of wood nearing 1.2 million tonnes per year."

"There are 420,000 tonnes available for McInnis Cement. We are talking here about sawmill residues such as bark, wood chips, sawdust, shavings, residues from harvest, pulpwood and construction wood residues," she says.

"Burning wood fibre re-



Photos: G. Gagné

Amélie Saint-Laurent Samuel, of Nature-Québec, and Alexandre Rail, of McInnis Cement, think that greenhouse gases could be reduced by 30% in relation to the plant's combustion process.

she further explains.

Mario Pouliot, spokesperson of the *Association coopérative forestière régionale de la Gaspésie* and director general of the *Association coopérative forestière of Saint-Elzéar*, points out that the Gaspé Peninsula sawmills would greatly benefit from the adoption by McInnis Cement of wood residues to heat its kilns.

"The closure of many pulp and paper mills over the last 15 years has created several problems, including the difficulty of selling forestry residues," he says.

"We have woodchips that have been idle in the yard for a year-and-a-half, for a total of 5,000 tonnes. We accumulate 450 tonnes of bark per week, and we have a taker for 60 tonnes. For sawdust, it is 150 tonnes. We can sell our shavings. We receive \$20 per tonne for woodchips. It is 70% less than five years ago. Before the closure of some pulp and paper mills, we used to get \$125 for a tonne of woodchips," explains Mr. Pouliot.

The importance of the investment required to land the use of forestry biomass at McInnis Cement will be known in a year, after the realization of a feasibility study.

"The cement plant is equipped to use wood biomass in the combustion process," says Alexandre Rail, who adds that the investment would be related to a reception location

for the material.

Mario Pouliot thinks that McInnis Cement and the Gaspé Peninsula forestry sector can benefit highly from the use of wood residues to fill part of the kilns' needs.

"This is the factor that will allow the Gaspé Peninsula forestry sector to stay healthy," sums up Mario Pouliot.

He believes that a centralized location to prepare the wood fibre before sending it to Port Daniel will be necessary. The optimal centre to set it up has to be determined. It would most likely be in the Bay of Chaleur area, considering the presence of three sawmills, Groupe GDS in Pointe-à-la-Croix, Temrex in Nouvelle and the *Association coopérative forestière* plant in Saint-Elzéar.

"Rail transport between the preparation centre and Port Daniel could be very useful. I

don't see all that fibre coming to the cement plant by truck," stresses Mr. Pouliot.

Given that 100,000 tonnes of wood residue could be used by McInnis Cement, and considering that about 30 tonnes of dry fibre can fit in a railcar and 15 tonnes in a truck trailer, the number of transport units to get that material to Port Daniel is significant.

It would take approximately 3,300 carloads or 6,600 truckloads to feed the cement plant kilns with wood fibre, or a middle way combination of both transportation modes.

Rail transport is not expected to be available in Port Daniel before 2020 but setting up any centralized facility to prepare the wood fibre slated for the cement plant will also take at least a year once the feasibility study is done in 2019, says Mario Pouliot.



Rail transport would greatly help in the integration of wood fibre to feed the cement plant's combustion units, however, the line which passes in the middle of McInnis Cement's facility was put in a dormant state by the Quebec government three years ago. Reopening it could take two years.

says Amélie Saint-Laurent Samuel, project manager in forestry biomass for Nature-Québec.

Those numbers are contained in the pre-feasibility study carried out by the *Association coopérative forestière régionale de la Gaspésie*, in collaboration with McInnis Cement and the Environmental surveillance committee. The *Association coopérative*

duces greenhouse gas emissions compared to using petroleum coke because the regenerating forest replaces part of the carbon emitted by forestry residues' combustion,"

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## News briefs

### 50 participants registered for Alzheimers Walk

Thierry Haroun

CHANDLER: - The registration period for the Alzheimers Walk that will take place in Chandler on May 27 is now closed. 22 Elite Walkers were registered at last year's event. Each Elite Walker must raise \$200. "This year's event is already a great success considering there are 50 participants registered," confirms spokesperson Suzanne Bourget. "This is great news. This event is attracting more and more people, thus showing how seriously the cause is taken by the community and the many volunteers. The money raised is so precious and we invite as many people as possible to participate in this important event." Basic registration is \$10. The walk will begin at the Rocher-Percé MRC office and will go around Vachon Lake, a distance of three kms. Walks will take place in Paspébiac, Maria, St-François-d'Assise and Murdochville. The walk in Gaspé will take place on May 26 instead of May 27. For further information, please call Suzanne Bourget at 418 680-2161.



Photo: T. Haroun

## Percé wharf will open but...

Thierry Haroun

PERCÉ: - The *Bateliers de Percé* tour boat company is happy to learn that Percé wharf will be repaired and ready for operations just before the tourism season, however, the company is critical of the fact that they haven't been consulted by the provincial and federal governments.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) confirmed to SPEC that Percé wharf will be functional this summer. "It's good news in fact. We have recently asked an engineering firm to assess the state of the infrastructure as we always do every year. We know now that we will have to add fill at the entrance to the wharf and do some resurfacing on the wharf. We will publish a call for tenders in hopes of starting the work in the near future. Just like last year, one landing stage located on the east side will be in operation for the tour boats. As for the pedestrians, the wharf will be open for a

distance of approximately 100 metres," explains the Regional MPO Director of the Small Harbour Department, Bernard Beaudoin.

A fence is currently installed on the wharf at that distance. Moreover, the wharf is not accessible to the local lobster fishermen.

If everything goes as planned, the wharf should be open by the end of the month, he added. Mr. Beaudoin was also asked if it was the last year for the current wharf given that since 2013 it has been repaired to maintain functionality, but that it has to be entirely rebuilt. "Negotiations on the matter are underway between Ottawa and Quebec. They are going well, but I don't have a crystal ball to tell you if it's the last year," he pointed out. Mr. Beaudoin added that the security of the wharf is a top priority.

### Good news, but...

We asked the spokesperson of *Les Bateliers de Percé*,

Mona Cahill, how she reacted to this announcement. "Of course it's good news because we will be able to operate from the wharf and go around Bonaventure Island. We know that since 2013 there have been negotiations and everyone is sending the problem to one another. All we want to know is where we are concerning the reconstruction of the wharf. No one is able to give us answers and we have never been consulted on the plans of the new infrastructure," Mona Cahill says. "All we want is to be consulted (by government) in order to make sure that the new wharf responds to the needs of all the users of the wharf."

It should be noted that a year ago, Quebec Premier, Philippe Couillard, was in Percé to announce that his government was going to take the new wharf under its responsibility once the federal government has built a new one. Negotiations have been underway since.

## Police report

Between April 28 and May 4, 2018, vandals broke and entered the vault of the cemetery in Caplan, and desecrated a casket and remains. They also damaged the burial ground.

For obvious reasons Sgt. Claude Doirion, spokesperson for the Sûreté du Québec, refused to provide detailed information about the desecration and mischief committed in the vault.

On May 9, the SQ arrested four men: Jeremie Bugeaud-Ferlatte, 25, Jean Roy, 18, and two minors, all from the Caplan, St-Simeon and Bonaventure area. They appeared at the New Carlisle courthouse on May 9 on charges of break and enter, desecration of a casket and remains, and mischief. One of the adults was also charged with breach of probation.

On May 11, one minor was granted bail. The bail hearings of the three others accused were postponed to May 16 and they were remanded in custody until then.

The accused allegedly sent a video of the desecration to certain friends.

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On May 10, shortly after 2 p.m., the Listuguj Police Department and the Rangers of Listuguj were involved in the recovery of a body on the Campbellton side of the Restigouche River. The Royal Canadian Mountain Police had been called about an hour before by a man who had noticed what looked to be a human body floating on the surface of the river. The RCMP officers came to the wharf and confirmed that it was a body. They then asked for the assistance of the Listuguj Rangers to recuperate the body.

From the condition of the body, it was determined that the man was in the water for a short period of time. An identity card was found on the body. The police confirmed that no foul play was suspected in that affair. It was the second body found along the Restigouche River in two days. On May 8, at 5:45 p.m., a person walking along the river had found another body, this time in the Richardville area, about two kilometres east of the wharf. The body had been in the water a long time and the use of the person's dental file was required for identification purposes. Both people had been residents of New Brunswick.

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## Commentary

Gilles Gagné

### Back to the drawing board

The biggest French daily paper in Quebec and Canada over the last century, *La Presse*, is becoming a non-profit organization in order to diversify its sources of revenues which could now be fuelled by philanthropists' donations.

For the last 51 years, Power Corporation, arguably Canada's biggest financial holding, has owned *La Presse*. Over the last decade, Power Corporation has invested in excess of \$100 million to make the digital turn and gradually phase out the paper version of *La Presse*.

That included getting rid of the famous Saturday edition of the paper, its biggest source of expenditures but also its biggest source of revenue.

The digital turn took various forms, including the creation of *La Presse Plus*, the online version of the paper, with exclusive content, but it also led to the layoff of dozens of journalists, as online advertisers are only willing to pay a fraction of the corresponding publicity space that would otherwise be taken in the paper.

So the costs were reduced because fewer papers and later no paper at all were printed, but the production cost of the online version was never sufficient to make *La Presse* profitable again, hence Power Corporation's decision to get rid of it. The holding will make a \$50 million donation to make a non-profit organization of *La Presse* and allow it to become profitable again, if it is possible.

That donation looks generous but it is probably rooted in two important reasons, and probably more. First, Power Corporation didn't want to be associated to an eventual closure of the most prestigious paper in Quebec. Secondly, the paper was immensely profitable during its first 40 years under Power Corporation's ownership, but was probably not sellable under the current business model. It is hard to know, because Power Corporation never released the financial statements linked to *La Presse*, as they were melted in the overall results of the holding.

Through becoming a non-profit organization, *La*

*Presse* will also be in a position to receive government grants, something that is inconceivable, just like philanthropy donations, in the present model.

To fund the country's papers, government grants seem unavoidable and that reality is also hitting most of the world. Some people don't like that because of the necessary wall that must be put up between the government and journalists in order to protect the independence of information.

Such a model already exists though, and CBC-Radio-Canada is one valid example. It is independent from the federal government although funded in part by it. The same reality could apply to newspapers.

Most of the papers' funding problems coincided with the emergence of facebook and Google, worldwide giants that are paying very little taxes and sometimes no tax at all. They are notably publishing the content of almost all the papers without paying a share of the cost linked to newsrooms' expenses.

With variable levels of success, a number of countries have started reflecting on ways to have these giants pay their fair share of taxes.

In that department, Canada and Quebec are dragging their feet at the end of the parade and they will have to get their act together soon. Heritage Canada Minister Mélanie Joly has not stood out in that file. In fact, she has not been more efficient here than in the Netflix file, in which she fails to recognize that such a network must contribute its share of taxes like any other corporate citizen.

The plurality of information sources is a compulsory condition to protect democracy. That plurality won't survive without reliable sources of funding. That reflection must progress faster than the pace we have seen over recent years, whether the reflection comes from the public or from the government, ideally from both. Reliable information is never free.

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## Letters to the Editor

I was disappointed to read the Letter to the Editor published in the March 21, 2018, issue of the Gaspé Spec, about "the Stanley victims."

I subscribe to The Gaspé Spec to keep in touch with issues and activities going on in the Gaspé or that affect Gaspésians. The above mentioned letter was written by a non-Gaspésian and referenced a non-Gaspésian incident. It did not add value to the March 21, 2018, issue of the Spec. Indeed, this letter reduced the quality of the Spec by diluting our regional paper's focus.

I am writing to ask that, in the future, the editorial board of the Spec retain a core focus on issues that affect Gaspésians. We certainly have enough going on to fill our own pages with high quality editorials on issues such as deer, bass, trains, windmills, the new economy, bitcoin mining, electric vehicles, housing, petroleum, snowshoes, black whales, forestry, agriculture and tourism to name but a few.

Rather than publishing letters that are not relevant to Gaspésians, I would prefer to see invited editorials from recognized members of the community. Let's celebrate our own successes and focus on thoughtful discussions of topics that affect Gaspésians.

Eileen Jessop  
Newport, QC

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# 12-year-old student trains his peers in CPR

Geneviève Gélinas

GASPÉ: – Édouard Phaneuf-Lord may only be 12 years old, but he has trained grades 4, 5 and 6 students from Gaspé and surrounding areas in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). He wants them to be able to save lives.

At the Gaspé Saint-Rosaire elementary school, grade 5 students are kneeling on mattresses in front of simulation mannequins (dummies), which they're trying to resuscitate. Édouard goes from one group to another, correcting hand positions, giving the chest compression pace to the tune of Bee Gees *Stayin' Alive* and checking a defibrillator.

Just before the activity, he gave a short and precise Power Point presentation to the students explaining how to recognize choking or cardiac arrest, and the practical skills of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich Manoeuvre (to overcome an obstruction in the airway). The students also learn about how to use a defibrillator.

"Last year, at school, one of my friends choked on a piece of strawberry. It was there that I became aware of the fact that it can happen everywhere, anytime, and that we must know the ba-

sics," explains Édouard, a Grade 6 student at the Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur school of Saint-Majorique, in Gaspé.

Thereafter, he attended more than 60 hours of training. Some of the teachers doing the training had never had such a young student.

Édouard wanted to have his peers benefit from his new knowledge because a suffocation or a cardiac arrest, "can happen in any school," he says. In his explanation to the students, he insists on the fact that a quick response significantly increases the survival rate of the victims.

At this point, Édouard has trained seven classes in four schools, for a total of 115 students and eight teachers. They listen carefully, he points out. "They know that with this project, they'll be able to save lives. So they're attentive from the beginning to the end."

What he finds the most difficult is dealing with the anxiety at the beginning of the presentation. Through this project he acquired skills that have helped him with being organized, a trait that doesn't come naturally to him.

The name of his project is "Realize, it's simple to save lives!" At the regional OSentreprendre Challenge, he received first place in the Dare

to undertake category for primary cycle 3. In June, he will represent his region at the provincial challenge in Quebec City. With or without a provincial prize, Édouard fully intends to continue his mission.

Édouard's mother Marie-Noëlle Lord attends the training sessions with her son. "I do the taxi service and the medical supervision," she says. She's a doctor and has worked in the emergency ward. "We're proud of him and we encourage him. Once started, we realized that it was a big project, requiring a lot of time, but he has grown (as an individual) during the project."

What happened to the student who choked on a strawberry? "He came through. A classmate gave him pats on the back. It wasn't the right method but it worked," reports Édouard. Let's bet that the next student to choke will have a trained classmate to help him.

The Spec asked Édouard if he would be ready to give his



Photos: G. Gélinas

Édouard Phaneuf-Lord has attended more than 60 hours of training before teaching his peers.

training in English schools. Not this year, he answered, because it would take him too much time to translate his ma-

terial and practice his presentation in English but he will consider that possibility for the next school year.

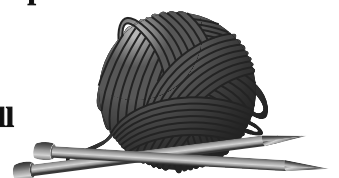


Édouard Phaneuf-Lord demonstrating techniques to his peers.

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**June 6th - Cross Stitch**  
**June 18th - Cross Stitch Continued**  
**Location: Shigawake Municipal Hall**

**July 4th - Oil painting**  
**Location: Shigawake Fairgrounds**

**July 9th - Crochet**  
**July 23rd - Crochet Continued**  
**Location: Shigawake Fairgrounds**

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## Reflections

by

Diane Skinner Flowers



### Work without pay?

*"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life."*

The official Volunteer Recognition Week passed just a few weeks ago.

The Spec featured ads from many local organizations who made it clear that volunteers make a difference for them. It certainly seems that here on the Gaspé the spirit of volunteerism is very much alive.

Surprisingly, more than one quarter (25%) of Canadians over the age of 15 volunteer for a charitable or non-profit organization at some point in their lives. This is a totally unscientific observation and I have no data to back up the following statement, but here goes: It seems that more than 25% of Gaspésians volunteer their time to help others. I want to say that we are a 'kinder, gentler' people.

Why would anyone work for no pay? There are two huge reasons why. A volunteer is helping others (that's number one) and is thereby enriching their own lives (that's number two). In addition, for some people, volunteering could lead to a paying job.

Many of the volunteers in our communities are seniors who are no longer active in the work force. They are not looking for a paycheck, not now and unlikely in the future; but, my goodness, we are so lucky to have seniors who do volunteer. Seniors can offer so much. They have experience and wisdom. They are patient. They have perspective. They are not looking to 'get ahead' in the organization. How blessed are we that this demographic often chooses to volunteer.

Volunteering gets you out of the house and interacting with other people. Volunteers often have the opportunity to learn a new skill or to sharpen skills that they already have. Volunteers can look around the community and choose to help out in areas that truly interest them. The Spec newspaper benefits greatly from a large number of talented and skilled people who contribute their time to something they believe in. Bravo!

If you want to volunteer, where do you start? There is a volunteer centre in some communities. Check the phone book. Best of all, ask friends, family and neighbours if they know of any volunteer work that is available. Phone a not-for-profit organization and offer your name for the volunteer list.

Better still, offer to be on the board of directors of organizations about which you feel strongly. They are always looking for people who can offer a new perspective. In fact 'new blood' is imperative to keep an organization growing and relevant. Elections normally take place at their Annual General Meetings. Check with these groups about their elections and if you are eligible, because conflict of interest guidelines must be upheld. By the way, a rule of thumb for determining if an organization is a valuable one for your community is very simple. If the doors closed tomorrow what would the impact be?

Loads of other opportunities await you: schools, churches, old age and retirement homes, charities, clubs, political campaigns, and children's camps. What can you do? Lots of things: Listen to a child read, raise money for a charity, help at the food bank, deliver Meals on Wheels, and help a local organization whose mandate you believe in. A whole new world awaits you.

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time.  
They just have the heart."*

# Wood Producers' Union experienced a good year in 2017

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: – The Gaspé Peninsula Wood Producers' Union experienced a good year in 2017, with results comparable to the numbers of 2016. Revenues reached \$17,997,440 while the volume of wood sold reached 456,651 cubic metres.

They compare with the 2016 numbers of \$18,373,071 in sales and a volume of 458,835 cubic metres of wood. The 2017 volume of sales represent a slight decrease of 0.48%. In 2017, the surplus of the Wood Producers Syndicate reached \$221,719, compared to \$264,383 in 2016.

The Union's cashflow now stands at \$1,208,922. A sum of \$111,071 was added to the reserve fund during the year.

The last two years of production for the union members represents the best stretch in 12 years. In 2005, the sales of the organization had reached \$20,307,901 while a year earlier, the volume of wood sold had reached 555,385 cubic metres.

The out-going president of the Wood Producers' Union, Berthold Gagné, emphasizes that the 2017 results are good.

"We thought our volume of sales would be a little higher than in 2016 but it remains a productive year. We were able to avoid price cuts at the beginning of the year but we were not able to capitalize as much as we would have liked on the year end's

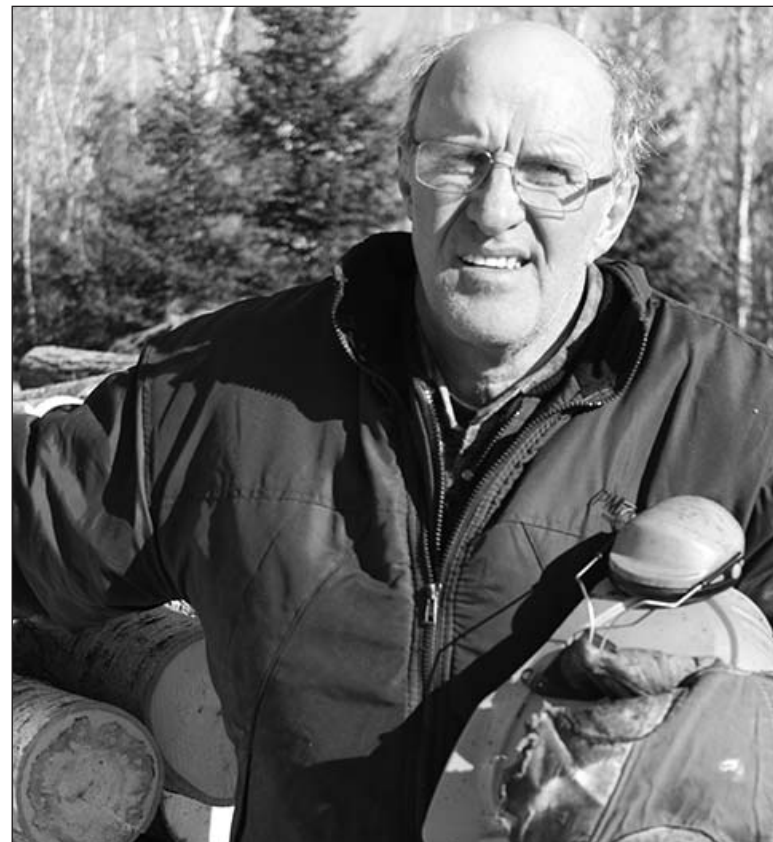


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Berthold Gagné is retiring after 15 years as president of the Gaspé Peninsula Wood Producers' Union.

price increases," he explains.

The price dispute with the largest sawmill of the Gaspé Peninsula, Temrex in Nouvelle, undoubtedly played a role in the fact that the 2016 results were not matched last year.

"We stopped delivering wood to Temrex in March because they didn't want to pay the market price," explains Berthold Gagné.

The Gaspé Peninsula Wood Producers' Union has in fact submitted the Temrex case to an arbitration process with the *Régie des marchés agricoles*. That regulatory organization will render a decision about the case over the coming weeks. The hearings were held on April 10 and 11 in Bonaventure.

Last year, the Wood Pro-

ducers' Union's largest buyers were Groupe GDS, with 178,246 cubic metres, *Association coopérative forestière* of Saint-Elzéar with 47,588 cubic metres and Damabois, a company operating sawmills in Cap-Chat and Saint-Damase, near Matane. Damabois bought 42,246 cubic metres of wood.

Fir and spruce represented the bulk of the overall sales, with 323,340 cubic metres.

Meanwhile, Berthold Gagné is retiring after fifteen years at the helm of the Wood Producers' Union. He is replaced by Louis-Marie Bourdages, a well-known Bay of Chaleur businessman. Mr. Bourdages is currently the mayor of Saint-Elzéar and he is the former owner of Pétroles C. Poirier.

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# Gaspé mayor urges provincial government to make significant headway in the railway file

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: – The mayor of Gaspé, Daniel Côté, is getting seriously impatient about how slow the provincial government is at starting the refurbishment of the Matapédia to Gaspé railway, especially the section between Cascapédia-St-Jules and his town.

Mr. Côté commented on the situation on May 9, a year and four days after the \$100 million announcement made in New Carlisle by Premier Philippe Couillard, who committed to use that money to upgrade the Gaspé Peninsula railroad over its entire length.

No significant work has been carried out on the line since that announcement. Only normal maintenance work like tie replacement and ballast spreading has been done over the year; and that has been funded by another budgetary envelope.

“It is starting to be worrisome. The .... problem is that the railway file has been placed in the administrative shackles of the *Bureau des grands projets*,” says Mr. Côté, referring to the office managing Quebec’s major infrastructure projects.

“The only reassuring aspect here is that the money is earmarked but the procedure is endless. In that process, an opportunity study and a business plan have to be made before drawing the plans and specifications,” he adds.

Daniel Côté wonders why an opportunity study is necessary in order to determine the relevance of bringing the train back to Port Daniel and Gaspé while the output value of the LM Wind Power and McInnis Cement plants reaches hundreds of millions of dollars yearly.

“LM Wind Power supplies 500 jobs in Gaspé and has the potential to create 300 more because they are filling tenders for more contracts (...) The potential is enormous because the line is in a dormant state in Gaspé. We are at risk of being less competitive. It should be completed by 2020 but at the current pace, we will have it in 2060 or 2070! The civil servants are slowing down the file because they were not expecting the \$100 million announcement and the politicians believe what the civil servants are saying,” affirms Mayor



Photo: G. Gagné

*LM Wind Power’s blades are all exported to the southern part of the United States by train but loading them on flat cars near the Gaspé plant instead of New Richmond would allow the manufacturer and its customers to save about \$7 million yearly in transportation costs.*

Côté.

“If the government was really serious about the will to respect the commitment made by Philippe Couillard, a mandate would be given to the Treasury Board, the body that can skip steps like an opportunity study. We can gather with a pen and a piece of paper on the corner of a table but that it is a useless step,” he emphasizes.

Two hours after Daniel Côté’s criticism of the government’s inaction, another National Assembly intervention was made by the Gaspé riding representative, Gaétan Lelièvre. He has asked questions about the Gaspé Peninsula railway on April 11, twice on April 25 and again on April 26. On May 1, Mr. Lelièvre met with Transport Minister André Fortin and was not able to get an answer on a schedule for the upgrading work.

Since the beginning of April, Mr. Lelièvre, an independent Member of the National Assembly (MNA), has insisted on getting such a schedule, considering that the government has had a year to plan the work.

All the ministers that have replied to him during those question periods have eluded

the schedule issue.

On May 9, Pierre Moreau, who is the minister responsible for the Gaspé Peninsula, told Gaétan Lelièvre that the Gaspé Peninsula line “is a complicated infrastructure upon which we are working. The government commitment is a firm one.”

Minutes later, Transport Minister André Fortin also ignored any reference to the time factor expressed by Mr. Lelièvre, and insisted on the “30,000 railroad ties replaced,” over the last two years and that “tens of thousands of ties” will also be replaced in the year to come.

On the complexity issue raised by Minister Moreau, Gaétan Lelièvre stated that the Gaspé Peninsula railroad has been existing for 100 years.

Like he had done in April, the Gaspé riding MNA also used the REM example, the *Réseau express métropolitain*, the light train commuter planned for Montreal.

“How can you explain that you announced a \$6.3 billion project to be realized in three years while in the Gaspé Peninsula, the job consists of repairing a line with \$100 million?” asked Mr. Lelièvre. His question was not an-

swered by the ministers.

Quebec’s Department of Transport bought the Gaspé

Peninsula line in March 2015 because the Gaspésie Railway Society, a municipal body that had owned it since 2007, no longer had the financial resources to maintain it. The Gaspésie Railway Society has remained the train operator since 2015.

Transport Quebec put almost two-thirds of the line in a dormant state in 2015, however, the Gaspésie Railway Society has seen its traffic more than double since hauling 1,624 carloads in 2015. All the growth comes from customers located along the dormant stretch, namely LM Wind Power and McInnis Cement.

Sending windmill blades and cement by truck to the transshipment location in New Richmond increases transportation costs significantly for the two companies and their customers.

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### Program Registration:

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# Relief in agriculture gets support from young farmers

Gilles Gagné

CASCAPEDIA - SAINT JULES – Young people interested in starting a new farm or in taking over an existing farm can get significant support from ARAGIM, the *Association de la relève agricole de Gaspésie-Les Îles*, through its “Éclaireurs” program.

Those “éclaireurs”, or scouts, are providing advice and encouragement to young farmers because they have recently experienced the challenges of establishing a new farm or buying an existing one.

“The idea is to build a network to help the young farmer through all the steps required to get well started. The éclaireur (scout) is young as well and commits to listening to the new farmer. It can be through a phone call, a meeting, a text message, etc. If someone is getting started in cattle farming, he or she can call another farmer and ask questions about tricks that can alleviate the burden, save time and eliminate the feeling of isolation. It doesn’t replace a technical adviser but it is providing encouragement,” explains Alex-Émilie Plourde-Leblanc.

Alex-Émilie Plourde-Leblanc is currently starting vegetable and fruit production in the New Richmond area and receives support from a young lady who is already

producing in the Sainte-Anne-des-Monts area.

“Suppose that there is a young mother working outside, with two kids, and she is preparing her agriculture project, it is possible to find another woman with the same background. The same advice can be found when it comes to the time to acquire equipment, and how to use it,” adds Alex-Émilie Plourde-Leblanc.

“The benefits are numerous. There is someone there to listen carefully. It is also possible to sit down and check where we are at, family-wise, or with regards to the farm. Being accompanied also brings us to ask the right questions to ourselves. Being in contact with someone else is also helpful, motivation-wise,” she says

“It is not mentoring though. It remains informal and friendly,” insists Alex-Émilie Plourde-Leblanc.

Carleton cattle farmer and future milk producer Charles Barriault is one of the region’s scouts. “I figure that through helping other young farmers, it will not be as long for them to get started. By seeing what we did and other ways to do things, they can avoid some mistakes. We can provide explanations about how the system works. There is a lot of paperwork when you start. We can help in clarifying some aspects of that,” he says.



Photo: G. Gagné

In the first row: Shanny Wafer, Catherine Blanchette and Alex-Émilie Plourde-Leblanc; and in the second row: Cédric Delarosbil, Charles Barriault, Jean-Philippe Arsenault, Jean-François Bourdages and Karina Espinoza-Rivière are there to provide support to relief farmers. They are holding a booklet that provides a wealth of information for young farmers. The booklet is available in English.

Many farms are currently for sale on the Gaspé Peninsula and Magdalen Islands. About 245 farms remain active in the region, compared to 300 twenty years ago. The volume of production has remained about the same.

“We have surveyed the region’s farmers in order to have a better idea of the num-

ber of farms for sale. Not everybody answered though and we understand that discretion. Farmers have customers and they also have employees. They don’t always want to say that their farm is up for sale,” explains Karina Espinoza-Rivière, of *Union des producteurs agricoles* of the Gaspé Peninsula

and Magdalen Islands.

That organization has also produced a booklet, the “*passport de la relève*,” or relief passport, containing a wealth of useful information needed by young farmers to get established. The booklet is available in English and some of the scouts are also bilingual.

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# Death of an Angry Man, first ever album by Jean-René Martin

Wendy Dawson

NOUVELLE – Jean-René Martin, a locally known musician in the French community, launched his first ever studio album on May 9 in English.

This deeply personal album was born of soul searching that Jean-René embarked upon this past winter. By his own admission, he was living through a difficult period in his life.

“I was looking for something new, for something real, I was feeling dark. I was at a point in my life, where I knew if I didn’t get through it, I might never get over it. In French we say ‘ça passe ou ça casse’, (make or break),” he explains.

In November of 2017, Jean-René Martin made his way to Peru. There, he says, he lived through mystic experiences with the Shamans of the Peruvian forest that lifted a veil off parts of himself that he had had trouble facing in the past.

“This was about accepting parts of myself that I didn’t want to face: about understanding why I had so many anger triggers, about my relationship with love and how I love. The experience,” he explains, “was cathartic. I returned feeling renewed, reborn and it really completely changed my life.”

Upon his return, *Death of an Angry Man* began to take shape. “I knew what I wanted but not exactly how to get there.” Jean-René Martin’s music and lyrics took form and with the help of Martin Hogan who co-produced the record, the self-funded EP was recorded over 10 days at the recording studio of la Vieille Usine in Percé.

While the album was officially launched on May 9 at the Naufrageur microbrewery in Carleton, Jean-René has no tour planned for the summer months. “I would like to build a show that could start touring in the fall.”

In the meantime, Jean-René’s personal growth continues. His intention is to return to Peru in late autumn to continue exploring the skills that helped him so that he, in turn, can help others. “I think the next step is for me to start giving back, to help others the way that I was helped.”



Photo: G. Gagné

Jean-René Martin launched his EP on May 9 with a full band, including New Richmond guitarist Éric Dion, in the background.

Jean René Martin’s album *Death of an Angry Man* is available on Bandcamp at [jeanrenemartin.bandcamp.com](http://jeanrenemartin.bandcamp.com)

## Annual General Meeting

The Richmond Manor will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Richmond Manor, 196 Boulevard Perron Ouest, New Richmond, QC. Members as well as the public are welcome to attend.

	<b>Position Title:</b> Acting Executive Director (replacement during maternity leave)
	<b>Immediate Superior:</b> Council of the Micmac Nation of Gespeg
	<b>Location:</b> Gaspé
	<b>Job Status:</b> Full-time, indefinite term
	<b>Remuneration:</b> Competitive salary and benefits
	<b>Starting Date:</b> June 18, 2018
	<b>Display period:</b> May 14 to 27, 2018

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In respect of the Council’s culture and values and under the Council of the Micmac Nation of Gespeg (CNMG) responsibility, the title holder plans, organizes, directs and controls the activities related to the management of human, financial, material and informational resources of all the Micmac Nation of Gespeg in order to achieve the mission and to reach the set objectives. He implements the CNMG decisions, supervises and coordinates the management team and oversees the coordination and improvement of all organizational services. The Human Resources management includes different teams totaling nearly 80 employees. Therefore, he or she acts as a leader by maintaining an organizational culture oriented towards the contributors collaboration and the satisfaction of the customer’s needs.

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### REQUIRED PROFILE:

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# A social pediatrics centre for Rivière-au-Renard in 2019

Geneviève **Gélinas**

GASPÉ – A social pediatrics centre is being set up in the Côte-de-Gaspé MRC to help vulnerable children. The first point of service of "L'Équipage" or "The Crew" will open at the beginning of 2019 in Rivière-au-Renard; and services will also be provided in a few years in Barachois and Murdochville.

L'Équipage, a non-profit organization, will offer medical, psychosocial and legal services under one roof. The Côte-de-Gaspé clinical team will consist of a specialized nurse practitioner, a social worker and a doctor. A coordinator will be hired this fall.

The centre will work in partnership with schools and the Integrated Health and Social Services Centre. "We don't duplicate. We offer complementary services," explains Josianne Létourneau, the future nurse practitioner of L'Équipage.

The complementary services of a social pediatrics centre is "the long term follow-up. In the public system, there are excellent services, but there is a lot of pressure on them," she adds.

The social pediatrics centres support children in vulnerable situations. In their case, "we talk about toxic stress. It can have a detrimental effect on children in the long term. They could reproduce some behaviors when they become parents: violence, school dropout, early pregnancy. There is evidence that social pediatrics breaks this generational cycle," says Mrs. Létourneau.

"We want the children to trust themselves. Over the long term, we want them to become healthy and fulfilled adults," she adds.

In the Rivière-au-Renard service point territory, from Cap-des-Rosiers to L'Anse-à-Valleau, between 100 and 120 children are in a vulnerable situation. They could be referred by their school, doctor or pediatrician. L'Équipage will also organize activities to meet with the children of the area.

"The centre won't be set up as a clinic," states Mrs. Létourneau. "It will be like being home. We'll do the evaluation as if we were in a kitchen with everybody around a table."

The Quebec government will pay one third of the social pediatrics centre budget under an agreement signed with the



Photo credit: Josianne Létourneau

*Josianne Létourneau will be the specialized nurse practitioner of the L'Équipage social pediatrics centre.*

*Fondation du Dr Julien.*

To complete the funding, volunteers of the centre are trying to raise funds from businesses, individual donors and fundraising activities.

L'Équipage's budget will be \$100,000 for the first year and about \$160,000 for the second and third years, which includes the wages of a coordinator, a part of the social worker wages and other operating expenses. The Integrated Health and Social Services Centre "lends" the nurse and will pay a part of the social

worker wages.

The social pediatrics centre also relies on a lot of volunteers to organize activities and perform a variety of tasks.

"The choice of Rivière-au-Renard as the first point of service was strategic," Mrs. Létourneau explains. In addition to having a pool of vulnerable children around, "there's proximity with Gaspé. We can serve the northern area [of Côte-de-Gaspé] from there and the community was already mobilized."



## Repair schedule on Route 299 still a mystery

Gilles **Gagné**

CASCAPEDIA-ST. JULES – As of May 14, Transports Québec has not issued any information regarding the repair schedule applicable to the 14th kilometre area of road 299 in Cascapedia-St. Jules. The road is completely cut off since April 26 due to the strength of Trout Brook's current during thaw. The brook was inflated to such a level that road 299 and a small bridge were swept away in a matter of hours, leaving a hole of more than ten metres that will require temporary work to restore traffic and permanent

work to make it durable following the summer activities such as sports fishing. The detour necessary to reach some camps located on the upper part of the Grand Cascapedia River currently takes five hours, whether people use the Matane-Sainte-Anne-des-Monts or Gaspé-Murdochville optional roads. The SPEC tried to reach Transports Québec on May 10, 11 and 14 and there was no information available at that time. The last details issued by the ministry on that road were part of a May 7 email stating that it would take weeks to carry out temporary repairs.

Barachois and Murdochville are also targeted because "the studies show the most vulnerability" in those two places, the nurse points out. In Barachois, the services will be offered in English, Mrs. Létourneau adds.

### When, will there be service in Barachois?

"I cannot set a time limit," answers Paola Leblanc, president of L'Équipage. "We first want to create a really solid home port in Rivière-au-Renard. We could be a mobile clinic that goes from place to place."

One thing is certain, the community will be consulted and will have to get involved. "That's important to have partnerships with local people. We need them to belong to the centre," Mrs. Leblanc

adds.

The first social pediatrics centre in Quebec was opened at the end of the 1990s in Montreal, under the direction of Dr. Gilles Julien. Today, there are more than 20 centres in Quebec. The closest is in Cap-Chat.

Volunteers of Côte-de-Gaspé first mobilized in 2015 when the Quebec government committed to fund new centres.

The Côte-de-Gaspé model will be unique because a specialized nurse practitioner will be responsible for the initial evaluation of the children. Usually, a doctor assumes that role. This kind of nurse holds a master's degree and a post graduate degree and can prescribe diagnostic tests and treatments.



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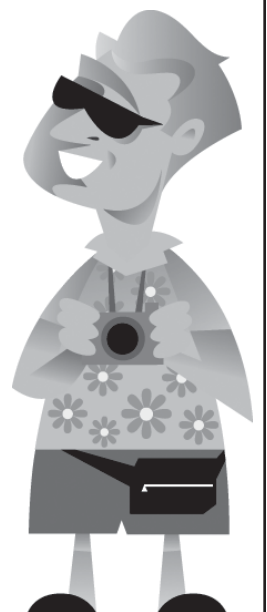
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# La Côte-de-Gaspé celebrates 90 years of promoting the “Tour of the Gaspé” in 2019

GASPÉ: The 27th edition of the annual activity, Concert-Action, organized by the Gaspé SADC and mobilizing 47 people, was held on May 10, 2018, at the *Centre culturel Le Griffon in L'Anse-au-Griffon*. The participants expressed great interest in ac-

cepting Tourisme Gaspésie's invitation to put in place a special local experience to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Gaspé Peninsula road trip in 2019.

According to all seven discussion tables, it would be important to create opportu-

nities where local residents and tourists could get together and become acquainted. Some of the main examples suggested include organized activities on the wharves and at lighthouses and the promotion of scenic sites. Participants also spoke about the idea of a fleet of little identified boats made and

launched by school children. “We're truly delighted with this meeting which will undoubtedly lead to one or two new activities in our RCM in the summer of 2019. We hope our tourism enterprises and all residents adopt these activities and make them a success that will have all of Québec talking next

year,” says Dave Lavoie, SADC General Director.

The agency, Destination Gaspésie, will be responsible for follow-up to this meeting. A committee headed by Stéphane Ste-Croix will be set up to decide what ideas will be given the green light and then see to their development.



Participants at the event in L'Anse-au-Griffon.

## LOBSTER

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Roussy underlines that during the first two weeks of lobster fishing in 2017, several days had been lost. It is not the case this year.

“It is good. The water is pretty cold though and there is so much fresh water coming from the brooks and rivers along the coast. The water is a bit dirty. My catches are the same as last year. My average during the first week was 600—700 pounds per day. It is about the same average as last year. The difference is that I lost two days during the first week last year, and two days during the second week because of bad weather. I have not lost one day so far,” explains Mr. Roussy.

He caught around 30,000 pounds of lobster in 2017 and

is expecting roughly the same volume this year.

Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé lobster buyer Roch Lelièvre saw a slow season start but “it picked up a lot during the first weekend (May 5-6). It looks good for the Gaspé Peninsula fishermen. Some fishermen had already caught 7,000 pounds during the first week”.

When the SPEC reached Mr. Lelièvre, the price of lobster for the second week had not come out yet. The price of \$7.70 for the first week was not a surprise for Roch Lelièvre.

“I expect a drop after the second week because of the Maritime inventories of fresh lobster and lobster sold whole. Restaurant chains like McDonalds did not promote lobster last year because the price was high and it slowed down the sales,” he says.



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## Obituaries



**LAROCQUE: Octave (Rocky)**  
December 8, 1930 - May 8, 2018

Predeceased by wife Cora, daughter Ursula and many family and friends. Survived by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rocky lived a full life with lots of laughter and joy. He was often cruising from one side of Canada to the other.

Service to be held May 18, 2018, at 1 p.m., 663 Douglas St., Prince George, British Columbia. Interment to follow.

## Thank you

We, the family of Lyall Patterson, wish to express our sincere thanks to immediate family, relatives and friends who came from near and far during this sad time. We appreciate all the condolences, support and comfort that we received during this difficult time for our family. Thank you to Reverends Cynthia Patterson, Dennis Drainville and Joshua Paetkau, the parish of Gaspé church members and community. Thank you to the fire department, to HG Division for their professionalism, the CLSC, the wonderful staff of the seventh floor of Hotel Dieu; thank you to Dr. Claudia Plourde, Dr. Emile Allen, Dr. Alberton and Dr. Rami Geballa. We would also like to extend a very special thank-you to our guardian angel.

Please consider this our personal thank-you.  
*The Patterson family.*

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## Funeral Service

A funeral service for Keith Patterson will be held at St. James Church in Wakeham on **August 11**, at 2 p.m. followed by interment at Wakeham cemetery.



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**Looking For:** As part of an entrepreneurial project, students of the AIP class at NCHS are looking for any old electronics, machinery, power tools or appliances which are broken or no longer in use. If you own anything and are willing to donate, please deliver it to New Carlisle High School. Items can be given to Glenn Hayes.

**For Rent:** Barchois Rec Centre available for rental: Family reunions, baby and bridal parties, birthdays, bingos, memorials, meetings etc... Fully furnished kitchen, seating capacity (90 people), \$50 daily rental. For reservations: Erica DeVouge 418-783-2293, edevouge@hotmail.com, Helen Lucas Chicoine 418-782-4067, sarsha67@gmail.com or Patricia Ste Croix Annett, 418-645-3779, pannett55@gmail.com.

## COAST ROUND-UP

### YORK:

#### Advance Notice

York ACW will be holding its summer sale and afternoon tea on **Saturday, July 14**, at the York River Community Hall beginning at 2 p.m. There will be baked goods, handicrafts, white elephant table. Afternoon tea will be served for \$5.

### YORK:

#### Rummage Sale

The York Women's Institute will be having a rummage sale on **Saturday, June 2**, at the York River Community Hall from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be household items, books, clothing, toys, etc. There will also be a small bake table. Doors open at 10 a.m. Hope to see you there.

### DOUGLASTOWN:

#### Douglas Community Center

**Wednesday:** Healthy Walks. You are welcome to join a walking group every Wednesday morning in Douglastown's ranges. Meet in front of the Community Center at 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday:** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. you are welcome to savour a soup at the Community Center. Voluntary contribution of \$3. You may play your favourite game in the Community Center living room starting at 1 p.m.

**May 18:** Collective kitchen at 4:30 p.m. \$5 for FADOQ members, \$7 for 50 plus, \$10 for non members and children free.

**May 20:** Tree Fun Day. Tree distribution from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Hot dogs and music starting at 11:30 a.m.

### BARACHOIS:

#### Bingo

Barchois Rec Center will be holding 18+ money bingos, at 7 p.m. on **May 25, June 8 and June 22**. Over \$600 in cash prizes.

### 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.

**May 18:** Music night with DJ Steve at 9 p.m. \$5 per person. Everyone welcome.

**May 23, June 6, 20:** Sandbags at 7 p.m. Come join us for an evening of fun and exercise. Drop in program. New teams each week.

### 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. For

more information call 418-752-8152.

### PORT DANIEL:

#### Upcoming Event

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

**May 26:** Military Whist at 8 p.m. \$5 per person.

**June 2:** 500 card party at 8 p.m. \$5 per person.

### PORT DANIEL:

#### Fundraisers for

#### St. James Anglican Church

**June 30:** Canada Day Entertainment Evening

**July 28:** Annual Bazaar

**October 6:** Harvest Supper

**November 10:** Casserole Supper and Auction.

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### Tea, Bake and Craft Sale

St Paul's ACW will be holding a tea, bake and craft sale at the Shigawake Community Center (across from the Anglican Church) on **Thursday, July 12**, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Adults \$7, children 6 and under free. Door prizes, 50/50. Come out and enjoy an afternoon with family and friends.

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### Advance Notice Barn Dance

**July 14:** Dance with Nash Stanley, at the Shigawake Fairground's barn, starting at 6 p.m. More info to follow.

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### Advance Notice

St. Paul's Anglican Church women and Shigawake Community Center members will be holding their annual Harvest Supper on **September 8**, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Shigawake Community Center (across from the Anglican Church). Adults \$15 and children 10 and under \$6, Take outs available. Everyone welcome.

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### Upcoming Activities

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

**Saturday, June 23:** Fish Cake supper - \$12 per person

**Saturday, July 7:** Country Hoedown with live music, D.J. and light lunch. Dress up in your best country outfit.

### HOPE TOWN:

#### Service

Hope Baptist Church welcomes you. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. and Corporate Worship at 11 a.m. on Sundays. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Young Peoples for grades 7-11 on Fridays at 7 p.m. 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.

**May 18:** Gift Bingo at 7:30 p.m. organized by the Hope Town Sports and Recreation Club.

**June 9:** Military Whist.

### 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:

#### Royal Canadian Legion Upcoming Events

**May 19:** Crib Tournament, \$10 per person. Starts at 1 p.m. To register team please call 418-752-6214 or 418-752-5495.

**May 28:** Registration and ticket pickup for prince/princess/mini-prince/mini-princess - 5-6 p.m. Everyone welcome.

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### LIFE Association Upcoming Events

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

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Bake Sale

**Saturday, June 2:** The ladies of Hope Baptist Church are having their annual bake sale starting at 9 a.m. at the New Carlisle Town Hall. All proceeds will be used to send children to Bible Camp and the Youth Ministries of the Church.

### NEW RICHMOND:

#### Flea Market

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### 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).

**May 25:** Jam Session for all musicians and spectators. Doors open at 7 p.m. Music begins at 7:30 p.m.

**May 26:** Annual Spring Bingo at 1 p.m. \$10 for 3 cards; additional cards are \$1 each.

### CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

#### Royal Canadian Legion Br. 172 Upcoming Events

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 172, meets monthly every third **Saturday** at the Legion located at 55 Gallagher St. **June 3:** BBQ at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$10 per adult and \$7 per child. Washer Tournament begins at 1 p.m. at a cost of \$5.

### 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.

### CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

#### Final Service

The final service and decommissioning of the Cascapedia United Church will be held on **Sunday, May 20**, at 2 p.m. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Everyone welcome.

### GESGAPEGIAG:

#### N.A. Meetings

N.A. Meetings held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Mawimi 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.

### ROTARY CLUB WINNERS

#### The winners for the week of

**May 6 are:** Richard Cyr, Dorine Moses, Gilles Lebrun, Maryline Imoff, Alexandre Thériault, Lisette Leblanc and Hervé Bujold.

### UNITED CHURCH

#### Sunday, May 20

10:30 a.m. Hope Town

### ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

#### Sunday, May 20

#### New Carlisle

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

#### Hope Town

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

#### Port Daniel

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

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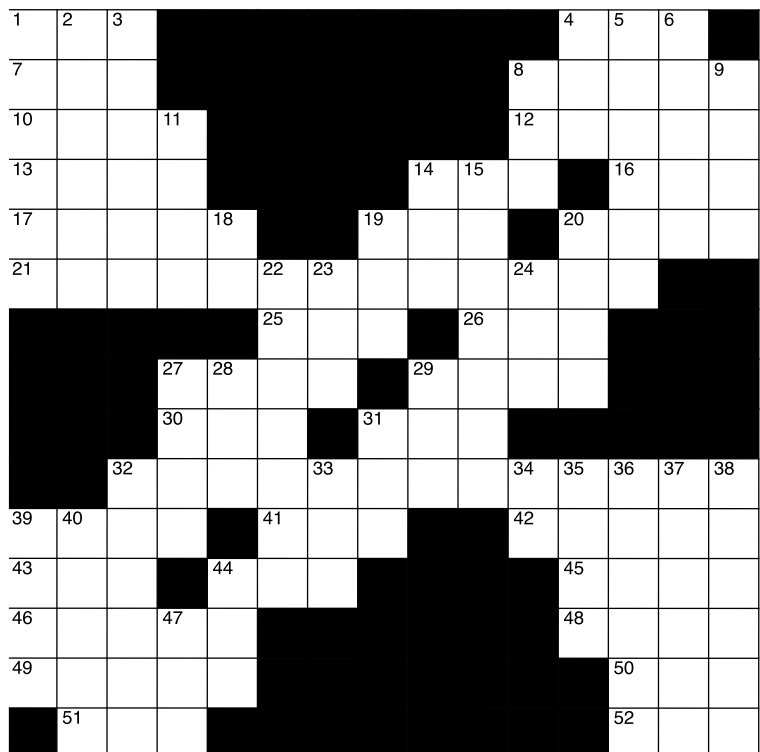
#### Sunday, May 20

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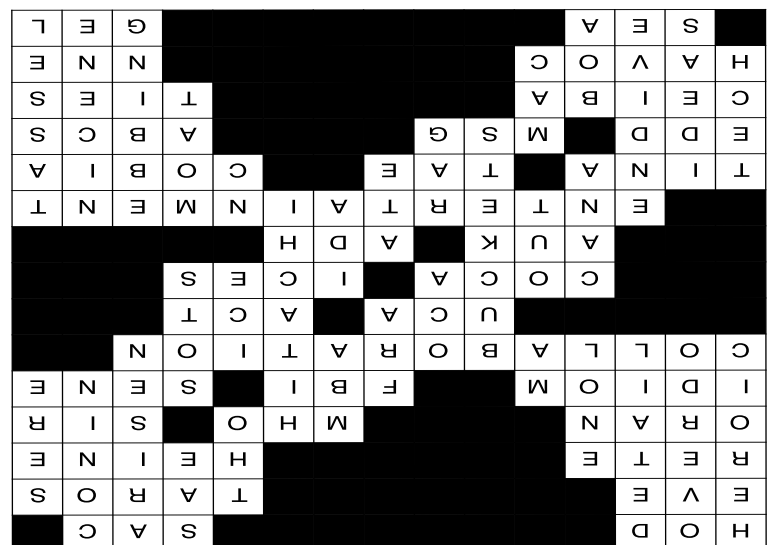
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1. Builder's trough
4. Pouch
7. Adam's partner
8. Zelda soldiers
10. Network of nerves
12. Heinrich \_\_, poet
13. Algerian port
14. Reciprocal of one ohm
16. Title of respect
17. Form of expression
19. Hoover's office
20. Samoan monetary unit
21. Cooperation
25. Fiddler crabs
26. Portion of a play
27. Tropical American shrub
29. Frosts
30. Short-winged diving seabird
31. Chemical compound used as a hardener (abbr.)
32. Diversion
39. \_\_ Turner, rock singer
41. \_\_-bo: exercise system
42. Large, edible game fish
43. Doctor of Education
44. Where the Knicks play
45. Basics
46. Tall tropical American trees
48. Men wear them
49. Widespread destruction
50. Midway between north and northeast
51. Vast body of water
52. Hair product

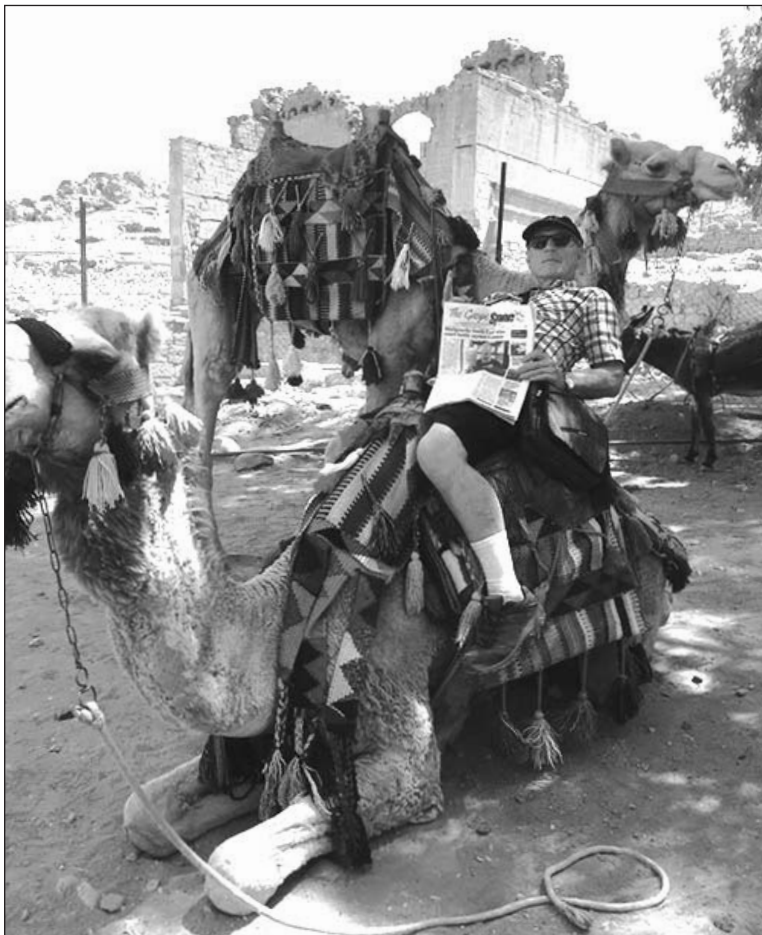
3. Individual feature
4. Drug trials term (abbr.)
5. Has emerged
6. Helped the Spanish conquer Mexico
8. Northern Vietnam ethnic group
9. Dried-up
11. Reactive structures (abbr.)
14. Licensed for Wall Street
15. Japanese conglomerate
18. Home to the Celtics
19. Title given to Italian monk
20. Drunkards
22. Cylindrical containers
23. South American plants
24. Frozen water
27. Town in Galilee
28. Not in
29. Journalist and suffragist Wells
31. Consumed
32. Edible Mediterranean plant
33. Poke fun of
34. "First in Flight" state
35. Fortifying ditch
36. Receding
37. Christian liturgical creed
38. Used to decorate Xmas trees
39. High-\_\_: complex
40. Thoughts
44. \_\_ and cheese
47. Constrictor snake
46. Ceiba
48. Ties
49. Havoc
50. NNE
51. Sea
52. Gel

### CLUES DOWN

1. Very brave
2. Go too far



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**TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, if you have been struggling with a challenging situation, you'll get some much-needed support this week. Use the break to treat yourself to something special.  
**GEMINI** – May 22/June 21  
Some epic action may be on tap for you this week, Gemini. You may have to slow things down if everything is moving too quickly. A lively group of people will join you.  
**CANCER** – June 22/July 22  
Cancer, a surge of energy may have you working overtime to complete a task. Just come up for a breather once in a while. Such respites can prove rejuvenating.  
**LEO** – July 23/Aug 23  
Distant lands may be calling you, Leo. So be sure your passport is in order and set up those discount fare alerts to your email. It's time to get away for some R&R.

## HOROSCOPES

**VIRGO** – Aug 24/Sept 22  
Virgo, be careful what you wish for, as you may just get everything you desire. It's uncertain how things may turn out, so be ready to make changes as needed.  
**LIBRA** – Sept 23/Oct 23  
Is love in the air, Libra? If you are feeling more amorous than usual, you may be ready for a new relationship or ready to add some spice to your current one.  
**SCORPIO** – Oct 24/Nov 22  
Health, wisdom and wealth could be in your sights, Scorpio. Why not throw in being well-liked as well? This is your time to soar. Enjoy the ride while it lasts.  
**SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21  
Devote more time to self-care right now, Sagittarius. You may need some time to yourself to recharge. When you are done, you can once again be a person of action.  
**CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20  
Capricorn, you may be feeling a little wild this week or ready to just hang

## Automotive Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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DRIVE	MECHANIC	TIRES
GAS	OIL	TUNE-UP
HEADLIGHTS	ROADS	VEHICLE

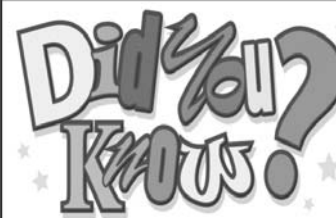
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### Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: oil change



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Faith is not about everything turning out okay.

Faith is about being okay no matter how things turn out.

around in your pajamas and relax. Either way works as long as you're happy doing it.  
**AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18  
Your powers of persuasion are dialed up, Aquarius. You can convince others of just about anything you want them to do right now. Use this skill wisely.  
**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, a love of fine things could find you in financial peril if you are not careful with spending. Set limits on how much you treat yourself.

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- MAY 14**  
Ron Gronkowski, Athlete (29)
- MAY 15**  
Birdy, Singer (22)
- MAY 16**  
Benhati Prinsloo, Model (29)
- MAY 17**  
Derek Hough, Dancer (33)
- MAY 18**  
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