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## Unearthing the Past

Diane Skinner

NEW CARLISLE: - You have no idea what might be buried in your yard, but Jason Marsh is searching for items from the past on his property and beyond. Jason, who lives in Paspébiac, has become a detective who is finding and learning about the history of this area one find at a time. He uses a metal detector to locate metal items which are buried from 1 to 14 inches in the ground.

Jason researched metal detectors and finally settled on one that he finds works amazingly well. When he goes out in search of items he takes with him a pointer which tells him that something metal might be located nearby, the metal detector which can confirm this, gloves, a shovel for digging and a vest to keep items as he finds them.

Jason says that when he received delivery of his metal detector he thought to himself, "Will I find anything?" Well, the answer to that question is a resounding, "Yes!" Some of the items he showed me included metal buttons from a CN uniform, spoons, coins, hinges, harmonica parts, iron nails, a musket ball, bells, metal toy cars and a makeup container. The makeup container, which is metal, has ornate letters on top and he opened it slowly and carefully. It likely came from the 1930s or 1940s and still contained a creamy red makeup, likely rouge.

After Jason unearths an

item that is just the beginning of his quest. He then photographs the item after cleaning it and does some research about the things he finds. This is an example of what historians call object or artifact biographies. They are based on the notion that items have a history of when, how and by whom they were made, and the fun part of imagining how the object ended up buried where it is found. Every item has a history, just as every person has a biography. The more we know about these items, the more it can tell us about the people who have come in contact with it. If this concept fascinates you, you might enjoy reading the historical fiction book, *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks.

Jason's knowledge about metal detecting and his finds are just the beginning. He has researched and found information about the coins he has located. Some of the coins are an 1883 Indian Head penny, a 1937 Maple Leaf penny and an 1883 Queen Victoria large penny. Many of them are American from 50 and more years ago. Why would this be? Likely, because many years ago, American tourists were plentiful on the Gaspé, but this is all part of the detective work that takes place after the items are found.

Jason has been locating so many items that he is setting up a system of mapping his finds so that he can keep track

of where they all came from. Jason so far has only searched for items in and around his home. He says, "You don't know what's in your yard. It could be a treasure or a bottle cap, but you have to go through a lot." This takes time and patience. Jason tells Spec that he always fills in his holes after searching for items. It is a very physical hobby because you are always bending down. Jason feels the benefits of searching for metal items is both physical and mental. It's a workout and very peaceful and calming.

Jason feels it's a fascinating pursuit for men and women and his research on YouTube shows that women make up just about half of the "treasure seekers." There are even groups that get together such as the Hoover Boys (a mis-

nomer because half are female) who will get permission to search a field and spend the day doing so together. At the end of the day they often have, literally, a heap of items.

Besides his metal detector- Jason uses technology to assist him. He uses his camera phone to enlarge detail on items like coins, YouTube to learn more about his craft, and Google to research about items he has found. Also, he is searching for old maps that might show where houses used to exist and is hoping in the future to search, with the permission of the owners, some of these old properties.

Jason tells me that he has a bucketful of random objects

that he has found. When these objects become something more is when he can figure out what they are and when and where they come from.

I am convinced that Jason Marsh is aptly suited for this task because he is dedicated, curious and hardworking. When he sets his mind to something he does so with complete devotion. The objects may not be valuable in a monetary sense but could be of historical significance. It is fascinating to imagine the hands that made these objects or how they came to be left behind or lost or intentionally buried. We can never know with complete certainty, but it sure is exciting to guess.

Boot plate from the 1940s which may have belonged to a "scarlet woman." The story is men followed these boot prints to find ladies of the evening.



Jason at work with his pin pointer, metal detector, a shovel, headphones and a vest (to put his finds in).



1930s container which still has the makeup in it! Jason pointed out that it still smelled like "old lady!"



Overview of the types of things Jason has found - coins, silver spoons, buttons from CN uniforms, antique metal toys, etc.

# Little shop has plans for a bigger future

Cynthia Dow

NEW RICHMOND: - “This is our 47th year in operation,” noted Debbie Duthie proudly as she welcomed SPEC to La Boutique in downtown New Richmond. “We are the only boutique that survived from those started by the Gaspesian Cultural Association.”

In fact, the GCA had started several similar organizations to sell the goods of local crafters and artisans and to offer services such as libraries in some of the coast’s smaller towns; Most were closed by 1981.

At one time, La Boutique was operating in the United Church in Black Cape. Its current location dates back to 1979 when a small log cabin built by Everett Harrison was bought and moved downtown.

Consisting of one small room for display and sales and a backroom for storage, La Boutique has big plans. “We have put in for a project



Photo: C. Dow

Nine-year-old Blake is La Boutique’s youngest entrepreneur, pictured here with long-time president, Blanche Fallow.

from New Horizons for Seniors. We hope to add a second sales room, make it all wheelchair accessible, and add a

public bathroom,” Debbie explained. She expressed gratitude for the help received from Jennifer Hayes to com-

plete the application. She is also thankful that Mary Robertson is helping with their facebook presence and in negotiations with the town.

Eleven dedicated volunteers take turns watching the shop and adding up sales. Blanche Fallow has been president for many years and started out with the organization from its early days. Debbie has volunteered for more than 20 years at the little shop, mainly in charge of the finances. The association runs on about \$7,800 a year. While they do charge 25% on the lovely items brought in by the crafters and artisans, they still have to fundraise from time to time to cover their expenses.

Having opened on June 12, so far this year the boutique boasts goods from 28 people: everything from amazing huge quilts and hand-woven Catalans to tiny Christmas decorations and brooches. There are also paintings, wooden items such as cutting boards and bird-

houses, and lots of knitted baby clothes and blankets. New this year are bath salts made by La Boutique’s youngest entrepreneur, Blake Polichuck, who also happens to be Debbie’s grandson!

Asked what the secret is to the marvellous scents in his products, Blake explained that you have to include “smelly drops” along with the Epsom salts, baking soda and sea salt. Blake began his adventure in entrepreneurship through the “Kidpreneur” program sponsored by CASA and Duthie Point. “I wanted to make bath bombs but I heard that bath salts were easier to make,” Blake noted.

La Boutique gets several hundred visitors a year, including locals home for the holidays, but also tourists – a large number from Ontario – and sports fishermen here to enjoy the thrill of salmon fishing on the Grand Cascapedia.

“If we get our grant, we will begin the expansion work next May,” Debbie noted.

## NADIA DUPUIS CASE:

# Victim’s nieces believe there are gaps in the investigation

Geneviève Gélinas

RIVIÈRE-AU-RENARD: – Social work intervener Nadia Dupuis, who stole thousands of dollars from her 80-year-old patient, will serve a 90-day prison term, during weekends. However, according to the victim’s two nieces, there were gaps in the police investigation that led to her conviction.

Ms. Dupuis, 40, from Petit-Cap, pled guilty to stealing \$13,970 from her patient, Murielle Pelletier, of Rivière-au-Renard. Quebec Court Judge Janick Poirier sentenced Ms. Dupuis on June 5 at the Percé courthouse.

In addition to the prison term, Ms. Dupuis has to pay \$13,850 to the victim, do 240 hours of community work within 18 months, and will be on probation for three years.

“That’s okay, but it won’t ensure justice for my aunt, who has lost more than \$50,000. There have been no apologies, even if this has turned her life upside down,” states her niece, Chantal Cloutier, of Rivière-au-Renard.

There hasn’t been a trial because Nadia Dupuis pled guilty. Ms. Cloutier and Line Curadeau, another niece of



Photo: G. Gélinas

Line Curadeau and Chantal Cloutier, two nieces of the victim, blame the Sûreté du Québec for not having watched the bank tellers’ surveillance tapes.

the victim think the social work intervener also used Ms. Pelletier’s debit card.

Between April 2014 and March 2016, the nieces have identified approximately \$50,000 of unusual cash withdrawals from automated bank machines. The nieces reached that conclusion after checking the bank statements of their aunt, who was a very small spender.

Once, \$1,800 was withdrawn in 24 hours. “My aunt used to wear her old clothes and buy puzzles. She has al-

ways been a very nice person, but she wasn’t lending her money and she wasn’t giving it away,” states Ms. Cloutier.

The Sûreté du Québec hasn’t watched the surveillance videos of the bank machines, points out Ms. Cloutier. Nadia Dupuis “recognized that she stole \$13,970, but if they had watched the surveillance tapes, it would have been much more.”

In her aunt’s papers, Ms. Cloutier found a \$9,900 acknowledgement of debt signed by Nadia Dupuis on

June 14, 2012. She doubts that the amount has been paid back to Ms. Pelletier.

Ms. Cloutier wonders why the investigators didn’t question Line Curadeau, the person who found out about the theft.

The two nieces would have liked the investigators to launch a public message to all in order to give the opportunity to other potential victims to talk. The police did not do this.

Murielle Pelletier, who is now 82 years old, moved to the periphery of Laval and suffers from memory lapses. “When she realized that she had been duped, she was frustrated, shy and she felt anxious,” says Ms. Cloutier.

“We want to see justice done for my aunt, even if she

never gets her money back,” states Chantal Cloutier. She and Ms. Curadeau have no personal interest in the affair. “They won’t inherit from their aunt,” she specifies.

Nadia Dupuis doesn’t work anymore at the Gaspésie Health and Social Services Centre, her employer at the time of the theft.

The spokesperson of the Sûreté du Québec, Sgt. Claude Doiron, says that he never comments on police investigations. Chantal Cloutier can file a complaint with the Police Ethics Commissioner if she’s not satisfied with the SQ work, he adds.

Through her lawyer, SPEC asked Nadia Dupuis to comment on Ms. Cloutier’s statements, but she hasn’t returned the call.





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# Police report

On July 4 at approximately 1:30 a.m. in the Mann Settlement sector of Matapedia, a passer-by noticed a house on fire. The emergency services, firefighters and the Sûreté du Québec were notified. Two firefighters from Matapedia and Pointe-à-la-Croix extinguished the fire. A corpse was found in the ashes of the fire. Another occupant of the house, a man, was able to escape and was treated at the hospital.

Louis-Philippe Bibeau, spokesperson for the Sûreté du Québec, refused to confirm that the victim was a woman. "It is the coroner's task. That kind of investigation in rubble is demanding. The damage is significant (...) and the house is a total loss," he said. The cause of the fire remains unknown for now. Two trailers and a vehicle were also destroyed by the fire.

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The Percé Rock MRC detachment of the Sûreté du Québec conducted three road control operations on June 29 during which 200 drivers were checked for impairment by alcohol or drugs. Three people, two men in their forties and a woman in her fifties, were arrested for driving under the influence of drugs. They were questioned and released. They will eventually be summoned to appear in court at a later date. Nine other drivers were asked to either submit to a breathalyzer test or a coordination and ability test to determine if they were fit to drive. Three highway code tickets were issued during these operations.

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On June 27, Renée Toupin, 49, from Trois-Rivières, appeared before Quebec Court Judge Jacques Trudel at the Trois Rivières courthouse for her preliminary hearing on charges of criminally harrasing Gaspesian singer Kevin Parent. The offences were allegedly committed at the Carleton marina; and between 2015 and 2017 in Val Bélair, Quebec City, Shawinigan and Joliette. Shows presented by the singer were an opportunity for the accused to harrass him and she attended most of his shows.

According to Le Nouvelliste, a Trois-Rivières daily paper, defence attorney Bertrand Jacob obtained the full disclosure of the evidence from the crown attorney and renounced the preliminary hearing. Consequently the judge ordered the accused to stand trial as charged. The trial is expected to last two days and four witnesses will be called by the prosecution including Kevin Parent. The trial date will be determined later in July.

The accused harassed Kevin Parent in the past. In 2014, she was ordered not to be found near him for a year. She had started harrasing him in 2004 when she broke and entered into his Carleton home in the middle of the night to declare her love for him. She repeated the same scenario three years later. Following a psychiatric assessment, a verdict of not criminally responsible was then rendered.

# American Bank marine area will be officially protected

— Arianne Aubert Bonn

GASPÉ: - Recognized for its exceptional biodiversity, the American Bank sector, located off the Gaspé and Percé shores, will be part of protected marine areas by both levels of government.

The Member of Parliament for Gaspésie-Magdalen Islands and Minister of National Revenue Diane Lebouthillier and the Quebec Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Fight against Climate Change, Isabelle Melançon, signed a collaboration agreement on June 29 in Gaspé.

A bilateral group on marine protected areas, including both federal and provincial governments, is working to identify and create such sea territories with the goal of protecting 10% of the country's marine surface by 2020. Currently, less than 3% is protected in Canada, 1.3% of which is in Quebec, consisting of the Saguenay Marine Park and the American Bank.

If from the outset the ministers can say that the area can no longer be a place for industrial activity, the exact modalities concerning particular fishing activities are not yet known. Some types of fishing will be allowed. Others will not. A public consultation will take place prior to the application of the proposed by-law for the location and comments from the public will be received prior to reaching a final agreement.



Photo: A. Bonn

Ministers Diane Lebouthillier and Isabelle Melançon signed the agreement conferring protection to the American Bank, a well-known fishing area off the coast of Gaspé and Percé.

## Oil potentially nearby

The surroundings of the American Bank are coveted by the oil companies for their potential. Asked whether an operation in the vicinity of the protected area could be a cause of concern, the ministers replied that if such operations were established, the government would have authorized it in a regulatory framework ensuring the safety of the environment.

The minister responsible for the region, Pierre Moreau, was invited to respond and replied, "Let's not forget that there is a moratorium on those activities in the Gulf." He states that the subject was not integrating oil extraction nearby, but was protecting a

marine area in favour of the environment.

## Disrupted announcement

A small group of protesters took out their pots at the beginning of Minister Isabelle Melançon's speech. Pascal Bergeron, an environmentalist known for his actions at River camp near Gaspé and Environnement vert plus came forward and said that the announcement was hypocritical, that we could not talk about protecting the environment by allowing oil exploitation in Quebec. The bartender at the Gaspé marina, where the announcement was being held, convinced the protesters to leave by promising a beer in exchange for their collaboration.



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## Commentary

Gilles Gagné

### A heat wave that should ring a bell

The heat wave that is hitting Quebec and the majority of the continent since the end of June is a painful reminder that we are still doing very little, collectively and individually, to fight climate change and, at a smaller scale, to reduce the number of heat generating sources in our cities and our countryside.

Heat waves are fuelled by a number of factors we have little control over, but there are initiatives we can start in order to change the reality. Besides, every major global change starts with a set of tiny actions.

Most of our cities and towns are ill-conceived to deal with summer heat waves. Saying that our summers are very short is not the solution. Anyone who has recently spent a couple of days in Montreal or Toronto knows that the conditions are unbearable, and not only for the vulnerable, such as the elderly.

We have generally built monsters of concrete and bricks, endowed with flat, black roofs in most cases, and very little space for trees and gardens. Those ill-conceived buildings are adding to the problem.

Our wide asphalt streets are huge heat generators. The lack of shade due to the limited number of trees adds to the burden, literally and figuratively. In the winter, those wide streets provide wind corridors worsening the wind chill factor, paradoxically. Trees, in forested areas, tend to cut the wind factor, so, we end up losing twice, in the summer and in the winter.

Those wide streets also invite drivers to use them with their cars instead of using commuter services. There is a striking image published a few years ago by commuter service advocates in Copenhagen, Denmark, showing the space taken by 100 cars, 100 bicycles and an articulated bus holding 100 people. The bicycles and the bus take roughly between 15 and 20 times less space than 100 cars.

Considering that we still design our cities and towns according to the drivers' needs instead of commuting people, we are repeating the same mistakes. The lack of green space makes our neighbourhoods less than attractive and spreads the urbanized zones way beyond the limits of what is reasonable, adding to the size of suburbs, with a spiral environmental effect, considering the distance people have to cover in order to go to work, run errands and satisfy their leisure needs.

While the Quebec government is supposedly embarking on measures to facilitate energy transition, ideally from gas-burning vehicles to electricity-propelled ones, the number of people opting for large SUVs, has surpassed the number of car buyers. The problem is those vehicles consume 20 to 30% more fuel than standard cars.

The best measure our government could adopt is a means that would lead to a reduction in the number of vehicles and a real effort to supply the population, urban or rural, with decent commuter

service seven days a week. A bus, replacing 40 or 50 cars, would be a huge gain, whether it is propelled by diesel or electricity.

The same principle must be applied to freight. The number of trucks has been increasing everywhere in Canada, while the rail lines, which can provide the equivalent of a commuter service, are mainly under-utilized.

Making the link between the effects of heat waves and our daily over-dependence on automobiles will not solve all our problems. However, it will contribute to a change in priorities and an increase in our environmental awareness.

During the Quebec electoral campaign, it would be surprising to see the majority of candidates focus on environmental issues. Electors should not be embarrassed to push those issues and request valuable answers, as politicians are rarely leaders when it comes to the environment.

## Letters to the Editor

The Gaspé Spec's Guest Commentary by Cynthia Dow prompted me to send this along after reading her latest article titled "T" is for Trump & Trauma.

Back in January, on Trump's one year inauguration anniversary, Ms. Dow penned another article titled A Year of Living Dangerously. In this screed she called Trump a racist & misogynist, among other things, stating Republicans should take this man off the public stage as quickly as possible.

Now, I know, being a Republican and conservative who voted for Trump, that many liberals out there have a severe case of Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS).

It is especially prevalent in the journalist ranks, as evidenced daily here in the U.S., by the mainstream media. In spite of this constant barrage of negative press Trump's poll numbers exceed Obama's at the same point in their respective presidency's.

You may recall how the Liberal media fawned over the "Chosen One" during his two terms. Trump has been excoriated by the media from day one; in spite of this has accomplished more in eighteen months than Obama managed in eight years.

Presently he is in the process of picking a candidate for the Supreme Court to fill retiring Justice Kennedy's vacant spot. He appointed conservative

Justice Gorsuch earlier.

This is driving liberals to new levels of outrage, after all Hillary was fully expected to be President and making these choices.

Back to TDS mentioned earlier, I find it interesting it exists on The Gaspé Coast although not surprised.

Remember visiting relatives in the New Richmond area back in the Clinton era and left, somewhat perplexed, with how enamored they were with him.

Signing off as a proud deplorable out here in fly over country USA.

Paul Currie-Mills, Grand Junction CO USA



Tennessee and Cape May Warblers at artist John Wiseman's hummingbird feeder in L'Anse-à-Beaufils.

Your page one story, A deluge of warblers, Spec, June 6, which delighted readers, not to mention those lucky enough to have seen the warblers close at hand, has a darker side. Unfortunately, that was not fully explained.

The favourable winds and mild temperatures that brought this mass invasion was immediately followed by sub-freezing temperatures that persisted well into June. The normal development of insect populations that sustain these birds was retarded, and in addition to the collisions with buildings that was mentioned, many thousands it is believed perished from starvation. Normally treetop feeders, their presence on people's lawns was a sure sign of their desperate situation.

A couple of species, most notably, Cape May and Tennessee Warblers, which also feed on nectar, managed to find hummingbird feeders near cover, and survived. But most did not, and the forests are eerily silent now as a result of these losses.

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# Mi'gmaq communities might purchase New Richmond wharf

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: – The three Mi'gmaq communities of the Gaspé Peninsula are studying the possibility of acquiring the New Richmond wharf through the Mi'gmawei Mawiomi Business Corporation, their economic development body. A feasibility study will reveal more about that option at the end of September.

The Municipality of New Richmond acquired the wharf in 2013 from Smurfit-Stone, the town's last owner and operator of the linerboard mill that was closed in August 2005. Although \$5 million was invested in the north section of the wharf in 2004, the south section of the structure needs major upgrading if it is to support heavy material once again.

"We will listen to anyone coming to us with an interesting proposal," states the mayor of New Richmond, Éric Dubé, about the possible sale of the wharf. It could also be a partnership, as the municipality could remain part owner of the wharf, he adds.

"Various scenarios were studied and depending on the options, the cost of upgrading it varied between \$20 million and \$45 million, a tab sufficiently important for the town of New Richmond to look for partners. That explains the presence of the Mi'gmawei Mawiomi Business Corporation, alongside the municipal administration," points out Mr. Dubé.

The last studies carried out about the port go back to 2013-2014. The current study is undertaken by consulting firm Deloitte, which now has an office in New Richmond.

A project of that magnitude



Photo: G. Gagné

*The New Richmond wharf can still be used to dock small ships or big boats but it is not sturdy enough to support heavy loads.*

requires the presence of shippers to bring in and send out some materials.

"For now, the potential rests on Fabrication Delta's capacity to sign contracts to ship out some of its production, however, we are also knocking at other doors in the area. We could haul salt, gravel and wood to the wharf once it is refurbished," adds Mr. Dubé.

As of now, the piles of the wharf will have to be replaced if anything heavy is to be hauled on that section, which was not upgraded in 2004.

"Smurfit-Stone only rebuilt the section that is close to the shore. The company replaced the piles with a dyke but the rest was not repaired," says Éric Dubé.

François-Olivier Gagnon, who is the project and communication officer for the Mi'gmawei Mawiomi Business Corporation, emphasizes that one of the six scenarios assessed by Deloitte is to use concrete caissons to replace the piles and consequently fill completely the space between those piles.

"This scenario would cost

around \$15 million. That is not including a road between the industrial park and the wharf, an option that would be useful to bring huge pieces like offshore windmill tower sections, an option Fabrication Delta is working on," explains Mr. Gagnon.

"The company owns a piece of land coming from its plant and going all the way to the big tank of the former mill. It would only cross a public road at Perron Boulevard. It is the exception. The rest is private land. That road could also be handy for other industrial park firms," says François-Olivier Gagnon.

The refurbishment of the port consequently stands high in the priorities of the town of New Richmond's strategic action plan.

It is too early to talk about an eventual transaction amount, if there is one, between the town of New Richmond and the Mi'gmawei Mawiomi Business Corporation.

In addition to identifying potential users of the wharf and the upgrading scenarios of the structure, the Deloitte

study will also look for potential funding sources for that refurbishment, considering its cost.

"There are a few possibilities, like the Community Opportunity Readiness Program, or at the federal department now called Indigenous Service Canada. There is also Canada Economic Development and Quebec's Maritime Strategy," mentions Mr. Gagnon.

The whole file will likely take a couple of years, maybe more, before materializing. An environmental impact assessment will be needed before any major work is carried out on the wharf.

Through a press release, Christianne Bernard, chief executive officer of the Mi'gmawei Mawiomi Business Corporation (MMBC), says that once the studies are complete, in-depth discussions will take place within the three Mi'gmaq Communities, prior to any final decision.

"The acquisition of a major transportation infrastructure in our traditional territory is in line with the Gespe'gewa'gi Management Plan and the objectives of the MMBC. This

may be the first of many similar asset acquisitions for the Mi'gmaq. The New Richmond wharf is strategically located in the heart of our ancestral lands and we are excited to contribute positively to the economic development of our communities and the region," she says.

François Arsenault, president and owner of Fabrication Delta, confirms through the same press release that the company has plans to participate in calls for proposals and offers its services to manufacture oversized parts that cannot be transported by rail or road.

"It is at this time that an operational and well-located wharf allows us to diversify our service offer and our competitiveness in our niche market. The short distance between our factory and the wharf positions us advantageously as few of our competitors do," he says.

Built in 1964-1965, the wharf was used to load part of mill's production until the end of the 1980s and to receive bunker. Between 2007 and 2011, it was also used to ship out wood molasses, a by-product of the Matane corrugated board mill.

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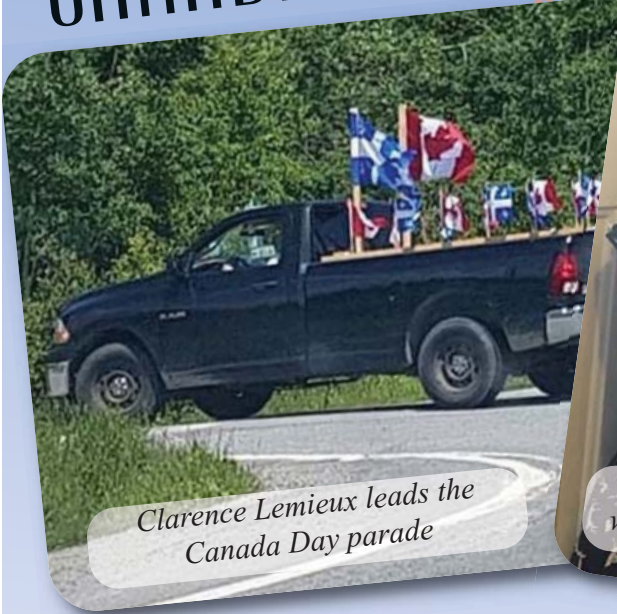
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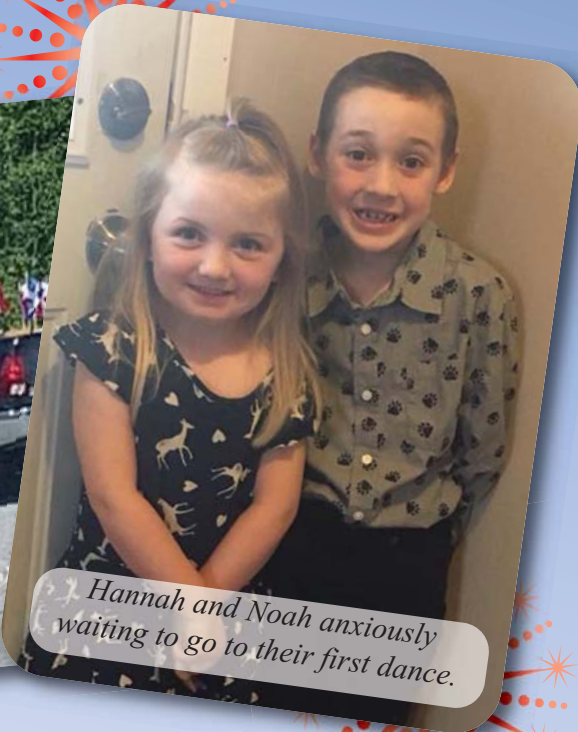
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# CANADA DAY



Clarence Lemieux leads the Canada Day parade



Hannah and Noah anxiously waiting to go to their first dance.

## Celebrating Canada Day

Patricia Ste Croix Annett

BARACHOIS: - Celebrations began at the Barachois Recreation Centre on the eve of Canada Day with a children's dance. Over 30 children between the ages of 4 and 14 attended the dance party. This was the first time attending a dance for most of the youngsters but without a doubt not their last. The hall was decorated with string lighting, disco lights, and memorabilia for the event. The children danced to lively music provided by Anthony Chicoine and were treated to lots of goodies. The evening ended way too soon for the happy children. Look for more children's dances, games and activities in the future at the Barachois Recreation Centre.

Canada Day festivities continued across the street on July 1 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 261. A large number of cars, trucks and citizens came decked out in their finest Canada Day attire to participate in the parade. The parade was led by our very own Clarence Lemieux. The parade travelled through the communities of Belle Anse, Malbay, St Georges, Prevel and Bougainville with a stop at the cenotaph. Upon returning to the Legion, volunteers were waiting to serve hot dogs, refreshments and cake to more than 70 citizens and visitors.

The community and visitors are invited to participate in the many activities planned at the Barachois Legion and the Rec Centre in the coming weeks and months.

## There be dragons among us

Jeanie LeLacheur

GASPÉ: - Canada's Birthplace welcomed Tai Chi members from across the country on July 1 to perform a Dragon Dance at the Canada Day celebrations.

Adele Toutant of the regional management committee for Taoist Tai Chi said the Dragon Dance event was almost two years in the planning and had over 300 participants, members from British Columbia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Ontario joined Quebec members in a coming together of the country.

An attentive crowd watched as the Dragon, which symbolizes the movement of life growing upward and outward like a plant growing from a seed, chased the "pearl" which symbolizes spirituality. The dance is performed by a team of experienced dancers who manipulate a long flexible figure of a dragon using poles positioned at regular intervals along the length of the dragon. The dance team simulates the imagined movements giving life to its continued pursuit of wisdom.

Gaspé's Dale Baird said he was think about his grandson Charlie as he watched. "It was as if I was enjoying it through his eyes and wishing he were here with me."

Taoist Tai Chi is an exercise form described as a "moving meditation" which combines strength, flexibility and stillness. Gaspé member Anne Marie says, "It is simply a tool for happiness."

The Gaspé Taoist Tai Chi chapter has more than 85 members and meets in Fox River, Gaspé and Percé, so if you'd like to learn more about the art you can visit the Birthplace of Canada on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and take part in a lesson.

*"It is not easy to achieve the state of emptiness or stillness in the midst of today's busy and complex lifestyle. To achieve stillness and yet be involved and active is even more difficult. Practicing Taoist Tai Chi fosters stillness since the focused concentration required to do the Tai Chi set (and developed in learning it) occupies the mind, drawing it away from daily worries and tensions. Learning to quiet the mind, even while moving through the Tai Chi set, lays a foundation for integrating the principle of stillness—and the recognition of our original nature—into our daily lives." - Taoist Tai Chi Society*



Members of the Ladies Auxiliary accompany William Jerome as he heads off to raise the flag.

## Duthie Point celebrates Canada Day

Cynthia Dow

NEW RICHMOND: - A small but enthusiastic crowd came out at 11 a.m. on July 1 to watch the Legion Sergeant at Arms, William Jerome, raise the flag to kick off Canada Day activities. It wasn't long before kids were turning up to enjoy the games and get their faces painted. A BBQ and a talent show led by Sylvie and Marco capped off the afternoon. In the evening, the ever-popular Clemville Kids kept the crowd dancing until late into the evening. As always, the highlight of the day was the amazing display of fireworks, enjoyed by young and old. The holiday weekend attracted several dozen campers, coming early to make the most of free rough camping before the start of CountryFest, held from July 5 to 8.

## Parade draws large crowd

Normand Desjardins

NEW CARLISLE: -The Canada Day parade remains a July 1 event in New Carlisle. The effort in preparing floats and animating the parade was great and did not go unnoticed by the public who lined the streets in great numbers. They came from everywhere - neighbouring towns and family from afar on vacation.

The parade is just one of the many events that took place July 1 weekend in New Carlisle. There was also an Amazing Race, go-kart racing, various competitions, teddy bear picnic, car show, live music and much more.



Preston Major competing in the go-kart race.

## GASPESIAN RALLY TEAM:

# A passion budding from childhood

Marshall Billingsley

NEW RICHMOND: Local favorite Gaspesian rally team, Leblanc<sup>3</sup>, once again participated in the annual Bay of Chaleur motorsport rally over the weekend. They ran the rally in their team's customized 2005 Subaru WRX. They were ranked in the top ten in Canada in previous years, specifically #4 in the starting order due to being the fourth fastest team participating in the Rally BDC. They run this rally which consists of drifts, hard turns, and running down a 250 km track at aggressive speeds.

Leblanc<sup>3</sup> participated in their first Rally BDC in 2008, and they've been doing the Rally BDC ever since. The team tries to participate in other rallies outside the Gaspé Peninsula, hoping to participate in three or four per year. André Leblanc and René Leblanc are the actual team members who are in the car. André drives the car while René is the co-pilot. As a whole, one rally takes the team approximately 300 hours of preparation. It is their passion that makes them put in the extra hours and large amount of work.

The team's name, Leblanc<sup>3</sup>, is derived from the three brothers, René, Adam and André, being part of the team. There are a total of six members on the team. All of the members



René Leblanc and André Leblanc, the co-pilot & driver of Leblanc<sup>3</sup> rally team, standing beside their customized 2005 Subaru WRX

are close friends. All three brothers are close in age, René (30), André (32) and Adam (34). These three brothers own the Subaru New Richmond car dealership. René works as the director general and part owner of Subaru New Richmond with his two brothers. The middle brother, André, is in charge of the used car department of the dealership. The eldest brother, the team mechanic, Adam, is the director of fixed operations.

The three brothers gained their inspiration to form the Leblanc<sup>3</sup> team when they lived in St. Edgar when they were young. The rally transit used to pass by the front of their house, and René claims that "being at the window to see these cars pass in transit

was more important than Christmas." As well, René states that it is not possible, in any way, for him and his

brothers to miss this rally. They will go to extreme lengths to ensure their participation each year.

As brothers, they feel that the Rally BDC brings them together more and helps them bond strongly with one another like a sort of unbreakable weld. All three of them have been extremely passionate about cars from a very young age. They began working on their first rally vehicle, André's road car, in their parents' garage. The car was an old Eagle Talon, and they stripped it and equipped it to run in a rally. Even back then, they were extremely passionate about their love of cars and are still as passionate to this day. René states, "Rallying isn't something that is for everyone. To feel our level of passion, you have to try it yourself to understand it." He feels as if rallying is in their blood, and will always be in some way.



Members of Leblanc<sup>3</sup> rally team, the three brothers: René Leblanc, André Leblanc and Adam Leblanc can be seen in this photo.

### 2018 GASPESIAN RALLY RESULTS

- 1 - Jean-Sébastien Besner - Montreal, QC  
Yvan Joyal - Terrebonne, QC
- 2 - Ricardo Trivino - Mexico  
Marc Martí - Barcelona
- 3 - Karel Carré - Laval, QC  
Samuel Joyal - Terrebonne, QC
- 4 - Ricardo Cordero - Mexico  
Marco Hernandez - Mexico
- 5 - Boris Djordjevic - Devon, AB  
John Hall - Sherwood Park, AB
- 6 - Simon Vincent - Laval, QC  
Hubert Gaudreau - Berthier-sur-Mer, QC
- 7 - Pancho Name - Mexico  
Armando Zapata - Mexico
- 8 - André Leblanc - New Richmond, QC  
René Leblanc - New Richmond, QC
- 9 - Nicholas Spencer - Lethbridge, AB  
Patrick Lévesque - Pointe-aux-Outardes, QC
- 10 - Win van der Poul - Bragg Creek, AB  
Bryan Lord - Cochrane, AB



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**Paspebiac**  
Thursday, July 12  
02:00 - 2.13m  
09:00 - 0.15m  
14:37 - 1.32m  
20:04 - 0.28m  
Friday, July 13  
02:53 - 2.23m  
09:54 - 0.06m  
15:31 - 1.37m  
20:58 - 0.24m  
Saturday, July 14  
03:45 - 2.27m  
10:45 - 0.02m  
16:24 - 1.42m  
21:52 - 0.22m  
Sunday, July 15  
04:36 - 2.24m  
11:33 - 0.02m  
17:15 - 1.46m  
22:46 - 0.23m  
Monday, July 16  
05:26 - 2.14m  
12:20 - 0.07m  
18:08 - 1.49m  
23:41 - 0.29m  
Tuesday, July 17  
06:15 - 1.98m  
13:07 - 0.15m  
19:01 - 1.51m  
Wednesday, July 18  
00:39 - 0.37m  
07:05 - 1.78m  
13:53 - 0.25m  
19:56 - 1.52m

**Gaspe**  
Thursday, July 12  
01:26 - 1.84m  
08:26 - 0.39m  
13:58 - 1.05m  
19:19 - 0.41m  
Friday, July 13  
02:18 - 1.94m  
09:19 - 0.32m  
14:51 - 1.08m  
20:14 - 0.37m  
Saturday, July 14  
03:09 - 1.98m  
10:09 - 0.29m  
15:43 - 1.12m  
21:10 - 0.36m  
Sunday, July 15  
03:59 - 1.97m  
10:57 - 0.29m  
16:34 - 1.17m  
22:07 - 0.38m  
Monday, July 16  
04:49 - 1.90m  
11:44 - 0.31m  
17:26 - 1.21m  
23:07 - 0.43m  
Tuesday, July 17  
05:38 - 1.77m  
12:30 - 0.35m  
18:20 - 1.25m  
Wednesday, July 18  
00:09 - 0.50m  
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19:19 - 1.28m

**Carleton**  
Thursday, July 12  
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14:45 - 1.60m  
20:16 - 0.21m  
Friday, July 13  
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**Chandler**  
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Photo: Holly Smith

## Construction is underway on new gym at SPDS

Marshall Billingsley

SHIGAWAKE-PORT DANIEL: - On June 26, construction began on the long-anticipated gymnasium at Shigawake-Port Daniel School (SPDS). The construction of the project was awarded to D G Construction of Maria.

The project requesting funds for a gymnasium was submitted under *Measure 50514, Ajout de gymnase* in August 2016. The amount of funds that have been allocated for this project is valued at \$2.8 million. The anticipated target date for completion is April 2019, providing that there is no unforeseen setbacks in the construction.

The gymnasium will be located on the west side of the building, where the upper playground was previously located. The playground equipment has been relocated. Lori-Ann Hayes; principal of SPDS, says, "Overall, the members of SPDS are super excited for this gymnasium to be completed. I call it our small miracle. We feel very blessed to have a gymnasium awarded to us. The staff will use every opportunity to improve the lives of the students!" A full-size gym provides the staff and students with many more opportunities to organize and participate in sports and athletic activities.

As a whole, this addition to the school will help develop the athletic skills and ability of students and give students the opportunity to be on a higher athletic level by the time they reach New Carlisle High School for Sec. 1.




Photo: G. Gagné

## Province announces \$547,362 for snowmobile and ATV trails

Gilles Gagné

BONAVENTURE – Delegate Minister of Transport Véronique Tremblay recently announced \$547,362 for the betterment of the Gaspé Peninsula snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle trails, especially the safety aspect of the network. That amount came from a Quebec government envelope totalling \$10 million for trails provincewide. It is temporary funding support and the program came to an end on March 31 of this year. Minister Tremblay emphasized that the amount was the highest support provided in the network, however, no comparison was given or available with other programs of the same nature. The announcement took place in Bonaventure, while several representatives of snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle clubs were in attendance.

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\*Only selected candidates will be contacted for an interview.



# Announcements...

## Obituaries



**BISSON: Patricia (Biard)**

A celebration of the life of Patricia Biard Bisson will be held on Tuesday, July 24, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Percé. The service will be followed by a reception at Côte Surprise.



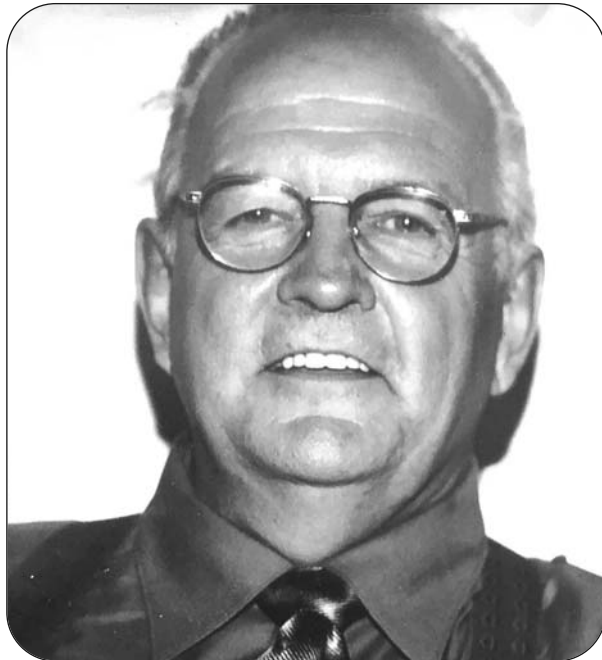
**COUTURE: Martial**

July 6, 1940 - March 14, 2018

After a courageous battle with cancer, Martial passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at Maria hospital on March 14, 2018, at the age of 77 and 8 months.

He leaves to mourn, his loving wife Laurienne Benwell; his five children: Joseph (Jenny), Lorraine, James (Angie), Edward (Betty-Ann), and Michel (Holly); 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and sisters Shirley, Beatrice and brother James. The family would like to thank the staff of Maria Hospital's 4th floor for the wonderful care of Martial, his amazing doctor, Dr. Prevost, and the numerous family and friends who visited him while he was in the hospital. Rest in peace until we meet again. We love you.

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**MCNALLY: Berry William Vernon**

Passed away at Eel River Crossing on June 22, 2018, at the age of 71, Mr. Berry William Vernon McNally of Escuminac, Quebec, husband of Dee Anne Deschamps. Born in Campbellton on May 12, 1947, son of the late Vernon McNally and of the late Rena Mae Gaudin.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his sons, Shannon, Roderick and Kelly. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held at St. Anne's Church in Listuguj, Wednesday at 3:00 p.m NB time. Donations to the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements were in the care of Maher's Funeral Home, Campbellton (506)789-1699 or toll free (855) 404-1699, email: maher.fh@nb.aibn.com.



**REHEL: Floyd**

Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Friday, June 29, 2018, with his family, Vince, Irene, Helen and Emma by his side. Floyd, at the age of 77 years, was the beloved husband of the late Pat. Sadly missed by his family: Rex (Pat), Iona, Kay, Lou (Max), Gord (Marion), Helen, Mike (Norma), Emma, Vince (Irene), Bill (Lynn) and Thelma (Eugene). Predeceased by his sister Ruby. Fondly remembered by his extended family and friends.

Floyd was in the hospital for the last six years and truly appreciated those who took the time to visit with him there.

Visitation was held at the McEachnie Funeral Home, 28 Old Kingston Rd., Ajax (905-428-8488) on Friday, July 6. A funeral service was held in the chapel of the funeral home on Saturday, July 7, at 11:00 a.m. Floyd will be laid to rest with Pat in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, privately, at a later date.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to The Canadian Society of Intestinal Research or the Kidney Foundation. A guest book may be signed on-line at [www.mceachniefuneral.ca](http://www.mceachniefuneral.ca)

## In Memory



**BOYLE: Stanley**

One year ago on July 14, we lost our Dad, Stanley Boyle. We would like to thank everyone for the love, support and donations in his name, from the time of his passing and every day since. He may be gone but will always be in the thoughts and hearts of so many.

### Missing Dad

*Some days the past year has felt like a week,  
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Other days feel like it has been forever,  
Since we chatted about mechanics, work or whatever.  
Many have missed you each and every day,  
From the garage, the plant or just driving their way.  
Your big old Jimmy has been tucked out of sight,  
But don't worry, Dad, its future is bright.  
You may be gone, but until we meet,  
You'll always be beside me in the passenger seat. ~Amy~*

Love your family, Wendy, Amy and Donnie, Chuck and Monique and our sweet Candace.

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**Looking For:** The Barachois Recreation Centre is setting up a fitness centre. If you have gently used equipment which you would like to donate, please contact: Patricia SteCroix Annett, 418-645-3779, Erica DeVouge, 418-783-2293 or Helen Lucas, 418-782-4049.

## COAST ROUND-UP

### POINTE-NAVARE:

**Shrine of Pointe-Navarre Tuesday, July 17:** We will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the death of Father Watier at 7 p.m. at the Shrine of Pointe-Navarre.

### YORK:

**York River Seniors Friday, July 27:** Annual seniors' day (Pioneer Days) at Fort

Haldimand Camp. All members of the Greater Gaspé community (50+) are welcome to attend. There will be a lunch and music. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m.

**Saturday, July 28:** Fiddling Gala at O'Hara's Point.

**Monday, September 3:** Annual corn boil. For further information please contact Alfred Cassidy 418-368-2011 or Albert Patterson 418-368-2752.

### YORK:

#### York ACW Afternoon Tea

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

### BARACHOIS:

#### Legion Branch 261

**Every Monday:** The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 261, will be having a bingo at 7 p.m. at the Legion.

### BARACHOIS:

#### Barachois Rec. Centre

We invite you to join our walking club, "Making Strides," on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings beginning at 9 a.m., leaving from the Barachois Recreation Centre. Followed by tea/coffee social.

The Barachois Recreation Centre will be holding 18+ money bingos at 7 p.m. on **July 20** and **August 3**. Bilingual. Over \$600 in cash prizes.

### CORNER OF THE BEACH:

#### Cultural Museum

**July 18, 20, 25 and 27:** Folk singer, Pierre Michaud. \$20 per person.

**July 17, 24 and 31:** French Lessons with Linda Donahue and Marie-Eve Trudel-Vibert from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**July 19:** Historian Jean-Marie Thibeault (anglo-norman history) beginning at 7 p.m. (Bilingual).

### PORT DANIEL:

#### Three Star Golden Age Club

**Saturday, July 28:** Military Whist at 8 p.m. \$5 per person.

### PORT DANIEL:

#### Fundraiser for St. James Anglican Church

**July 21:** Military Whist at the Three Star Golden Age Club beginning at 8 p.m. \$5 admission. Light lunch served.

**July 28:** Annual Bazaar from 1 to 4 p.m. Free admission. Bake table, craft table, tea, berry dessert, bottle table, mystery

prizes, children's games, 50/50 and much more.

### 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.

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### Shigawake Fairgrounds

Live Music every Thursday in the Trough at the Shigawake Fairgrounds from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. \$5 entry. **Thursday, July 19:** Music will be provided by Don Barclay.

**Saturday, July 14:** Dance with Nash Stanley at the Shigawake Fairgrounds barn starting at 7 p.m. \$10 entry. Prizes for best dressed cowboy and cowgirl. Buck-saw, cross-cut saw and nail driving competitions starting at 6 p.m. \$2 per event. Bar and Bbq on site.

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### Community Center

**Saturday, August 4:** 4th annual Veryl Sullivan Greene benefit supper - Roast beef supper, \$15 per person. Everyone welcome.

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### St. Paul's ACW

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:

#### Art Exposition

Shigawake Town Hall art exposition "Scenes of the Gaspé". Art being exposed by Ethel Bradbury and Gloria Hayes. **Friday, August 3:** Wine and Cheese 5 to 7 p.m. **Saturday, August 4** and **Sunday, August 5** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All welcome.

### HOPE TOWN:

#### Community Center

**Saturday, July 14:** Military Whist. Beginning at 8 p.m.

### HOPE TOWN:

#### Hope Baptist Church 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 at 7 p.m. on Fridays. 305 Route 132 West, Hope Town, 418-752-5838.

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Heritage New Carlisle

**July - August 29:** We are now taking reservations for Julia's Tea Corner which will be held every **Wednesday** from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Scones, David's tea or coffee. Cost \$8 per person.

**Saturday, July 28:** Fashionable tea: a Victorian tradition and the scandalous fashions it inspired. Tea and light snacks will be served, beginning at 2 p.m. \$8 for members, \$10 for non members.

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Harvest Supper

St. Andrews' Anglican Church will be holding its annual harvest supper on **Saturday, October 20**. More details to follow.

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Royal Canadian Legion Senior Games Night

New Carlisle Legion is hosting wise and wonderful game nights for seniors 55 years and older. Everyone welcome. Keep these dates available, **July 31**, August 28, September 25, October 23 and November 27. Free for all. Light lunch served.

### 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:

#### Local Market

New Carlisle Local Market will start its season on **July 14** and run each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. until September 22 (garlic festival). If you have a local product to sell, contact us on our facebook page or call Carol at 418-752-8555 or Sandi at 581-233-0658. Come out to the New Carlisle market. Buy local. Support local.

### NEW RICHMOND:

#### Flea Market

New summer clothing has arrived, \$1 each. Good, hot meal at noon. Free. Donations accepted. We also give away hundreds of items every week. To donate or obtain furniture please call 418-392-5161. Open on **Friday** and **Saturday** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 248 Perron Blvd, New Richmond.

### NEW RICHMOND:

#### Bethel Bible Chapel

Summer Conference with guest

speaker Francois Frechette from **July 14-18**, beginning Saturday at 7 p.m. Welcome to all. Come to hear the gospel of life. Everything is free. All messages translated. For information: Raymond Ricard 418-392-6039, [raysure-anchor@gmail.com](mailto:raysure-anchor@gmail.com), Bethel Bible Chapel 418-392-6798.

### CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

#### Book Room

Please note that the book room is now closed for the summer months. For more information, please contact Kathleen Paquet at 418-392-4896.

### CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

#### 50+ Club

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

### CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

#### Royal Canadian Legion Br. 172

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 172, meets monthly every third **Saturday** at the Legion located at 55 Gallagher St. Please be advised that the Legion will remain open during the summer on **Saturday** and **Sunday**. Doors open at 1 p.m. Bring your friends and family for conversation and celebrations. For further information please contact [sharonc david@gmail.com](mailto:sharonc david@gmail.com)

**Sunday, July 22:** Afternoon of music, followed by a cold plate supper at the Community Centre. Cost is \$12 per person for both events. Bar service is available. Music begins at 1:30 p.m. Supper at 4 p.m.

### ROTARY CLUB WINNERS

**The winners for the week of June 24 are:** Suzanne Vienneau, Jasmine Riviere, Conrad McWhirter, Gilles Pelletier, Vivianne Leblanc, Gerard-Raymond Landry, Sylvain Loubert.

**The winners for the week of July 1 are:** Manon Landry, Dial Lepage, Marie-Christine Loubert, Raymond Parent, Isabelle Leblanc, Charles Arsenault, Julie Lepointe.

### UNITED CHURCH

#### Sunday, July 15

10:30 a.m. New Carlisle

### ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

#### Sunday, July 15 New Carlisle

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
**Hope Town**  
10 a.m. Morning Prayer  
**Shigawake**  
7 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
**Port Daniel**  
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### PARISH OF GASPÉ Sunday, July 15

**York**  
9 a.m. Morning Prayer

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# On the lighter side...



## What's This Artifact?



Marshall Billingsley

What do you think this is?

The item resembles a tool of some sort. A triangular piece of metal is fixed to the end of it. It looks as if it was used for something important at one point in time.

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



Thank you to Elaine Almond for sharing this artifact with our readers.

## DID YOU KNOW?



Canada has the longest coastline of any country in the world!

Exploring fun facts about Canada is just one of the many ways to celebrate Canada.

## What is old becomes new again!

Don't throw out your old furniture. Change it and make something new...

Before



After



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your head is in the stars and your feet are on the ground, but this outlook is working for you. Just do not live in fantasy land too long.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, just when you thought a relationship had gone as far as it could go, things start to change this week. Plenty of excitement is coming your way.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

You might get word of something exciting or new coming your way, Gemini. A chance to socialize with others or even a job opportunity may be on the horizon. Keep an eye out.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

This is a week for having fun and letting loose, Cancer. There may be things you haven't done in some time and you can certainly use a break from the norm.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

You may be reticent to go back to work, especially if you are coming off an extended vacation, Leo. Putting off the inevitable will only make the transition tougher.

## HOROSCOPES

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, there may be some buzz surrounding your social life this week if you are game for taking chances. It may be time to pursue a burgeoning friendship.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Are you ready for a well-calculated risk, Libra? If so, then a startup venture, sizable investment or converting a hobby into a career could be the way to go.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

You can't lie to yourself, Scorpio, so own up to anything that needs improving. Take some time for some serious self-reflection and devise a plan to fix things.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Love and support are all around you this week, Sagittarius. This support couldn't come soon enough. Some extra support will help you overcome an obstacle.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, there is strength in num-

bers. If you can rally together a team, you can accomplish much of your to-do list for the week in half of the time.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Thoughts about how you can work less but earn more may have been swirling through your mind, Aquarius. Write down your plan and determine how to make it happen.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Truth may be stranger than fiction this week, Pisces. Before you believe that something is false, gather all the facts.

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JULY 8

Jaden Smith, Actor (20)

JULY 9

Fred Savage, Actor (42)

JULY 10

Sofia Vergara, Actress (46)

JULY 11

Georgio Armani, Designer (54)

JULY 12

Loni Love, Comic (47)

JULY 13

Harrison Ford, Actor (76)

JULY 14

Dan Reynolds, Singer (31)

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## Reflections by Diane Skinner Flowers

### Sand

Pick up a handful of sand and let it fall through your fingers. Each handful contains part of the history of our planet. Rocks and sea cliffs, shells of ocean creatures, quartz, feldspar and mica have been transformed into grains of sand. The composition of sand varies depending on the kind of rock but most typically the rock found in sand is silica, and that is usually in the form of quartz. The weather, including rain, wind and freezing and thawing work together to create sand. The tides work relentlessly to produce more sand for our beaches.

There are a variety of kinds of sand including gypsum sand, which primarily contains gypsum grains. Also, ooid sand, which appears as rounded pellets, usually formed in a shallow basin of water that is moved by water, such as tides or running water, often in a stream or river. Silica sand is made up almost entirely of quartz. Black sand is not as common and often comes from volcanos. Coral sand is made from coral reefs which erode and end up on the beach. A pink sand beach is an exquisite sight to behold and is made from coral pieces and red and pink shells.

Sand is fun to squeeze your feet into at the beach and is handy for building sandcastles and other summer day constructions. However, sand is a valuable construction resource. It provides strength for asphalt and concrete. Some types of sand are used to make glass and to make molds for metal castings.

Sandboxes provide loads of enjoyment for children and if you have a sandbox at home be sure to have a cover for it. This keeps neighbourhood cats and other critters from using the sandbox as a litter box. A sand dollar, which is like a flattened sea urchin, is delicate and if you are lucky enough to find one intact, handle it carefully because it will be brittle. They are most often found in warmer waters than the Bay of Chaleur.

Some Spec readers may remember hearing about Mr. Sandman who fictitiously visited your home and sprinkled magic sand to make you sleep and have pleasant dreams. Sandflies are found all over the world and are annoying little pests. They are small, usually about 3mm long, and have long pierced mouths so they can suck blood from their victims.

The word sand can be found in many, many other words. Words such as sandwich, sander and sandalwood do not owe their meanings to the word. Sandal is most likely derived from an ancient Greek word sandalon which means wooden shoe, however, sandpaper, sandstorms, sandbags, sandblasting and sandbar are all words that contain the word sand for a reason.

Scientists have calculated, very roughly, how many grains of sand might be on Earth. They approached this by calculating how many grains of sand in a teaspoon and the estimating the area of all beaches and deserts. Their conclusion is that the Earth has 7 quintillion times 500 quadrillion grains of sand. That is 7 with 18 zeros and 500 with an additional 15 zeros. It boggles the mind and is almost incomprehensible. However, spend a day at the beach sitting on the sand and you can pretty much be guaranteed to find at least a few of those many grains in your shoe, towel and bathing suit.

*Sand at the beach.  
Sand on the shore.  
Sand in the ocean  
And on the ocean floor.  
Sand from the rock  
That has crumbled into grains.  
Sand in sand dunes  
Shaped by winds and rains.*



Photo: C. Dow

## Exhibit showcases salmon catches

*Cynthia Dow*

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES: - This year the Cascapedia River Museum is kicking off its summer exhibits with a fascinating look at some of the camps that are members of the Cascapedia Club. Coordinator Julie Schlie has coaxed nine camps to open up some of their historic salmon logbooks for visitors to peruse.

"The earliest logbook is from Lorne Cottage, dated 1888. Other logbooks bring us right up to 1973," Julie explained to SPEC. While the exhibit is based on wonderfully clear copies of the original logs, the owners of Middle Camp have allowed the Museum to keep three of their logbooks on display for the summer season.

Along with the log extracts, each of the nine camps is featured in an historic photo, and there is a brief history included. The logs include information about catch rates, weather phenomena, water levels and other interesting commentary.

One extract not to be missed by salmon fans is the historic entry in the New Dereen logbook about the 55.5 pound salmon caught in 1939. "The salmon was taken by Esmond Martin, an American sports fisherman, and he was guided by Collins Gedeon, grandfather of my late husband, David Caplin," Julie noted. "It was landed using a Lady Amherst fly."

Speaking of Lady Amherst, the Tearoom in her name will be open every Friday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. beginning July 5 and Kathy will have the usual goodies on offer, with coffee, tea and lemonade to drink.

A second exhibit starts on July 25 featuring paintings by Réal McIntyre from Miguasha. They will be on display throughout August.

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