

## Moose hunting numbers remain strong

Gilles Gagné

**CAPLAN:** – The number of moose successfully harvested in the Gaspé Peninsula over the 2018 season dropped by 22.26%. In 2018, 4,239 moose were harvested compared to 5,453 moose in 2017. Biologist Martin Dorais, of the Department of Forest, Wildlife and Parks, assures that the 2018 total remains in the average of the last five years.

The number of males killed reached 2,347, while the number of females was 1,238. The number of calves harvested was 654.

“It was still a very good year. We have been maintaining that kind of pace for the last seven or eight years. We see a strong harvest of adult males. In fact, 53% of the mature males were killed, based on the inventory of 2017. It is an increased level of exploitation, compared to the 44% that followed the inventory of 2007,” explains Martin Dorais.

That 2017 inventory revealed that the number of moose in the Gaspé Peninsula has reached a total of 16,052 animals, consisting of 2,086 adult males, 10,354 adult females and 3,612 calves.

“It means that mature females represent 65% of the total herd, despite the relatively high number of restrictive permits issued in the region allowing female hunting. That number of restrictive permits attained 4,300 in 2018. It also means we have more than two females for one male. In fact, we have five mature females for one mature male. We know that one mature male can mate with more than one female, however, we have a population of young males and they cannot each mate with five females. We have a relatively high number of females that cannot find a match yearly,” analyzes the biologist.

Ideally, the moose management plan suggests that for every 100 mature males killed, 50 mature females should also go down. It is now the case.

“The proportion was 45% in 2016 but we surpassed the



Photos: Quebec's department of Forest, Wildlife and Parks

*The moose herd is still in good shape in the Gaspé Peninsula but a better balance between males and females would make it stronger.*

50% mark in 2017 and 2018. We had never reached that level before,” says the biologist.

The 2018 total of 4,239 moose only includes the animals killed on public land, excluding wildlife reserves such as Dunière. That total comprises 532 males, 368 females and 34 calves, for a subtotal of 934. When the moose hunted on such reserves are added, the total reaches 5,173 moose.

Regarding the next few years, Martin Dorais explains that efforts will be made to increase the number of mature females hunted on public land.

“Over recent years, only 33% of the permit holders entitled to hunt females used it. In 2018, it even went as low as 29%. Hunters are reluctantly killing female moose. I don't have a study explaining the reasons and I don't hunt moose

but after talking to a hunter or two that reluctance comes from old habits. At one point, the females were scarce and hunters

were not killing them. It looks as if traces of that are present in their habits.

How can that situation be

corrected? “We will increase the number of permits allowing hunters to kill females. We will sensitize hunters to the necessity of using that permit when they see a female. There is a convention of the Gaspé Peninsula Association of hunters and fishermen in March and we will explain the relevance of hunting females. It is important for the habitat,” says Mr. Dorais.

Up to 25,000 moose hunting permits are delivered annually in the Gaspé Peninsula, which is often referred to as zone 1.

“The number is stable. It remains impressive. The number is twice the number of permits issued in the Lower Saint Lawrence region but the territory is different there since there is more private land than in the Gaspé Peninsula,” points out the biologist.

The density of moose per surface of 10 square kilometres is slowly increasing in the Gaspé Peninsula.

“It is 8.94 moose per 10 square kilometres now. It was 7.9 in 2007. Our objective is 10 moose per 10 square kilometres. That density is one half of the habitat's support capacity. We have seen as many as 48 moose per 10 square kilometres on the Matane Reserve towards the end of the 2000 decade. Now, it is 33 there,” concludes Mr. Dorais.

### 2018 Hunting Results:

	Total	Black Powder	Crossbow	Bow	Rifle	Shotgun
Total	4,239	68	814	85	3,271	1
Males	2,347	29	645	75	1,598	
Females	1,238	26	117	5	117	
Calves	24		1		23	1

### 2017 Hunting Results:

	Total	Black Powder	Crossbow	Bow	Rifle	Shotgun
Total	5,453	57	957	99	4,338	2
Males	2,947	25	763	76	2,083	
Females	1,722	16	140	13	1,551	
Calves	784	16	54	10	704	2

*Note: Numbers are only including the moose killed on public land. In fact, 532 males, 368 females and 34 calves, for a subtotal of 934, were also killed on wildlife reserves of the Gaspé Peninsula for a regional grand total of 5,173 moose.*

## GLASS RECYCLING: A permanent project

Thierry Haroun

GRAND RIVER: - The glass recycling pilot project that was inaugurated in July of 2017 has now become a permanent department at the Grande River Recycling Plant.

“We decided that it would be permanent because of its success, to say the least!” explains executive director of the plant, Nathalie Drapeau. Since the implementation of this \$800,000 initiative, financed by many partners, no less than 500 tons of glass that

people put in their blue bin has been recycled, cleaned, processed and used in multiple ways. “We use the processed glass for landscaping, pedestrians pathways, also as fillings in construction work and lately the towns of Grand River and Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé have been using it during road snowplowing. Actually, it replaces the sand. It’s a pilot project we’ve tried with these two municipalities and up until now the recycled glass on roads is responding well to our objectives.”



Photo: T. Haroun

Recycled glass pathway.

## A wharf at the end of its life

Ariane Aubert Bonn

NEWPORT: - Newport’s wharf needs major repairs. The Port Authority is asking Minister Diane Lebouthillier for a commitment to its rehabilitation.

The wharf is aging. Some sections are now condemned or inaccessible to land vehicles because of damage to the infrastructure. There is normal wear but in the coming years the wharf will continue to deteriorate. Work is needed to resume full use of the premises.



Photo: A. Bonn

*Newport Port Authority vice president Luc Legresley believes it is time to fully update the wharf to maintain local economic activity.*

### Different use

In the fall, the federal government announced an amount for the repair and maintenance of small craft harbours.

However, according to Port Authority vice-president Luc Legresley, this type of program does not favour wharves like Newport.

“The amounts are allocated according to the amount of landings. Here, there are no more fish plants around the wharf, so we have fewer and fewer landings, but it is a place that is used very much. The fishermen will land near the factories and come to moor here, because it is peaceful. They do not fear theft or vandalism. It’s a safe place,” he says.

Luc Legresley states that the utility of a wharf should be calculated in “boat days” which is the number of days a boat is moored. “We have more than 6,000 boat days, and that number is growing,” says Mr. Legresley.

### The needs

“Parts of the wharf are no longer accessible because the structure was emptied under

the slab. We’re losing space for at least three boats and lobster cage storage,” says Port Authority president Raoul Grenier.

He points out that all the parts of the wharf will suffer the same fate in the coming years: “It’s a wharf at the end of its life, quite simply.”

According to Luc Legresley, necessary works could exceed \$5 million, but that amount would allow for full use of the site. The wharf, located right next to the overwintering space for fishing boats, is used as a drydock and launching spot for more than 100 boats. It also serves the activities of the booming shipyard located next door.

“Right now, we have to turn down fishing boats because there is not enough space,” says Mr. Legresley, explaining that no more space loss should be allowed.

### Chandler is involved

The town of Chandler is

asking the local Economic Development Fund to proceed with the characterization of the socio-economic profile of the wharf, which will demonstrate its economic importance. “The objective is to ask for a clear commitment from Minister Diane Lebouthillier for the complete repair of the wharf,” says councillor Bruno-Pierre Godbout, port facilities advisor.

From the Port Authority to the town of Chandler and then to Fisheries and Oceans Canada, all parties are in communication to complete the project, says Raoul Grenier.

He is now hoping for a concrete commitment from the federal government, knowing full well that his group’s request is difficult to obtain in a regular budget where the amounts invested are based on landings. However, he seems confident that his point is heard. “We have a crucial and essential infrastructure. We just have to look at its maintenance,” he concludes.

## News briefs

### Positive meetings between fishermen’s helpers and Unifor

Thierry Haroun

GASPÉ PENINSULA: - Unifor, a major Canadian union, organized information sessions in our region last week for all 500 fishermen’s helpers between Gaspé and Carleton in order to regroup them in what will be called a Unifor Community Section. The sessions were very constructive, confirms Unifor spokesperson, John Caluori, adding that the next step will be at the political level.

Spec’s journalist met with Mr. Caluori following the meeting held at Ste-Thérèse-de-Gaspé where close to ten fishermen’s helpers were present. The other meetings were held in Fox River, Paspébiac and Newport. The main objective for the regroupment is to provide fishermen’s helpers with a better bargaining stance to negotiate their working conditions and a stronger political force when asking the Quebec government to change the work law in order to facilitate an eventual unionization of those workers. “These information session ended being very constructive and positive. It wasn’t the first time that we meet with those workers. But to be clear, they told us the same things we’ve heard before, such as being faced with injustice. They have no spokesperson, no association, no voice whatsoever and that’s that we intend to do, which is to fill in that gap and represent them before the industry to make sure that their voice is heard at the bargaining table,” Mr. Caluori told Spec in a short interview.

“To be honest with you, we were surprised at the attention we had in the public place, through the media to a point that we received a phone call by the *Association des Capitaines Propriétaires de la Gaspésie* (an association representing boat owners of the region). We spoke with them over the phone and we intend to meet them in the near future. By the way, we have nothing against the owners, all we intend to do is make sure that their workers have a say at the table.” John Caluori also confirmed that his union will meet all three Gaspésie and Magdalen Islands MNA’s (Sylvain Roy, Meganne Perry Melançon and Joël Arsenaault) to inform them of the issue. The meeting should take place on February 7.

### Ready to talk

Spec reached the executive director of the *Association des Capitaines Propriétaires de la Gaspésie*, Jean-Pierre Couillard. He confirmed in a short interview over the phone that he did call Unifor and that a meeting with them is expected soon. “All we want to know is what is their objective when they meet with these workers. I would like to say that in fact we have the same objective, which is the well-being of these workers and to make sure that everyone is happy.”



### CALL FOR TENDERS

#### RENTING FEES FOR HEAVY MACHINERY

Ville de Gaspé will receive until 2:00 p.m. February, 28, 2019, tenders for the renting fees for heavy machinery and other construction and municipal maintenance equipment.

These fees will be in effect from April 1, 2019 until March 31, 2020. They will be considered fixed fees for the duration of this period and will constitute a list to this effect.

Anyone interested must obtain the necessary documents at Ville de Gaspé’s Public Works Department during regular office hours.

Whichever mode chosen, the tenders, to be valid, must be received at Ville de Gaspé’s Clerk office, in sealed envelopes, before February 28, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. with the following inscription on the envelop “Offre de service – Taux de location de machinerie lourdes” to be publicly opened the same day, at the same address, beginning at 2:01 p.m.

Ville de Gaspé reserves the right to accept neither the lowest nor any of the tenders received.

Given at Gaspé, February 6, 2019

Isabelle Vézina  
Director of legal services and town

# Police report

Around noon on January 22, following the abundant snow falls of January 20 and 21, approximately 25 vehicles were completely stopped by snowbanks created by very strong winds on Route 198 in Murdochville. The incident happened near the cemetery, a spot well-known for difficult road conditions. The first two vehicles were involved in a minor collision that blocked the road but the situation quickly deteriorated when a tractor-and-trailer tandem rear ended one of the two cars.

“From there on, nothing was passing. Snow was accumulating at a fast pace because of the winds, and the visibility was no more than a couple of metres at times. Up to 15 trucks and ten cars were caught in growing snowbanks following the first impacts. A woman involved in the first collision was driven to the hospital as a precautionary measure. The snowplow couldn’t get through that pile-up and the town of Murdochville’s snow removal equipment used a side street to make a track. From that track, the vehicles were cleared one by one,” explains Sgt. Claude Doiron, spokesperson for the Sûreté du Québec.

Traffic on Route 198 was almost completely closed over the 150 kilometres linking Gaspé to Anse-Pleureuse to prevent other accidents from occurring. “Traffic only resumed at the beginning of the evening on Route 198. The drivers didn’t have to stay that long in their vehicles,” states Sgt. Doiron.

Shortly before noon on January 24, a collision between a car and a school bus partially blocked the circulation on Highway 132 in Carleton. At the time it was freezing rain and a few centimetres of fresh snow had fallen as well. The road was consequently slippery and partially covered with snow. The bus was stopped to let a student get off and the driver of the car apparently couldn’t stop in time. “The driver of the car, a woman, as well as her spouse, were driven to the hospital as a precautionary measure. Three students were on the school bus at the time of the accident and they were driven home,” explains Sgt. Claude Doiron.

On January 24, a fire destroyed a cottage in Bonaventure East. The cottage was located behind the primary residence at 362 Highway 132. The alarm was given at 12:45 p.m. but the road going to the cottage was not cleared of snow. “We offered assistance to the firefighters since traffic on Highway 132 was reduced to one lane to leave some room for the fire truck. Nobody was inside the cottage but it is a total loss,” says Sgt. Claude Doiron. Electricity was cut in that sector of Bonaventure during the firefighters’ intervention.

Nurse Martin Carbonneau, 54, from Gaspé is suspended for a period of three months by his professional order, the *Ordre des infirmières et des infirmiers du Québec*, after failing to respect two important deontology rules. He harassed a female patient and consulted her medical file to find her cellular phone number. Those acts were committed between March and May 2016. The nurse met the patient, a woman of fragile health, at the Hôtel-Dieu hospital in the Gaspé emergency room. He later asked her to be a facebook friend on several occasions. The patient eventually blocked him on facebook and Martin Carbonneau proceeded by consulting the patient’s medical file. He called her at one point and she filed a complaint against him. That complaint led to the recent suspension by his professional order.



Photo: G. Gagné

The IGA in Maria is one of the seven Gaspé Peninsula supermarkets supplied by Sobey's Quebec that will cut hours from its weekly schedule.

## IGA reduces schedule due to manpower shortage

Gilles Gagné

PASPEBIAC: – Sobey’s Quebec has decided to reduce its schedule in the seven IGA supermarkets of the Gaspé Peninsula. The decision follows a request from the management of those stores, because they are experiencing a manpower shortage.

The new schedule came in effect on January 29. Eight hours were cut over the entire week, two hours per evening on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Up until January 29, the region’s IGA supermarkets were open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. They now close at 7 p.m. except for Wednesday to Friday inclusively.

“It is a pilot project we will conduct between now and May 12. The request came from the Gaspé Peninsula supermarket owners, who are experiencing a shortage of employees, especially for the evening shifts. We must say that most of the evenings selected to close earlier were quiet, clientele-wise,” explains Anne-Hélène Bernier, spokesperson for Sobey’s Quebec.

Sobey’s Quebec supplies

the IGA supermarkets of the Gaspé Peninsula. Those supermarkets are independently owned by business people or cooperatives. They are located in Gaspé, Grand River, Chandler, Paspebiac, Bonaventure, New Richmond and Maria.

Anne-Hélène Lavoie mentions that the Gaspé Peninsula pilot project could also be applied “elsewhere, since other regions are also experiencing a labour shortage.” The Gaspé Peninsula pilot project will be submitted to an assessment later this year.

Nancy Arbour and Gilles Leblanc own the IGA supermarkets in Paspebiac and New Richmond. They admit that the manpower shortage has been a factor for a while.

“We have owned the Paspebiac supermarket for years now and we started experiencing a manpower shortage a year ago. We bought the New Richmond supermarket one-and-a-half years ago and the shortage was a reality from day one,” explains Nancy Arbour.

“We really have a labour recruitment problem. We operate under a banner where

emphasis is put on the service but some of our employees really have a hard time working three or four evenings consecutively per week and we understand that. We have tried many things. The question is: what will I do if I really experience a deeper personnel shortage? We don’t want to get there. Our employees are important if we want to serve the clientele properly,” explains Ms. Arbour.

“So far, we have received two types of reactions. Some people have told us that they understand, that they are happy for the employees and will adapt. Some other people have complained too. We understand. I must remind some of our customers that we offer the possibility of shopping on line at our supermarkets. We take orders and we deliver every day to the people ordering online,” adds Nancy Arbour.

The IGA supermarkets in Paspebiac and New Richmond provide work to 70 and 60 people respectively. Close to 500 people work in the seven IGA supermarkets of the Gaspé Peninsula.



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## Commentary

Gilles Gagné

### A minister who seems ready to listen

Quebec delegate minister of Regional economic development, Marie-Ève Proulx's first visit to the Coast went relatively well. She listened a lot, and didn't make any real announcements except for the Côte-de-Gaspé \$925,000 solidarity fund. She obviously understands what elected officials are telling her.

Ms. Proulx is the Member of the National Assembly for the riding of Côte-du-Sud, a large territory covering the Montmagny area. She heads a department without a real portfolio which means no real budget except an operational envelope because Regional economic development is supervised by larger ministries, including Industry, Commerce, Science and Technology.

Despite that lack of a portfolio, Minister Proulx is and will be a very busy person if the Coalition avenir Québec is to hold most of its recently announced commitments for the rural regions. It comes from the fact that she is responsible for three regions, the Gaspé Peninsula and the Magdalen Islands, Lower Saint Lawrence and Chaudière-Appalaches. The three regions spread over 900 kilometres from the west end, Thetford Mines, to the east end, the Magdalen Islands.

She has the necessary background to be good at serving the development of that large part of Quebec. She has worked at the municipal level, she has worked with youth and she has done some coaching regarding economic development.

More importantly, she seems to have the right attitude. She admits not knowing everything, she shows interest when exchanging with stakeholders and she seems to understand the issues quickly.

It is more promising than in May 2014 when the then minister responsible for the Gaspé Peninsula and the Magdalen Islands, Jean D'Amour, who was also the minister responsible for his home region, the Lower Saint Lawrence, demonstrated arrogance,

conceit and, sometimes, downright contempt for Gaspésians.

If a mayor did not conduct a file the way he wanted them to, Mr. D'Amour would call him, sometimes during weekends, to tell him or her that the file would not move forward if the project didn't fit his own perception, not the region's needs.

Jean D'Amour once told a Gaspé Peninsula businessman who had just injected \$4.3 million in the expansion of his business that the investment should have been done in the riding of Rivière-du-Loup, his constituency. That makes for a long political term when business people cannot count on the minister responsible for their region.

Jean d'Amour's successors as ministers responsible for the Gaspé Peninsula didn't fare very well either but their attitudes was less reprehensible. Sébastien Proulx was too busy as Minister of Education to consider the region as a priority and give it a real go. Pierre Moreau was not as arrogant as Jean D'Amour but always analyzed things like a lawyer, and he seemed to defend his decisions as if they were presented to a court and as if he knew better than most people around. His capacity to listen was not really there during his tenure in the Gaspé Peninsula.

So Marie-Ève Proulx is off to a better start because of her gentle approach, an approach that instils confidence in the people she will have to deal with. Although very little of that money comes from her government, the \$925,000 solidarity fund announcement makes sense too, as it will help deal with the problem of business succession which was identified years ago in the Gaspé area,

The problems she will likely face are tied to the huge territory she is asked to take care of and the magnitude of the issues she will be asked to tackle. She might be swallowed by the time factor required to deal with three regions, and the lack of influence linked to her position as a new minister without a portfolio.

Besides, the jury is still out on the Coalition avenir Québec's ability to take regional stakes seriously, especially the wind energy sector. More than 1,000 people earn their living in wind energy in the Gaspé Peninsula at the present time.

Marie-Ève Proulx left the region on January 24 with a big homework list: aerial fares, demographics, rail transport, devitalization of communities, education, health care and more. Most of those issues can

hardly be solved in the short term but the orientation of her initial actions will earlier than later tell us if she is headed in the right direction.

## Letters to the Editor

**Recently my wife and I ate at Adams Restaurant** in Gaspé. There I learned that the Adams family had sold their business to a Gaspésian who is a prominent businessman in the area.

I cannot let the occasion pass without commenting on the Adams family who have been in the food and rest business for over seventy-three years. Their Sunday evening roast beef was superior to any other roast beef on the Gaspésie. In fact, a man from Bathurst who travels from Moncton to Montreal regularly told me that Adams had the best roast beef he ever ate.

My memories of Adams Restaurant go back to 1946 when dear mother would take me up to Gaspé and insist that I pick out one or two toys at Flam's store on Queen Street in Gaspé. After a visit to the doctor or dentist, my mother would say, "It's time for a bite to eat." We crossed the street to Adams Restaurant located then roughly where Tim Horton's stands today. At Adams I had my first French fries, my first fountain Coke and yes, my first hotdog. I recall Mr. Adams bustling about. I do think he had a taxi stand as well - and Mr. Madore at the cash.

When I returned home in 1967 and began teaching at Pointe Navarre, the winters saw me leave home about 6 a.m. I walked up the hill to the second range road, and put the shovel to the task of excavating my car. The "short cut" was then under construction. I drove through Haldimand and Sandy Beach. After arriving in Gaspé, I needed a coffee. Adams was my stop. At noontime, often tired of sandwiches, several teachers would leave the school and go down to Adams for a delicious lunch, always introduced by a homemade soup. In that year, too, I met Allan who taught high school with us on a part-time position.

And who can forget the Beaver Bar on a Saturday night in the seventies when the Canadiens were on the screen? I dared to enter as a supporter of the Bruins. I might have been killed!

Other than the food and the good times, my memory is overridden by the Adams family's deep respect for the heritage given them by a pioneering father and mother. On the restaurant's walls are pictures of their parents and that of their son, Wayne, who left all too young. What remarkable gratitude!

May the Adams family enjoy the years to come. They have contributed vastly to Gaspé's history and memorialized the heritage given them by outstanding parents. The Psalmist wrote many centuries ago, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage."

I encourage Gaspésians to congratulate and thank the Adams family.

Gary Briand,  
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### Correction

In the last paragraph of the commentary published in the January 23 issue of the SPEC, the name of former premier Philippe Couillard was mentioned. It should have been current premier François Legault's name instead.

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# Snowmobile club receives a \$67,200 grant

Gilles Gagné

CARLETON: – Canada Economic Development has announced a \$67,200 grant for the Club Mont Carleton, snowmobile club. That club maintains close to 300 kilometres of trails between Escuminac and Maria. The amount will be used to acquire a third groomer for the club.

The acquisition of that used machine requires an investment of \$112,000. The other sources of funding are the *Fédération des clubs de motoneigistes du Québec*, which will contribute \$24,000, and Club Mont Carleton, which will complete the financing of the project with close to \$22,000 of its own funds.



Photos: G. Gagné

Denis Leblanc, president of Club Mont Carleton, is glad to count on a third grooming machine.



Moncton's Scott Arnard, with brothers Tom and Bill Fleming of Woodstock, were glad to use the Gaspé Peninsula trails on January 17 and the following days. They left from Pointe-à-la-Croix that day for Murdochville. They were travelling after a night of strong winds. "There are bumps in the trail because of the wind but it is in good condition, overall," mentioned Scott Arnard.

The president of Club Mont Carleton, Denis Leblanc, explains that the federal agency grant will allow his organization to keep its part of the Gaspé Peninsula network in great shape for the thousands of snowmobilers that use the trails annually.

"Our number of members has gone from 279 to 392 over recent years. The trails are quickly deteriorating when circulation is increasing, and the (grooming) machines we have don't suffice. We have 80 volunteers and they contribute 5,000 hours of their time to our network. We have had a tough autumn with a lot of water, snow and ice.

(...) That is why this third machine will be helpful," says Mr. Leblanc.

The end of the fall was marked by cold weather and abundant snow falls, which lead to an early opening of a high proportion of the Gaspé Peninsula's 18 snowmobile clubs, however, the heavy rainfall on December 21 caused some damage to a number of bridges in the region.

"A bridge in Nouvelle, the Mann Brook one, was swept away by the current. Volunteers based in Village Allard fixed the situation but a permanent solution will have to be put up for next year,"

points out Denis Leblanc.

Dany Pelletier, the Gaspé Peninsula board member of the *Fédération des clubs de motoneigistes du Québec*, says that "three bridges totalling close to \$1 million will have to be rebuilt during the summer."

An avid snowmobiler, Rémi Massé, Member of Parliament for the riding of Avignon-La Mitis-Matane-Matapédia, says that the Gaspé Peninsula trails "are among the most beautiful ones and I have seen quite a few since I have covered a lot of snowmobile trails, especially in Ontario and the Outaouais region. The

volunteers make the difference."

Michel Desrosiers, liaison agent in the Gaspé Peninsula for the provincial federation of snowmobilers, affirms that snowmobiling is growing in Quebec.

"There are 4,500 volunteers active in snowmobile clubs. The spinoffs reach \$3.27 billion annually in Quebec alone. It is the backbone of winter tourism. Up to 14,000 jobs depend on snowmobiling. It is an expanding industry. The Asians are about to come for that. Canada and Quebec have the most beautiful networks in the world," he says.

Mr. Desrosiers hopes that both levels of government will pay attention to the needs of the Gaspé Peninsula trails and the work that is required over the next year to repair some bridges. A second bridge located in Maria will have to be rebuilt.

The entire snowmobile trail network on the Gaspé Peninsula has been open since mid-January. Until then, some bridges damaged by overflowing brooks or rivers had to be replaced by ice bridges. Snowmobilers can use 3,200 kilometres of trails in the Gaspé Peninsula.

The federal grant comes from a \$10 million envelope earmarked for Quebec's snowmobile trail network.

## Perry-Mélançon says no to hydrocarbons on the Gaspé

Nelson Sergerie

GASPÉ: - Gaspé riding's member of the national assembly, Méganne Perry-Mélançon, opposes any petroleum development on the Gaspé Peninsula, which is good news for environmentalists, but puzzles some elected municipal officials.

The statement made by Méganne Perry-Mélançon comes after a meeting with the management of Cuda Oil and Gas Inc. who wants to operate the Galt site, 20 kilometres west of Gaspé. The elected official learned during that interview that Junex, the initial promoter before its acquisition by Alberta oil company, had in its plans for possible horizontal drilling under the York River and did not exclude the possibility of using fracturing in its operations.

"Once the project is running, this type of request is easier to obtain. We know that the York River is the healthiest and the resource (salmon) is fragile. For me, being so close to the waterways and all the risks of pipeline and truck transport to Gaspé are very alarming," says the MNA.

The Quebec government launched a consultation at the beginning of the year. Junex wants to drill approximately 30 wells at a depth of one to three kilometres between 2020 and 2025. According to documents released to the public the drilling of each well would require the use of 150,000 litres of water.

Ms. Perry-Mélançon says that there is talk of the possibility of extracting 15 million barrels of oil over 40 years, which is equivalent to 42 days of consumption in Quebec, an

unreasonable project in her eyes.

After stating her position on the Galt file, the member went further by calling for an end to hydrocarbon projects on the coast. "There is no spin-off that would justify the exploitation of hydrocarbons. We are on a green mind-set around the world. We are trying to dissociate ourselves from the exploitation of fossil fuels. For me, it's a big no," says Ms. Perry-Mélançon.

She pointed out that in Gaspé there is the expertise to distance ourselves from the exploitation of oil in favour of wind and solar energy, not to mention the possibility offered by forestry biomass. She is asking Premier François Legault's government to not wait on a BAPE (environmental assessment) and to end the current consultation.

The environmental group *Groupe écologiste ensemble for l'avenir durable du grand Gaspé* is pleased with the position of the Gaspé riding MNA. Lise Chartrand is unconditionally behind Méganne Perry-Mélançon. The organization is against the Galt project and considers the province's consultation "bogus" without having the opportunity to ask questions about the project.

"We are asking Mr. Legault to clarify that hydrocarbon development projects would go ahead if social acceptability was there. Well, it is said that the population does not want hydrocarbons in Quebec," said Mr. Chartrand.

When asked to comment on the issue, the minister responsible for the Gaspé Peninsula Marie-Ève Proulx says she respects the position

of the member for Gaspé but indicates that Quebec is conducting consultations on the Galt project.

"What matters to us is that the social acceptability of the region is there. We will see what the public has to say and the environmental assessment process results. It will allow us to position ourselves," she says.

"I am for the development of hydrocarbons on the condition that it is done by the rules of the art and that there is no danger to the watercourse," says Délicia Ritchie-Roussy, the mayor of Murdochville who has always been in favour of the project.

The economic benefits of another initiative, the Bourque project for the former mining town, remain attractive if the exploitation of the deposit northeast of Murdochville goes forward.

# Marie-Ève Proulx receives a warm welcome on the Gaspé

Nelson **Sergerie**

**GASPÉ** - The minister responsible for the Gaspé Peninsula and Magdalen Islands, Marie-Ève Proulx, charmed elected officials during her first visit to the region. Many mayors emphasized that she has a desire to work quickly and efficiently on development.

The prefect of Avignon and mayor of Saint-Alexis-de-Matapédia, Guy Gallant, felt a keen sense of listening on the part of the regional minister. It was apparent that she "had an understanding of regional issues. Her past in the municipal world in a region helps a lot to express our needs without having to go too far," said Mr. Gallant.

At a breakfast meeting in New Richmond, the elected officials of Avignon and Bonaventure brought demographics and the lack of manpower in the foreground. "If we want to bring back our demographics, it takes winning conditions for people to want to come back. If they do come back, we will fill the available positions." An improvement in cellular coverage is part of this component

as well as improving local services. For Guy Gallant, when people are thinking of settling in the Gaspé, they must be able to find adequate services but also at reasonable costs. The minister intends to be at the heart of the action to ensure the development of the region. "Gaspésie is an important economic development hub. Whether at the recreational tourism level, or at the level of business projects, it is an important player that we want to put forward over the next few years," says Marie-Ève Proulx.

## Fighting devitalization

The most recent data from the Quebec Institute of Statistics show that 70% of the municipalities in the Gaspé and Magdalen Islands are considered devitalized, however, Ms. Proulx was unable to develop a strategy to counter that phenomenon. "I do not have a clear plan on that. My visit this week was to meet all the partners. What I see is that elected officials are mobilized. Socio-economic actors want the region to stand out. For us, we will be facili-

tators for the region to participate in the economic development of Quebec," said the regional minister.

## Large territory to cover

In addition to her responsibilities in the Gaspé and the Magdalen Islands, Marie-Ève Proulx is also responsible for the Bas-Saint-Laurent and Chaudière-Appalaches regions, an immense territory stretching from Thetford

Mines to the Magdalen Islands.

The main interested party sees rather interregional opportunities. "It allows us to share tools, innovate and act differently. These are regions that have more than common elements that we can work together," she states.

## Solidarity fund

The Quebec government announced the creation of a local solidarity fund for the

Côte-de-Gaspé MRC. With \$925,000, \$750,000 comes from the *Fonds de solidarité FTQ*, \$75,000 from the MRC and \$100,000 from the Quebec Federation of Municipalities. Quebec will participate indirectly in the project by supporting the FQM with a sum of \$3.5 million. The money will be used in particular for entrepreneurial succession and retail ventures, both important components on the Côte-de-Gaspé, according to the prefect, Daniel Côté.

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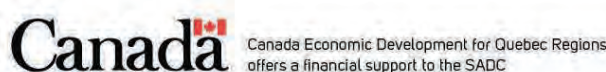
**Auberge Chic-Chac** Murdochville - **Guillaume Molaison and Éloïse Bourdon**

It takes good tools to build a strong house. It also takes good tools to build a sound business, to lay down a firm foundation. This is what the Gaspé SADC provides through its Youth Strategy Program, which gives young people from 18 to 39 the opportunity to obtain a personal loan of up to \$25,000 with a 24-month leave of interest. The loan can be used to acquire, start up, expand or modernise a business.

Guillaume Molaison and his wife Éloïse Bourdon are amongst those who have seized this opportunity for the **Auberge Chic-Chac in Murdochville**. The rest is history: from one thing to another, through word of mouth, the reputation of their business has snowballed, drawing the attention of hundreds of powder-loving skiers who throng there every year to explore the sensational wilderness sectors.

Backed by their ideas and fine tools, the couple has managed to build a solid business that today is known throughout Québec and even beyond its borders. "When you're at the beginning and you still have everything to do, to build, to acquire, and you know you've got financial support with a two-year leave of interest, it gives you room to breathe and to focus on the business."

Are you thinking about starting your own business and building a future that suits you? Whether you're drawn by the fisheries, agriculture, tourism, manufacturing sector, processing or any other innovative project, contact the Gaspé SADC to get it off to a good start.



# Gaspésians faced with record-breaking blizzard

Gilles Gagné

MARCIL – The blizzard that hit the Gaspé on January 20 brought with it record snowfall amounts and many Gaspésians were still shoveling snow a few days later.

At the Gaspé airport, where accurate data is registered, a second month of January record was broken.

On January 20 a snowfall of 47.6 centimetres was recorded. It broke the 2004 record of 30.4 centimetres for that date.

It was followed by a modest snowfall of 6.8 centimetres the next day, for a total of 54.4 centimetres.

This total amounts to a little less than that of January 9 and 10, which totalled 58.6 centimetres. However, the snow on January 20 was a whopping 36 centimetres more than that of January 9.

The Bay of Chaleur area was also hit hard by those two storms, especially the

Marcil area of Port Daniel, where the snowbanks along the road are comparable to the ones we see at the end of the winter, except that there are still at least two more months of winter ahead of us.

During one of January's storms, two Paspebiac Irving convenience store employees, the husband of one of those employees and two truck drivers were forced to spend the night there because the storm made it too difficult and dangerous to drive or walk a long distance.

"The employee finishing at 5 p.m. was not able to get back home. The other employee starting his shift then was only able to get to the store walking and wearing a snowmobile outfit. The husband of the first employee joined them at one point and two truck drivers just couldn't get in their truck because the conditions were awful. So they slept on cases of beer in the store. I have been here for



Photo 1: Snow removal crews on Route Marcil in Port Daniel were overwhelmed with the task ahead. (credit: facebook)

Photo 2: Hendrix Marin Pelletier, the son of Tracy-Lee Pelletier and Pascal Marin, is standing in the middle of Craig Steet. It's hard to believe that just a few hours later traffic was once again passing on the street. (credit: Tracy-Lee Pelletier)

Photo 3: Cole Fitzgerald, the son of Tiffany Flowers Marcoux and David Fitzgerald, was pretty amazed by the amount of snow piling up outside the window. (credit: Tiffany Flowers Marcoux)

five years and I had never seen that kind of situation," explains store manager Andréanne Meunier.



## Be prepared with an Emergency Kit

According to the Quebec Department of Public Security and Public Safety Canada it is important to have an emergency kit in your home. It should contain enough material, food and water to meet your family's basic needs for at least the first three days of an emergency situation.

You should keep your emergency kit where it is easy to access (ex. if there is a power outage). You should check its contents yearly and replace any expired batteries or supplies.

### Your Emergency Kit should include the following essential items

- Drinking water** — two litres per person per day, for at least 3 days;
- Non-perishable food** — enough for at least 3 days (canned food, energy bars, dehydrated food);
- Manual can opener;**
- Battery-operated radio** — spare batteries;
- Flashlight or headlamp** — spare batteries, or a hand-crank flashlight or headlamp;
- Lighter or matches and candles;**
- First Aid Kit** - antiseptic, pain medication, adhesive bandages, sterile gauze pads, scissors.
- A copy of your Emergency Plan;**
- Extra house keys;**
- Cash in small bills and change;**
- Prescription medications;**

### Other recommended items

- Additional water for cooking and cleaning;
- Whistle — to signal your presence to rescuers;
- Dust masks — to filter contaminated air;
- Map or GPS;
- Compass;
- Sunglasses and sun lotion;
- Pocketknife;
- Small toolbox with basic tools;
- Tent, sleeping bag and foam mat;
- Camping stove, fuel and kitchen utensils;
- Toiletries (including hand sanitizer);
- Over-the-counter medications (antihistamine, ibuprofen, acetaminophen, etc.);
- Garbage bags;
- Change of clothes and footwear;
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket;
- A deck of cards, books, magazines;
- Duct tape.

Public Safety Canada also recommends that every household should have an **Emergency Plan** in place, including what to do with your pets. You can find a printable plan at [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca).

# Information session held about Galt project

Nelson **Sergerie**

GASPÉ: - On January 23, approximately 60 people participated in an information session related to the Galt project of Cuda Oil and Gas.

Organized by environmentalists, the objective of the meeting was to present the Quebec government's public consultation and show the economic aspect of the project located 20 kilometres west of Gaspé.

According to their analysis, based on public documents as part of the government consultation, approximately 60 workers would be on the site during its construction and 15 jobs would be created once in operation.

Possible impacts on habitat and population include increased trucking, accidental oil spills and forest road improvements that would affect the biodiversity.

## Doubts about the economic aspect

Several questions were raised by environmentalists about the economic information in relation to the Junex project, the name still used to designate the venture of Alberta-based Cuda west of Gaspé.

To draw his conclusions, *Environnement Vert Plus* spokesperson Pascal Bergeron analyzed the documents that were provided to Cuda investors, who must be audited according to industry rules to assess the wealth of their assets. A document was also filed by Deloitte as part of the Quebec process.

"Independent studies yield 125,000 barrels of total production (per year) at the Galt site while Junex' Deloitte study is talking about 300,000 barrels over a shorter time. There are significant disparities," says Mr. Bergeron.

According to him, the only way to explain a profit margin on an operating scenario is with the Deloitte study submitted to the department in 2016. "If we take the eco-

omic data that is in the independent evaluations, we can see around \$70 million in revenue for \$130 million in investments. Otherwise it will take government funding or increase the number of wells drilled to make the previous ones profitable or it will have to fracture. We cannot profit from these projects now."

The organizers of the meeting hope that people will be better equipped to demonstrate their concerns at the Quebec government consulta-

tion that would lead to a BAPE.

## Favouring oil


Present in the audience was a citizen who favours the exploitation of hydrocarbons. Those present at the meeting permitted Christian Rioux to give his point of view. "I thought the debate was biased," he said in an interview after his short presentation. According to him, people like him are afraid to express their

opinion on projects for fear of reprisals by the opponents.

"The debate is essentially emotional. Everything is not black, everything is not white. There is a way to have responsible development even with hydrocarbons," says Mr. Rioux.

According to him, the role of the environmentalists should be to pay attention to the important elements of the projects, rather than systematically "blocking" them.

"70% of people are in favour of oil," Mr. Rioux says, drawing his conclusions from the survey conducted by the MRC of Côte-de-Gaspé that was revealed a year ago, however, the survey included a need to be reassured about the potential impact on the water. People are getting a lot of information that will be catastrophic, which is not necessarily the case. There is a need for information at this level."



## PUBLIC NOTICE


### ENACTMENT OF BY-LAW

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given:

- 1.- THAT at a meeting held on December 3, 2018, the Town Council has adopted the following by-laws:
  - 1156-11-35, « règlement amendant le règlement de zonage 1156-11 en modifiant les usages autorisés dans la zone M-224 afin de permettre l'usage habitation multifamiliale et collective (H-8) avec un maximum de douze (12) logements »;
  - 1156-11-36, « règlement modifiant les usages autorisés dans la zone CE-271 afin de permettre comme usage spécifiquement permis dans cette zone, l'usage Vente au détail de cannabis et de produits du cannabis (5990), modifiant le paragraphe B) COMMERCE DE DÉTAIL (DIVERS) de l'alinéa 2 de l'article 3.2.3 CLASSE DÉTAIL, ADMINISTRATION ET SERVICES (C-2) afin de modifier l'usage autorisé 599 – Autres activités de la vente au détail (sauf les sex-shops) et remplaçant le titre de l'article 22.12.4 AFFICHAGE DANS UNE ZONE\* OÙ LES CLASSES D'USAGES\* ACCOMMODATION (C-1), DÉTAIL, ADMINISTRATION ET SERVICES (C-2), RESTAURATION (C-7), DÉBIT DE BOISSON (C-8) ET ÉROTIQUE (C-11) SONT AUTORISÉES ».
- 2.- THAT those by-laws 1156-11-35 and 1156-11-36 have been approved by the council of the regional county municipality La Côte-de-Gaspé on December 12, 2018;
- 3.- THAT an assessment of conformity has been issued by the secretary-treasurer of the regional county municipality La Côte-de-Gaspé in respect of by-laws 1156-11-35 and 1156-11-36 on December 18, 2018;
- 4.- THAT those by-laws 1156-11-35 and 1156-11-36 came into force on December 18, 2018, according to the Act respecting land use planning and development;
- 5.- THAT the interested can consult this by-law at the office of the town clerk, at the Town Hall, 25, rue de l'Hôtel-de-Ville, Gaspé, during regular office hours.

GIVEN at Gaspé, January 30, 2019.

Isabelle Vézina  
The Director of legal services and town clerk



## PUBLIC NOTICE


### ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given:


- 1- THAT at a regular meeting held December 20, 2018, the Town Council has adopted the following by-laws:
  - By-law 1376-18:  
« Créant une réserve financière au profit de l'ensemble du territoire de la municipalité pour une somme de 90 000 \$ en 2019. »
  - By-law 1377-18:  
« Créant une réserve financière au profit du quartier numéro 1 pour une somme de 5 000 \$ en 2019. »
  - By-law 1378-18:  
« Créant une réserve financière au profit du quartier numéro 2 pour une somme de 11 000 \$ en 2019. »
  - By-law 1379-18:  
« Créant une réserve financière au profit du quartier numéro 3 pour une somme de 10 000 \$ en 2019. »
  - By-law 1380-18:  
« Créant une réserve financière au profit du quartier numéro 4 pour une somme de 8 000 \$ en 2019. »
  - By-law 1381-18:  
« Créant une réserve financière au profit du quartier numéro 5 pour une somme de 23 000 \$ en 2019. »
  - By-law 1382-18:  
« Créant une réserve financière au profit du quartier numéro 6 pour une somme de 21 000 \$ en 2019. »
- 2.- THAT By-Laws 1376-18, 1377-18, 1378-18, 1379-18, 1380-18, 1381-18 and 1382-18 have been approved by the persons qualified to vote during the register opened for that purpose on January 8 and 9, 2019.
- 3.- THAT the interested can consult these by-laws at the clerk's office, at the Town Hall, 25, rue de l'Hôtel-de-Ville, during regular office hours.

GIVEN at Gaspé, January 30, 2019.

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## OBITUARIES



**ANNETT: Camillia**

July 22, 1922 - November 9, 2018 - 96 years old

On November 9, 2018, at 9:50 a.m at Fairview Lodge, Whitby, Ontario, our loving mother passed through Heaven's Gates to begin her new journey at the age of 96. She was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Oliver Simoneau (2001), her son Earling (in infancy) and her daughter Elaine (1999). Left to mourn are her children Oliver (Yvette), Remi (Sharon), Hayward (Colombe), Kevin (Gloria), Noreen (Ron), Connie (Rob), and Holly (Gordon); 15 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, with one more on the way. She was the third of ten children, outliving all but one brother Raymond.

Mom was so very proud of her service to her country. She served in the Canadian Women Army Corps, holding the rank of private from 1942 to 1944. She was stationed in Kitchener, Ontario and in Quebec City, Quebec and even met Mary Churchill, daughter of Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Mom was also a long time member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 59, of Gaspé. Mom was a terrific cook, loved to play board games and a good hand of cards.

She looked forward to the summers when her children and grandchildren would come to the Coast for a visit. Mom was also a woman of strong faith, always accepting of God's will. She loved her family dearly, and will be greatly and sadly missed.

The family received condolences at the Résidence Funéraire in Douglastown on Thursday, November 15, 2018, and before the funeral on Friday, November 16. The funeral service was held at St-Patrick's Church on Friday, November 16, 2018.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Alzheimer Society or to a foundation of your choice.

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**HART: Ila Mae Sawyer**

January 26, 1926 - January 1, 2019

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ila Mae Sawyer Hart in her 92nd year. She was born on January 26, 1926, in New Carlisle, Quebec.

She was preceded by her loving husband John William Hart; sisters Audrey, Hannah, Eva and Hazel; and brother Ray. She leaves behind sister Olive and brothers Reid and Garnet along with brother-in-law Albert Hart.

She will be sadly missed by the many nieces, nephews and friends who were fortunate enough to have known her.

She is resting peacefully with her husband at Mount Royal Cemetery in Montreal. Many thanks to the McGuire Residence for the wonderful care she received in her last years.



**MCAULEY: William**

May 27, 1926 - January 12, 2019 - 92 years old

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. William McAuley which occurred at the age of 92 years at the CISSS, Hôtel-Dieu de Gaspé on January 12, 2019. Mr. McAuley was the husband of the late Mrs. Ruth Briand from Douglastown.

He leaves behind his daughter, Elizabeth Richard (Jean-Serge Richard); two sons, Richard and John (Heather Barton); sister, Mrs. Iona Kennedy; brother-in-law, Mr. Morris Kennedy; niece, Bridget Kennedy; nephew, Andrew Kennedy; the late James Kennedy and the late Patricia Kennedy.

The family received condolences on January 16 and 17, 2019, at the Valère Fortin Funeral Home in Douglastown. The funeral service was held on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at St. Patrick's Church in Douglastown. Donations may be made to the Fondation Hôpital Hôtel-Dieu de Gaspé.

### Happy 90th Birthday

Tom Nelson - February 12, 2019

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## COAST ROUND-UP

### BARACHOIS:

#### Legion Branch 261

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

**Every Tuesday:** Sandbags from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Every Thursday:** Darts from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information contact Lloyd Roussel at 418-645-3700 or 418-645-2786.

### BARACHOIS:

#### Recreation Centre

**Every Saturday:** From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m, soup, hot-dogs, sandwiches, dessert, tea and coffee will be served. From 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., there will be card and board games for all ages and sliding (crazy carpets provided). Raffles held weekly. Lunch and activities free for all ages. Sponsored by: Mountain-view Golden Age Club, Legion Branch 261, Barachois & Area Development Committee and Barachois Recreation Centre.

### BARACHOIS:

#### Recreation Centre

**February 1 & 15:** The Barachois Recreation Centre will be holding 18+ money bingos at 7 p.m. Bilingual. Over \$600 in cash prizes.

### BARACHOIS:

#### BADC

**February 6:** General meeting as well as election of board members beginning at 7 p.m. at the Barachois Rec. Centre. Everyone from Corner of the Beach to Prevel is welcome. For more information please contact Janet Harvey at 418-355-4899.

### PORT DANIEL:

#### Three Star Golden Age Club

**Every Wednesday:** Petanque

from 7 to 9 p.m., cost \$3. Come and join the fun and learn a new game!

**February 15:** Potluck supper at 5 p.m.

**February 23:** Military Whist beginning at 8 p.m.

### HOPE TOWN:

#### Hope Baptist Church

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.

### HOPE TOWN:

#### Community Center

**February 9:** Military whist beginning at 8 p.m.

### HOPE TOWN:

#### Community Center Winter Carnival

**February 1:** Casserole supper from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. \$10 adults, \$5 (7-11 years old), free under 6. Gift bingo beginning at 7:00 p.m. \$10 per series or 3/\$20.

**February 2:** Games on ice (free) beginning at 1:30 p.m. Family game night (free) beginning at 7 p.m.

**February 3:** Hockey old timers vs young timers beginning at 1:30 p.m. Children's gift bingo (free) beginning at 1:30 p.m.

### PASPEBIAC

#### Knitters Needed

La maille de l'amitié, a group of knitters who are eager to help men, women and children who are receiving chemotherapy at Maria hospital by providing knitted hats, is looking for knitters. If needed, patterns and samples are available at the library in Paspébiac, which is also where you should drop off your knitted

items. You can also include a short note of encouragement, identified by your name only. For more information contact Claudette Whittom (418) 752-3633 or Doris Chedore (418) 752-5190.

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Heritage New Carlisle

**February 9:** Woodcarving from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn to carve on wood with specialist Marcel Beaulieu and take home a finished product. Cost \$15.

**February 16, 23 & March 2:** Learn the basics of quilting with artisan Violette Arseneault. During this quilting Bee, which consists of three full day sessions, one quilt will be crafted by a group of people who each work on a square. The finished quilt will be auctioned and the proceeds will be donated to the Linda Lemore Brown Foundation. Cost: \$25. To register: heritagenc@globetrotter.net, by phone 418-752-1334 or facebook.

### 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:

#### Curling Bonpiel

Linda Lemore Curling Bonpiel (Tournament) will be held on the weekend of **March 15-17.**

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Royal Canadian Legion

**February 14:** Valentine Supper at the New Carlisle Chalet from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. \$25 per couple. \$8 for 12 and under. Complete meal, dessert, tea or coffee. (Choice of two meals) Tickets available by calling Laura at 418-752-6799 or Ethel at 418-751-4342.

### NEW RICHMOND:

#### Flea Market

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### 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. **February 10:** Valentine brunch from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$12, Children (under 12) \$8. Bring your sweetheart and join us for a great meal.

### CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

#### Book Room

Please be advised that the book room has reopened.

### CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

#### 50+ Club

**Every Thursday:** Dame de Pique at 1 p.m. \$5 per person. **Every Tuesday:** Bingo beginning at 7 p.m. Welcome to all. **January 25:** Jam Session for all musicians and spectators. Doors open at 7 p.m. Music begins at 7:30 p.m. Free admission. Canteen service on site. **February 23:** Potluck supper from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (storm date: February 24) \$12 per adult and \$8 per child under 12.

### CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

#### Bible Meetings

This community is invited to a series of Bible meetings held in the Cascapedia St-Jules Community Centre (55 Route Gallagher) on **Sunday, February 3, 10, 17, and 24** at 3:30 p.m. and also on **Wednesday, February 6, 13, 20, and 27** at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and listen to a message of hope shared from the Bible, at no cost and with no obligation. Contact Clinton Jacques or Steve Shultz at 438-820-2886. Call or text.

### GESGAPEGIAG:

#### N.A. Meetings

N.A. Meetings held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Mawiommi Treatment Centre, located at 85 School Street in Gesgapegiag. Everyone welcome! For more information call 418-759-3522.

### UNITED CHURCH

**Sunday, February 3**  
2 p.m. Hope Town

## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

**Sunday, February 3**

**New Carlisle**

9 a.m. Morning Prayer followed by vestry meeting

**Shigawake**

10 a.m. Morning Prayer

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# On the lighter side...



**What is old becomes new again!**  
**Don't throw out your old furniture,**  
**change it up and make something new...**

**Before**



**After**



## Why do we say... by Gary Briand

A former student, now a mother of three children in Toronto, wrote me to ask the meaning of "Eureka." It appears that her five-year-old son, in kindergarten, arrives home daily and shouts "Eureka" as he runs through the house. She admitted that there were probably Greek children with him in school.

I went on to explain that "eureka" is the first person singular of the Greek word "heuriskein" - to find - and thus means "I have found." Its most famous utterance is attributed to the great Sicilian mathematician, Archimedes, who invented various military weapons as well as the water screw.

Around 270 B.C., King Hieron of Syracuse delivered some pure gold to a goldsmith who promised to make him a new golden crown. When it was finished, the king began to doubt that the goldsmith had used all the gold but that he had corrupted it with another metal and saved for himself a substantial part of the original gold. The king asked Archimedes to test the crown. Archimedes had a problem - he did not have any test at hand.

Now both the crown and the original supply of gold were the same weight. One day Archimedes stepped into his full bath and noted that a quantity of water spilled over the bath's edge. It dawned on him that the volume of water that overflowed would be equal to the volume of his own body; therefore, the bulk of an object could be measured by the amount of fluid it displaced. So excited was he that he jumped from his bath, forgot to put on clothing and ran down the streets naked while shouting "Eureka."

Archimedes knew that a sample of gold weighed more than a sample of other metals of the same size. All he had to do then was to place the new crown in water and measure how much water it displaced and then find a piece of gold which displaced exactly the same amount of water. When he compared the weight, if both were pure gold they should both weigh the same. They didn't. The crown turned out to be lighter in gold than it ought to have been. History does not tell us what happened to the goldsmith but Archimedes cry of "Eureka" has endured for over 2000 years. The word has been rendered immortal by the state of California which incorporated Eureka into its Great Seal of government in 1849. It became part of California's official motto in 1963.

I told the mother that she should congratulate the young man. He had kept his clothes on.

## STRAIGHT TEETH WORD SEARCH

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 S S J L P N O I T C A R T X E F M W H R  
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 O S A P P O I N T M E N T C L C G M S E  
 F X E R P E A T E E T H P A O U L E I D  
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 A S N G A P A L A T E T I O L S T E X S  
 L O N P M B O N D I N G U N I I E N L X  
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 D E E V T E O K O Y A R X O M N I A H C

### WORDS

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 ALIGNED  
 APPLIANCE  
 APPOINTMENT  
 ARCHWIRE  
 BAND  
 BITE  
 BONDING  
 BRACES  
 BRACKET  
 BUCCAL  
 CEMENT  
 CHAIN  
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 PALATE  
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 PHOTOGRAPHS  
 PREMOLAR  
 RETAINER  
 SEPARATORS  
 SORENESS  
 TEETH  
 WAX  
 XRAY

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

## SUDOKU

		3			9	4	7
	3			6			2
9			2	7	6	3	5
7				8	2		4
6		8			3		
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	4		7			6	
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8	6	5	9	1	4	7	2	3
3	7	9	2	6	5	4	1	8
1	4	2	7	8	3	5	6	9
4	2	3	1	7	9	8	5	6
6	9	8	5	4	2	3	7	1
7	5	1	6	3	8	2	9	4
9	1	4	8	2	7	6	3	5
5	3	7	4	9	6	1	8	2
2	8	6	3	5	1	9	4	7

ANSWER:

**ARIES** - Mar 21/Apr 20  
 Aries, save up your energy because you might need it for a difficult project on the horizon. This could mean you have to keep socializing to a minimum.  
**TAURUS** - Apr 21/May 21  
 Taurus, you have been on a stable path, and this is a good thing. Wasting time floundering will get you nowhere fast. Keep up the good work and momentum.  
**GEMINI** - May 22/June 21  
 A rough patch or string of bad luck will soon pass, Gemini. Focus on the positives in your life and give them all of your energy for the time being. Gray skies will clear up.  
**CANCER** - June 22/July 22  
 Cancer, a great opportunity is coming your way and you are eager to dive right in. Write down the pluses and minuses of this endeavor before getting too deep.  
**LEO** - July 23/Aug 23  
 Leo, ensure that your voice is heard on a particular matter; otherwise, you may regret not speaking up. Wait until others are quiet to get your point across.

## HOROSCOPES

**VIRGO** - Aug 24/Sept 22  
 Virgo, if you've been looking for a new career, you may be pleasantly surprised with the news coming your way. Opportunity knocks, but you must be paying attention.  
**LIBRA** - Sept 23/Oct 23  
 Extra spending on essentials may have you reevaluating your budget this week, Libra. You might need to cut corners to make everything work, or find new income.  
**SCORPIO** - Oct 24/Nov 22  
 Scorpio, it seems the bumpy stretch in your life has been long, but you're finally able to see that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Keep your head high.  
**SAGITTARIUS** - Nov 23/Dec 21  
 A relationship may be blossoming and you won't be sure which direction it will go for a little longer. If you trust your instincts on this and be yourself, things will work out.  
**CAPRICORN** - Dec 22/Jan 20  
 Capricorn, you will prove your mettle and show everyone just how tough you

can be with a surprising announcement this week. Be prepared for some applause.  
**AQUARIUS** - Jan 21/Feb 18  
 Aquarius, even though many things are changing in your life right now, you'll probably find that you welcome change whole-heartedly. It's time to shake things up.  
**PISCES** - Feb 19/Mar 20  
 Moving in a new direction can mean many things to you, Pisces. A change of address, a vacation, a new career, or even a new style fit the bill.

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

**JANUARY 27**  
 Patton Oswalt, Actor (50)  
**JANUARY 28**  
 Sarah McLachlan, Singer (51)  
**JANUARY 29**  
 Justin Hartley, Actor (42)  
**JANUARY 30**  
 Brooke Hyland, Dancer (21)  
**JANUARY 31**  
 Justin Timberlake, Singer (38)  
**FEBRUARY 1**  
 Ronda Rousey, MMA fighter (32)  
**FEBRUARY 2**  
 Gerard Pique, Athlete (32)

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