

Fundraiser in support of Gavin Caplin

Gilles Gagné

GESGAPEGIAG: - Friends, family and communities have worked together for days to organize a fundraiser for Gavin Caplin and his family that will take place on March 9. Gavin, who is four years old, is battling cancer at a Quebec City hospital.

First hospitalized in Maria on January 15, Gavin was later transferred to Quebec City where he was diagnosed with Burkitt lymphoma. A form of Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, this type of cancer is recognized as the fastest growing human tumor.

The *Jamboree for Gavin* will start at 6 p.m. at the Galgoasiet centre in Gesgapegiag and will feature local musicians from the Gaspé Peninsula and New Brunswick. They will share their time, talents and hearts in hopes to raise money to help Gavin and his family.

At first, the doctors thought Gavin had a very bad infection in his right tonsil and needed antibiotics. Gavin's mother Shelby states that other than snoring very loudly and having difficulty to breathe while sleeping, Gavin did not have any other symptoms or pain. After forty-eight hours on anti-



Photo: Courtesy of the Caplin family

There will be a fundraiser on March 9 in support of four-year-old Gavin Caplin who is battling cancer.

otics and no change in the size of the tonsil, the doctors looked for other possibilities.

Once in Quebec City, Gavin underwent many tests, surgery and biopsies. The med-

ical team was able to identify the seriousness of Gavin's health. With a complete diag-

nosis, Gavin has now started intensive treatment.

Gavin, his mother Shelby Caplin, his father Percy Jerome and his big sister Malia Caplin are from Gesgapegiag and reside in Cascadia-St-Jules.

On March 2, they shared this with Michelle Harriman: "We feel so loved and we are beyond thankful for everything we have received, from all the prayers and kind words, donations and messages. We remind Gavin all the time that there are so many people thinking about him and praying for the sick thing in his body to go away."

The jamboree will include a wide range of musical entertainment, door prizes, a 50/50 draw, raffle tickets, canteen service and more.

George Snyder, Al Martin, Nancy Vignola, Larry Dee, Curly Clement, the Landsmen, Bryan Brake, Marven Condo, Marvin Lapointe, Indian John, John Gedeon, Kalie Larocque, Emilie Lapointe, the Little River Band, Guy Boudreau, Trisha Caplin, Krystal Gedeon and Gwezee are the musicians scheduled to play at the event.

Information provided by Michelle Harriman

New Richmond's Legionnaires are having a fantastic hockey season



The New Richmond Legionnaires Peewee team is currently in first place in their league. They have won all their A finals games except for one and have won every tournament they've played in this season. They will play in their last tournament on March 15, 16 and 17 in Chandler.

- Sally Gedeon

Spring Ahead



Daylight Savings Time

Turn your clocks ahead before going to bed on Saturday, March 9

GALT:

No fracturing according to Cuda

Nelson Sergerie

GASPÉ: - There will be no fracking during oil exploitation on the Galt site, located 20 kilometres west of Gaspé. The company made it clear following Gaspé riding Member of the National Assembly Méganne Perry-Mélançon's statement. She spoke about the scenario in January following the exchanges that her political associates had with the vice-president of the company, Mathieu Lavoie. "The Galt project is a 30-well project without fracturing. We have not changed our minds. It has always been that and it will continue to remain so," says the oil company's manager unequivocally.

According to him, the opponents of the file tend to focus on the population's emotions. "We were asked the question for the future but, yes, in the future, it may be another project that may include fracking, but it is not our project." If fracking is used in subsequent phases, Cuda will have to relaunch an environmental process, like the one currently underway. Realistically, Cuda is hoping for eight million barrels of Galt oil.

Activists get organized

At the same time, anti-oil activists want to establish a game plan to try to stop the project. On the evening of

February 27 in Douglastown, seventeen people exchanged ideas about refining the strategy. People discussed five themes: risks and what is feared; things that are valuable and could be lost; expectations of the government, the city, the MRC and the developer; what we like about the project and the means of action and talents to share.

The actions would also include a training camp to inform people, a citizens' jury and a referendum. "It's to look for the pros and cons so that they have the same impact, the same means and the same timing. The company probably has more financial means than the citizens themselves. A majority of the jury came out," said one of the organizers, Laury Aspirault.

The idea of a referendum is positive: "Indeed, to the extent that we can get information before. The positive point of a referendum is to obtain 100% of the population and not a small part." It remains to be seen which authority will want to organize it.

A popular consultation

No less than 406 comments were sent to the Ministry of the Environment on the project following the launch of the consultation last January. The protection of water and wetlands, the impact on climate change, the

maintenance of wildlife habitats, economic benefits and social acceptability are the main issues mentioned following the consultation completed on February 2. In the

impact study, Cuda Oil and Gas will have to describe the modifications made and the mitigation measures planned as a result of the consultation. The company intends to return

to the region in March for a new round of information on the project. The 2020-2025 calendar remains intact for drilling wells if Quebec's authorization is obtained.



Ville de Gaspé

PUBLIC NOTICE

To the qualified voters entitled to have their name entered on the referendum list of the municipality.

NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, town clerk of « Ville de Gaspé »,

THAT at a special meeting held February 21, 2019, the town council has adopted the following By-Law :

1389-19 : DÉCRÉTANT UNE DÉPENSE ET UN EMPRUNT D'UNE SOMME DE 1 282 600 \$ POUR PAYER SA QUOTE-PART À LA RÉGIE INTERMUNICIPALE DE TRAITEMENT DES MATIÈRES RÉSIDUELLES DE LA GASPÉSIE POUR L'ACQUISITION D'UN SITE DE COMPOSTAGE ET DE BOUES DE FOSSES SEPTIQUES ET ABROGEANT LE RÈGLEMENT 1370-18.

THAT the qualified voters entitled to have their name entered on the referendum list of the municipality on the date of February 21, 2019, if it concerns natural or legal persons satisfying the requirements of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities may demand that the By-Law be submitted to a referendum poll according to the same law. The persons qualified to vote on the By-Law in question will have access to a register open for that purpose from nine (9) hours to nineteen (19) hours on March 13 and 14, 2019, at the town clerk's office, at the town hall in order to enter their name, address and occupation together with their signature.

CONDITIONS TO BE A QUALIFIED VOTER ENTITLED TO HAVE HIS NAME ENTERED ON THE REFERENDUM LIST OF THE MUNICIPALITY

A person who, on February 21, 2019, is not disqualified from voting according to article 524 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities and meets the following requirements:

- a natural person domiciled in the municipality and, for at least six months, in Québec and
- is of full age and a Canadian citizen, and not under curatorship.

The nonresident sole owner of an immovable or nonresident sole occupant of a business place situated in the municipality who is not disqualified from voting and meets the following requirements:

- is the owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business place situated in the municipality for at least 12 months;
- in the case of a natural person, be of full age and Canadian citizen and not under curatorship.

The nonresident undivided co-owners and nonresident co-occupants of a business place situated in the municipality not disqualified from voting and meet the following requirements:

- is the undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business place situated in the municipality for at least 12 months;
- is designated by means of a power of attorney signed by a majority of the persons who are co-owners or co-occupants for at least 12 months, as the one who has the right to sign in their name and to be entered on the referendum list of the municipality. This power of attorney must be produced before or at the signature time.

Legal person:

- have designated by resolution among its members, directors or employees, a person who, on February 21, 2019, and at voting time, is of full age and a Canadian citizen, is not under curatorship and is not disqualified to vote.

THAT the persons qualified to vote on the By-Law in question must establish their identity to the responsible person for the register, by presenting, among others: a health-insurance card issued by the Québec Health Insurance Board, a driver's permit issued by the Québec Automobile Insurance Society, a Canadian passport, an identity card of the Canadian Armed Forces, a certificate of Indian status.

THAT the number of applications needed in order that a referendum poll be held for this By-Law is 1 211 and failing this number, the concerned By-Law will be deemed approved by the qualified voters.

THAT the qualified voters may examine this By-Law at the office of the undersigned from 8:15 a.m. till 12 noon and from 1 till 4:30 p.m. from Monday till Thursday, and from 8:15 a.m. till 12 noon on Friday, and during registration hours.

THAT the result of this registration procedure will be announced on March 14, 2019, at 7 p.m., at the office of the undersigned, 25, rue de l'Hôtel-de-Ville in Gaspé.

GIVEN at Gaspé, March 6, 2019.

Isabelle Vézina,
Director of Legal Services and town clerk

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Police report

Noémie Berthelot, 24, from Rimouski was killed in a March 2 car accident which occurred along the Saint-Benoit range in Saint-Alexis, near Matapedia. The victim was alone in her car at 8:30 p.m. when the vehicle was struck on its left side by another car circulating on the range. The victim was unconscious when the paramedics took her to the hospital in Campbellton, where she was then pronounced dead. The investigators are trying to determine if Ms. Berthelot's visibility was reduced by snow banks or if a distraction could have caused the accident. She was originally from Saint-Alexis and was visiting friends and relatives for a few days.

Jordan Isaac, 38, from Listuguj is charged with assault causing bodily harm, assault with a weapon and uttering death threats against his girlfriend. Mr. Isaac was arrested the night of February 17 at a Listuguj home. During the incident at that house, a woman was seriously injured and was subsequently hospitalized. The accused was "technically" granted bail on February 21 on that specific file but was remanded in custody because of a previous assault causing bodily harm file. His second bail hearing was scheduled for February 26 at the New Carlisle courthouse, but has been postponed to March 11. In addition, the accused resisted arrest and faces a charge of obstruction in the work of a police officer. The accused will also appear at the New Carlisle courthouse on March 11 for the orientation and his declaration regarding that case.

The incident shook-up the community of Listuguj and Chief Darcy Gray posted a message on the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government's website expressing his sympathy for the people affected, and offering intervention and support to the community. "As leadership, I believe we have a responsibility to do our best to provide a safe and healthy community for our people; and set the example through our own actions. We cannot tolerate and we cannot turn a blind eye to the violence occurring in our community. We must do what we can to address the issues, including demonstrating to our women and girls that they are valued and appreciated. They deserve our best. Our men and boys have a responsibility to act in a way that keeps our community and our people safe. For our community to continue moving towards healing, we all have a responsibility and we all must do our part. We have a responsibility to our next generations. Openly, I wonder and hope for the time that all our kids grow up knowing what it means to be safe and supported," he wrote.

The three-day storm that hit the Gaspé Peninsula on February 25, 26 and 27, caused dozens of minor accidents, mainly collisions at low speed and vehicles leaving the road but the Sûreté du Québec spokesperson Sgt. Claude Doiron reports no serious injuries in any of these accidents. Approximately 40 centimetres of snow fell at the beginning of the storm and the ensuing days were characterized by impressive gusts of wind reaching up to 100 kilometres per hour at times.

"Accidents were happening every 10 minutes, and sometimes even more often in the Gaspé Peninsula and Lower Saint Lawrence regions. It was a very unusual situation as it lasted three days. It was extremely hard on emergency services, not only on police officers but for the firefighters, the paramedics and the municipal employees all over the territory," explains Sgt. Doiron.

"Most accidents only caused material damage. We also received a number of calls from people who decided to pass around road barriers and keep going, only to find themselves in the ditch or stuck in the snow. They called the emergency services to notify them that they were stuck and in need of help. Such situations shouldn't have occurred and a number of drivers received infraction tickets in the Lower Saint Lawrence area because of such actions. The ticket itself implies a \$350 fine and with the fees, it amounts to \$536. I am not aware that it happened in the Gaspé Peninsula," points out Sgt. Claude Doiron.

"We can understand someone who has to go to the hospital for an important appointment will try to make it but someone needing a pound of butter at the convenience store shouldn't be on the road," he adds. On a couple of occasions during the storm, the SQ issued a message recommending people to stay at home. When asked why most stores remained open during the storm, thus defying the SQ advice, Mr. Doiron replies that "we are talking here about private enterprises and we cannot interfere with their right to open."

CHANDLER: Lawyer's bill stirs up controversy

Arianne Aubert Bonn

CHANDLER: – There is an ongoing disagreement in Chandler. A lawyer's invoice is dividing the council and insults a non-profit organization for statements deemed unfounded.

Mayor Louissette Langlois applied her veto, which was overturned by her council a few days later, in order to avoid paying a lawyer's invoice for an amount of \$107.

Morency Avocats claims that it conducted an audit, at the request of the town administration, to determine whether it was possible to recover the alcohol previously seized at Newport's *Ami des jeunes* (ADJ) premises in December.

A tribute to volunteers in Newport ended abruptly as Sûreté du Québec officers stormed in and seized the alcohol on the premises, a value of more than \$800. The purpose of the seizure was that the get-together was organized without a permit.

The event was being held at the office of the ADJ Newport, but the alcohol was not for the volunteer night activity. The organization had bought the alcohol to sell at its New Year's fundraiser.

Louissette Langlois, considered it out of the question to pay the lawyer bill for an organization that "illegally sells alcohol." She even used the words "underground bar." She



Photo: A. Bonn

Mayor Louissette Langlois applied her veto on the payment of a lawyer's bill. Her veto was overturned a few days later by the council.

also stated that elected officials approached the articling firm, not the general management. She even stated that the town did not have to make such a request for the benefit of an organization working in an illegal field.

Both statements are vigorously refuted by the main parties. Regarding elected officials, Bruno-Pierre Godbout, the councillor representing Newport, says that the call to the law firm was conducted in all legitimacy, in the presence of the town's director general. This information is confirmed by Roch Giroux, the director general.

Ami des jeunes member, Luc Legresley is appalled to hear such comments about his organization. He states that when ADJ sells alcohol, it is for fundraising events and a

sales permit is required, however, he does not hide the fact that members occasionally meet for a drink on the premises of the organization, without selling alcohol. They bring their own beverages. He adds that a meeting permit is now in force to allow this practice.

"We have never sold alcohol except in events for which we have a license to sell. We are victims of an unfortunate event that simply does not concern us," says Mr. Legresley. He claims that the loss of alcohol during the police intervention is significant, the \$800 worth of alcohol seized could have brought in nearly \$3,000 to the organization. That money finances activities and helps in the purchase of school material for children.

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Commentary Gilles Gagné

Major reflection is needed when it comes to what's happening on the ice

The racist slurs thrown at Black semi-professional hockey player Jonathan Ismail Diaby on February 23 in a Saint-Jérôme arena constitutes a painful reminder that the fight against racism is far from over in our society and in sports in particular.

By and large, sports reflect what is happening in society. Some people are surprised when athletes commit crimes, consume drugs, go bankrupt or utter loud insults including racial slurs. We like to think that people who practice sports are in better health and have a life better organized than the average person, and it is probably true.

Athletes are not head and shoulders above the rest of the population though. It would also be quite relevant to say that sports fans are not better people either. In fact, they are probably worse than the average.

Based on what happened at the Saint-Jérôme arena, it is easy to conclude that many sports fans should stay in their living room to watch games. Jonathan Diaby was insulted by a fan, who suggested he eat bananas, showed him pictures of a baboon and verbally abused him with racist insults.

Jonathan Diaby left the game and, seeing that his parents and his sister were also insulted by fans, escorted them outside the arena. The group of fans who shouted the insults at the player and his parents were told to sit down. In the end, the culprits stayed in the arena and the victims left, a rather odd outcome considering the gravity of the acts perpetrated minutes earlier.

Nobody should go through what the Diaby family experienced, however, the former National Hockey League third round draft choice has shown so far that despite the shock experienced on February 23, he is strong enough to handle the pressure.

A rap singer and rather versatile artist in life, he has since given dozens of interviews brilliantly presenting his viewpoint. He explained in one of the interviews that for 30 minutes he considered giving up

on hockey, only to realize that he would have proven his tormentors right. He decided to keep playing for the Marquis of Jonquière.

He also wrote a beautiful message saying "Tonight, it is 1920 in Saint-Jérôme," describing what he experienced without reverting to insults or Quebec bashing. Quebec is the place he has decided to return to after his professional career in hockey.

The *Ligue nord-américaine de hockey* did not react very quickly to the events. It took the league's administration six days to ban for life, two of the men who insulted Jonathan Diaby and his family. It should also be said that the crowd reacted rather passively to witnessing the incident, which is not a good sign.

Racism has plagued professional sports for more than 125 years. It took an exceptional man like Jackie Robinson to break the colour barrier in baseball in 1947, not so long ago when we think of it. We are talking about playing a game.

At the end of the 1960s, Saint Louis Cardinals star centre fielder Curt Flood tried to convince members of the Busch family, the beer magnates who owned that baseball team, that he deserved a better pay. He had aligned stellar seasons. He was refused his pay raise on the basis that Blacks didn't need as much as Whites, according to the team owners.

In Europe, coloured soccer players are regularly insulted by fans, especially since an influx of highly talented players from Africa has been feeding the best teams. In July 2018, when France won the Mundial, the world championship, many people of that country refused to praise their national team on the basis that a majority of players were born in Africa. The difference hurts weak people, it seems.

Former National Hockey League player Georges Laraque explains that when he was growing up in Sorel-Tracy, his parents stopped attending his minor hockey games because they were tired of getting insulted and seeing their son being verbally abused.

The situation has changed but not enough, based on what happened at the Pétroliers of Saint-Jérôme's home arena.

In Europe, a referee can stop a soccer game when racist slurs are expressed at a player or players. If the crowd doesn't stop, he can suspend the game for a longer period and even cancel it despite it being underway. Such rules should be implemented in our arenas.

Over the next weeks, we will see more reports depicting racism in sports, notably in some arenas where Native players are involved. Some Aboriginal players of the Loups of La Tuque have in fact recently been at the receiving end of insults.

A number of parents, coaches and fans seem to forget basic rules of civility when they enter an arena. It applies to racist slur but some adults see through their kids a way to fulfil their own broken dreams. They are then ready to act stupidly, losing touch with

the fact that the youths are there to play, to have fun.

Hopefully, in Quebec and elsewhere in Canada, there will be a "before Saint-Jérôme" and an "after Saint-Jérôme". February 23 should be declared the day of tolerance in sports, an education process that should lead our society to prevent a repetition of what happened to Jonathan Diaby.

Letters to the Editor

Recycling and the print media: The breaking point

Quebecers are aware of the challenges that have faced print media for some time now. According to Ministère de la Culture figures, one weekly in four has permanently stopped its presses since 2010... and this situation is going to get much worse unless the government amends the Environmental Quality Act this year to give newspapers the same cultural protection as it does books.

It is urgent because the dailies and weeklies are stuck in a vicious circle due to the obligations to finance newsprint recycling:

- Newsprint media entities are falling in numbers every year.
- The newsprint tonnage they produce is also dropping.
- However, their annual recycling costs are rising dramatically.
- Conclusion: an exploding recycling bill has been imposed on surviving newspapers.

The numbers are telling. 92,000 fewer tonnes of newsprint were produced between 2010 and 2019 (-68%). The contribution demanded from the media rose by \$9 million over the same period (+340%). The per-tonne processing cost went from \$23.03 in 2010 to \$241.92.

It is true that the Ministry of Finance proposed the beginning of a solution two years ago, therefore, if this support slightly reduces the financial burden of print media, it does not improve the aberration of the current system and its adverse effects. In addition, it remains a short-term support in the face of a structural problem that has been increasing year by year. From the beginning, it was inconceivable that we are treating newspapers, beacons of democracy and cultural expression, in the same manner as tin cans and plastic bottles.

The news media contributes directly to our communities' vitality and their social and democratic life. As a result, they must benefit from a cultural protection analogous to that for books. Otherwise, the compensatory system for newspapers is about to drop the axe on other press organizations.

Since arriving in power, François Legault's government has shown great sensitivity to the difficult situation the media are facing pursuant to the dramatic drop in advertising revenue that was the foundation of their business model.

The government must now agree with us that the first step is to extricate the newspapers from a system that is financially asphyxiating the print media. This intervention must come in the next budget; otherwise, more communities will lose their print media.

Denis Tétreault
General Director
RecycleMédias *

* RecycleMédias is a private, non-profit organization created in December 2000 with the mission of representing newspapers, which are required to contribute to the residual materials recycling and reclamation efforts in Québec. The organization has 149 members from the following organizations: Québecor Média, Groupe Capitale Médias, Le Devoir, The Gazette, Hebdo Québec, Quebec Community Newspaper Association (QCNA), l'Association des médias écrits communautaires du Québec (AMEQ) and many smaller independent newspapers and groups.

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Eon Art: An important acoustic laboratory

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CHANDLER: - There is a location in Chandler where science, precision, control, verification and an artistic touch are located under the same roof. Eon Art, produces high-end amplifiers and speakers. According to the shareholder and co-owner Stéphane Hautcoeur, it is the largest acoustic laboratory in the country.

At the entrance of Eon Art, visitors are greeted with posters of high voltage electricity symbols. Behind the closed doors, science is at work. Between two and fifteen people work to design, test and produce amplification systems and speakers with accuracy and quality exceeding market standards.

“Every product is signed by the people who worked on it. It’s a commitment, in terms of quality, to sign your products with your own name,” says Mr. Hautcoeur.

Made for true music enthusiasts, the products are sold at a retail price of \$25,000 to \$50,000, but the sound that emanates from it is an experience in itself.

“Music is an emotion. With



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Stéphane Hautcoeur in his laboratory, with some of his high-performance cards.

such sound quality, we are able to capture the movement of the musician. We hear him move around the room, catch his breath, and turn the page of his score,” says Mr. Hautcoeur, emotionally describing how his product offers a realistic rendering. A listening session confirms his words; in a room that stands out from the rest of the building, the walls are covered with a disc collection. There’s a cozy atmosphere and loungers.

Mr. Hautcoeur is not only a

music lover. He is also a man of science. Wearing a smock, he roams through the factory-laboratory, explaining how, at each stage of design, nothing is left to random.

“We have an infinitely small margin of error with all the tests we do, but at the very end, the last adjustments are done by ear. It still has its place, despite the science,” he says.

Between the assembly halls and the control laboratories are the design and research labora-

tories where advanced equipment and powerful computers calculate the algorithms on which the sound cards will be built. Eon Art has its own laboratory but also conducts research and design for other companies. “This is what allows us to make the research equipment profitable,” says Mr. Hautcoeur.

In addition to state-of-the-art amplifiers, loudspeakers that eliminate unwanted noise are also built. “The vibration of

a speaker produces sound at the front and back of the membrane. However, we eliminate this parasitic sound at the back under a principle inspired by a lobster cage. The vibration penetrates through a hole in a second chamber and breaks on a pyramid of wood that changes the trajectory of the waves and prevents them from coming out,” he explains.

Mr. Hautcoeur is proud to say that at Eon Art they don’t have difficulty finding skilled employees: “There is no school program that teaches exactly what is done here. So we train our people ourselves. They are given an above-average salary, which makes them want to stay and even outside our team, many people volunteer to help us because they want to learn.”

When asked who buys these products, Stéphane Hautcoeur answers: “The real music lovers. Some are depriving themselves of cars to afford one of our systems. Others simply have more means.”

Stéphane Hautcoeur also develops systems for luxury yachts. “On ships worth millions, there were car sound systems. It was time to remedy the situation.”

TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND: Public consultation about the arena’s future

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: – The Town of New Richmond will soon hold three consultation meetings about the future of its arena, including a March 13 meeting specifically organized for the anglophone community.

The first meeting will take place on March 11 for the users and the third one on March 18 for the part of the population that has not been able to attend the meetings held so far.

Until now, the municipal administration has held a preliminary meeting on November 12 for the public, during which all the options were presented, and three private meetings in January for the business community, the elderly and the community organizations.

The arena was built in 1969, 50 years ago and has not benefitted from a major refurbishment since. The coolant product used to maintain the ice at the ideal temperature, gas R-22, will no longer be made in Canada.

“Selling and producing Freon R-22 will be forbidden in Canada as of January 1, 2020. It will only be possible to

buy that product as long as available quantities last. We can presume that it will be possible to get some supply for the whole 2020 year and that is what we aim for. After that, it will become more problematic,” explains Town of New Richmond director general Stéphane Cyr.

The arena upgrades would require an investment of \$7.3 million. Among other things, the cement slab is leaking and the roof needs to be changed. The federal government has not yet announced a program for arena upgrade projects such as New Richmond’s. It is however an electoral year in Canada and many are expect-

ing an arena funding program. The program currently offered by the Quebec government could only contribute \$800,000 to the New Richmond project if it is not improved.

If the town of New Richmond is the only investor, it would mean a 10% increase for taxpayers in New Richmond. Mayor Éric Dubé has often said that “this option is unthinkable.”

Approximately 48% of the arena users are from the neighbouring communities, mainly Gesgapegiag, Cascapédia-St-Jules, Caplan, Saint-Alphonse and Maria. The municipal administration would like to reach agreements with those

communities in order to share a portion of the annual expenses.

The closest arenas are located in Carleton and in Caplan. The Bonaventure arena will be rebuilt over the next year, between June 2019 and May 2020, an \$8.3 million venture.

The programs Bonaventure

took part in for their upgrades are no longer available. Those federal and provincial programs paid for two-thirds of the total cost. Approximately 215 people use the New Richmond arena on a regular basis.

All the March meetings being held at the Adrien-Gauvreau community centre and will start at 7 p.m.



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Consultation Meeting
on the future of the
New Richmond Sports Complex Arena
with the anglophone community.

March 13, 2019
7 p.m.
at the
Adrien-Gauvreau Community Centre.

Already two metres of snow more than usual

Nelson **Sergerie**

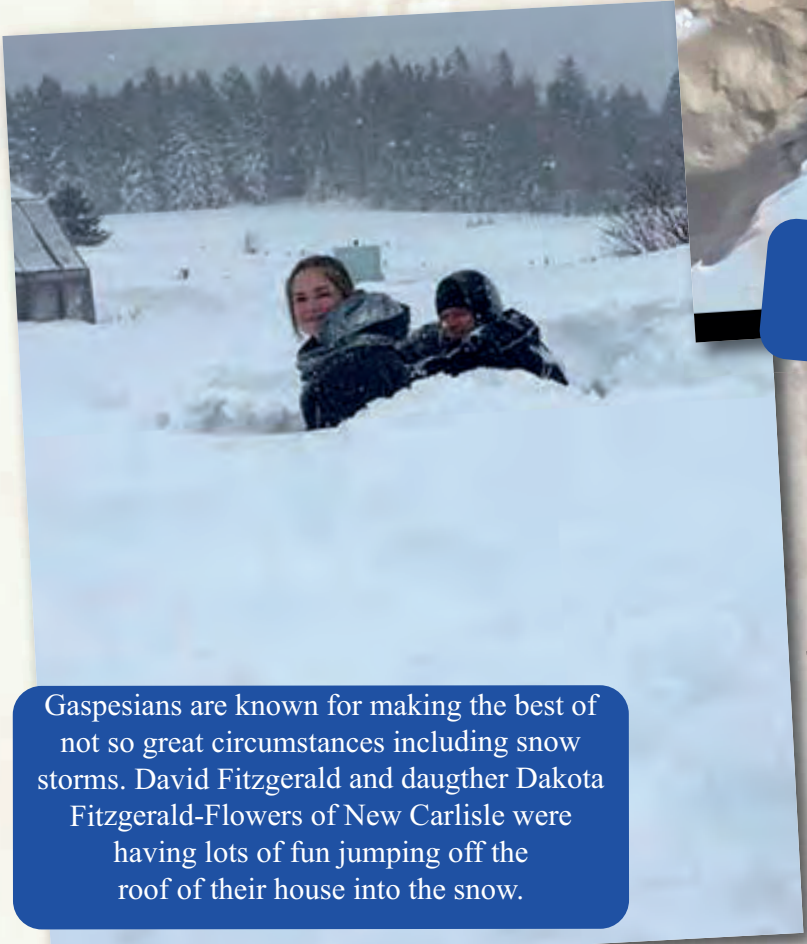
GASPÉ – The Gaspé Peninsula has received two metres more snow than usual so far this winter. In February at the Gaspé Airport, 118 centimetres was recorded, bringing the total so far for this winter to 448 centimetres, almost double the normal amount.

“When we look at the norm since October, we should have received 258 centimetres. We are 190 centimetres above normal. We can say that almost two metres have fallen since the beginning of winter,” says Environment Canada meteorologist Alexandre Parent. If the trend continues, we will move closer to the absolute record of 590 centimetres in the winter of 1993-1994. Normally, Gaspé receives in March, April and May a total of 114 centimetres. "If we add that to the 448 centimetres already fallen, we are approaching record amounts. If we have an extra storm, we could establish a new record in Gaspé," adds Mr. Parent. February was slightly colder than normal with an average of -10.6 degrees.



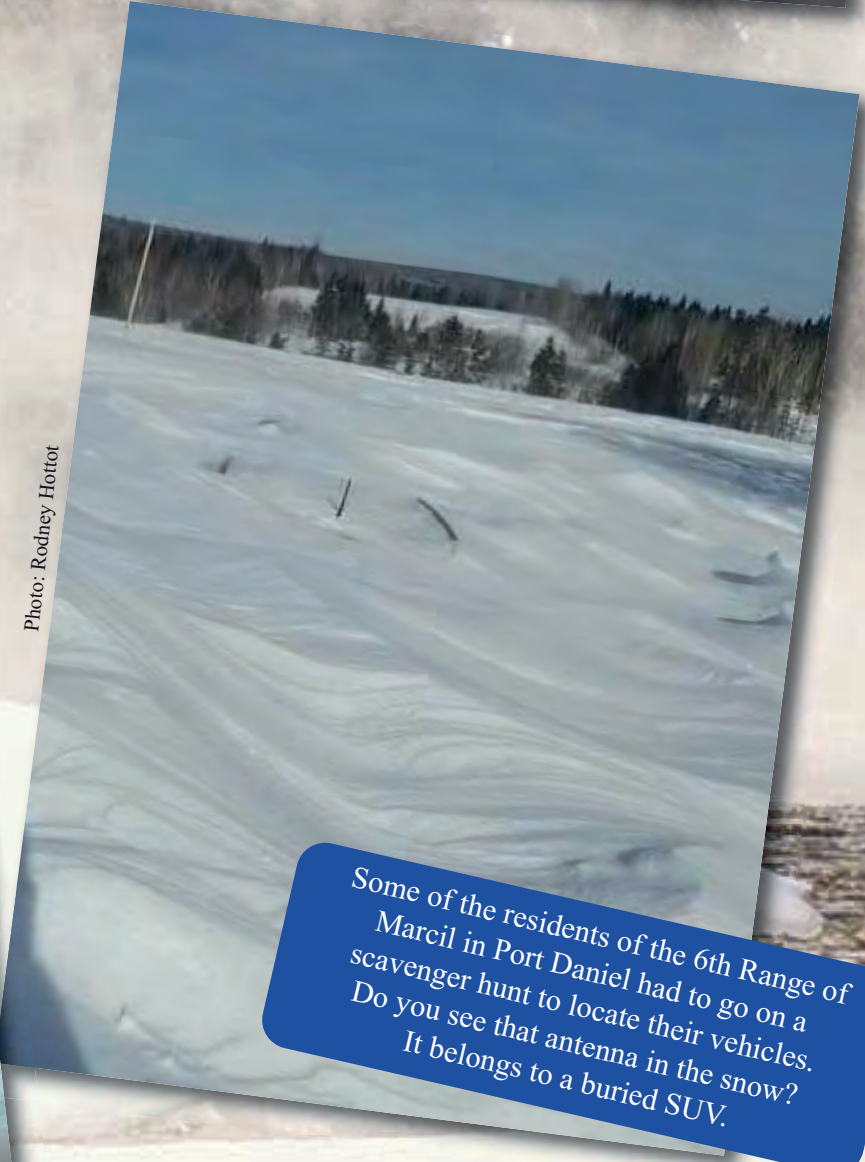
The Marcil section of Port Daniel was hit particularly hard by the February 25 to 27 storm hit. Jason Beaudin is seen in the photo standing next to a wall of snow along the 6th range.

Photos: Courtesy of Jason Beaudin



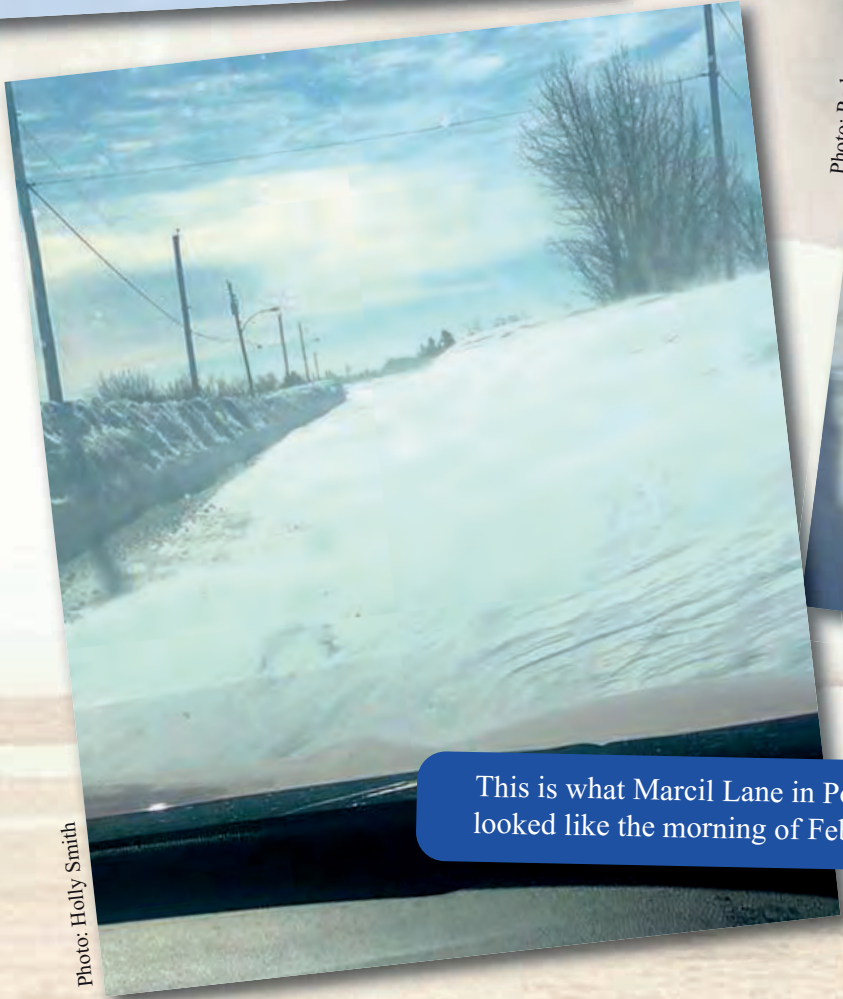
Gaspésians are known for making the best of not so great circumstances including snow storms. David Fitzgerald and daughter Dakota Fitzgerald-Flowers of New Carlisle were having lots of fun jumping off the roof of their house into the snow.

Photo: Tiffany Flowers-Marcou



Some of the residents of the 6th Range of Marcil in Port Daniel had to go on a scavenger hunt to locate their vehicles. Do you see that antenna in the snow? It belongs to a buried SUV.

Photo: Rodney Hottot



This is what Marcil Lane in Port Daniel looked like the morning of February 27.

Photo: Holly Smith

Snow and wind and then some more snow...

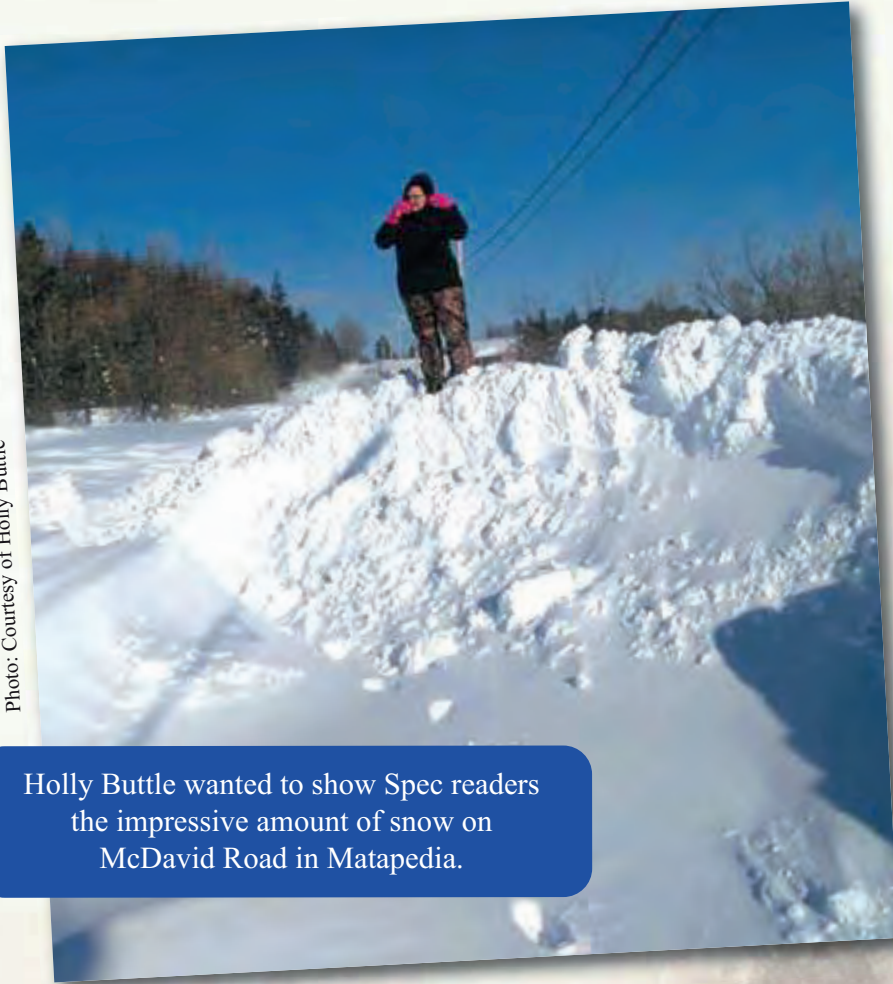


Photo: Courtesy of Holly Buttle

Holly Buttle wanted to show Spec readers the impressive amount of snow on McDavid Road in Matapedia.

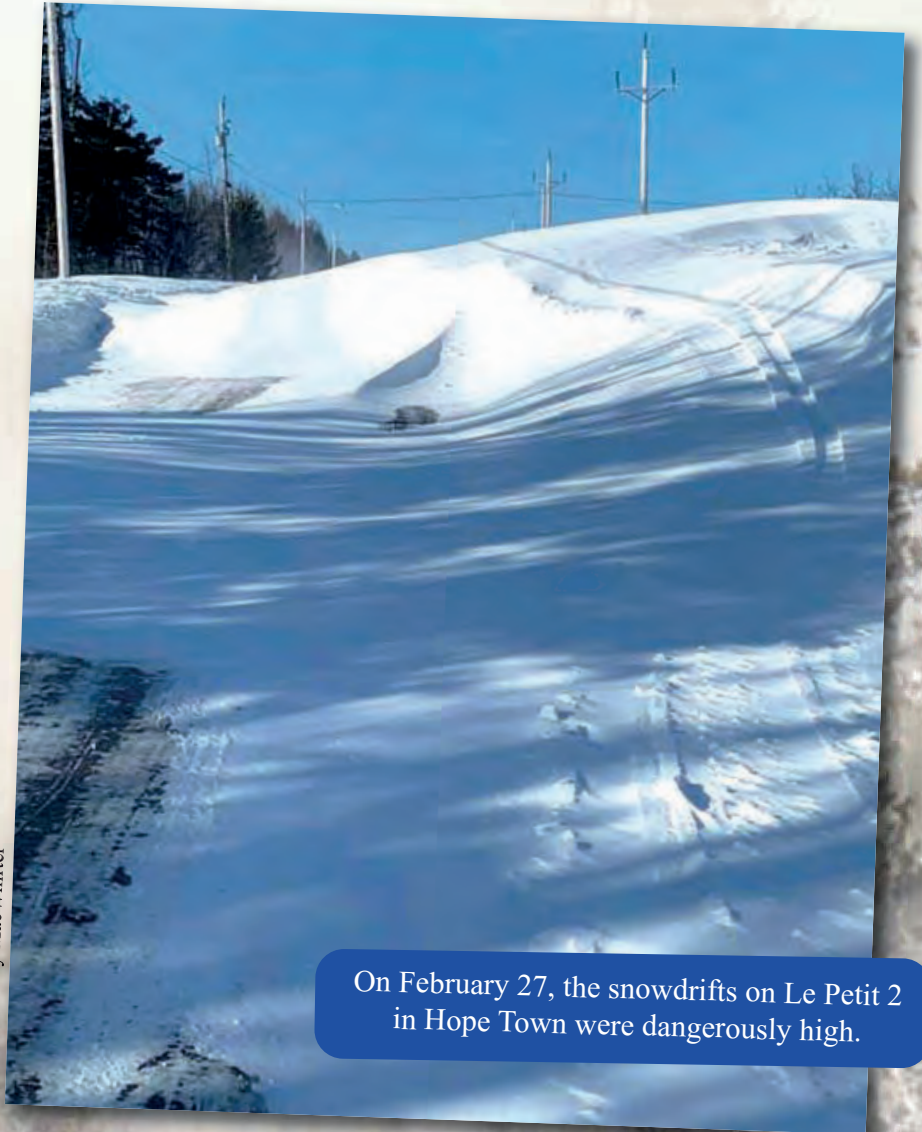


Photo: Penny MacWhirter

On February 27, the snowdrifts on Le Petit 2 in Hope Town were dangerously high.

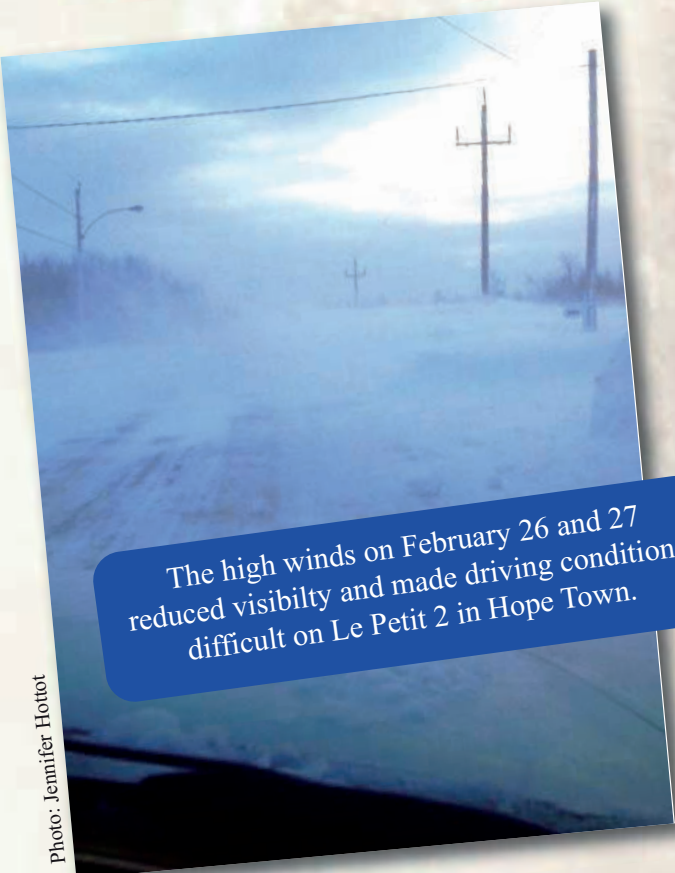


Photo: Jennifer Hottot

The high winds on February 26 and 27 reduced visibility and made driving conditions difficult on Le Petit 2 in Hope Town.




This photo was taken on February 27 behind the MRC office in New Carlisle.

Photo: Carol Gilker



Photo: Joan Imhoff

John LeGrand is dwarfed by the immense snowbank on Mount Sorrel Street in New Carlisle.



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SNC-Lavalin: Lebouthillier not too concerned

Nelson **Sergerie**

OTTAWA – Member of Parliament and Canada's Revenue Minister, Diane Lebouthillier is not too concerned about the impact on her government regarding the debate surrounding SNC-Lavalin.

The Trudeau government is in trouble while former Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould has refused to enter into an out-of-court settlement in fraud and corruption cases. The firm is suspected of having paid \$47 million between 2001 and 2011 to obtain contracts with the Libyan government.

Ms. Lebouthillier says the important thing is to protect jobs related to this Quebec company. "These are decisions made to protect the economy. When we talk about SNC-Lavalin, we are talking about more than 10,000 jobs across Quebec. It is also all the sub-contractors that revolve around



Photo: N. Sergerie

Member of Parliament Minister Diane Lebouthillier.

SNC-Lavalin. It is an expertise that is important for Quebec," says the minister. However, she also ensures that those responsible will pay the price if they broke the law.

The MP isn't too worried about the impact on the Liberals. "I went door-to-door in the

community. I honestly do not hear about it. We continue to make decisions and continue to work for all Canadians." The Department of Justice had ruled out an option negotiated with SNC-Lavalin which would have allowed the company to avoid a criminal trial.

Gaspé MNA was present at the meeting

Thierry Haroun

GASPÉ PENINSULA: - Reached at her office in Quebec City, Gaspé MNA, Méganne Perry-Mélançon, confirmed that she took part in the meeting on February 6 at the Parliament between Unifor union representatives, fishermen's helpers and two other MNAs, Sylvain Roy (Bonaventure) and Joël Arseneau (Magdalen Islands). "It was an opportunity to exchange on Unifor's objectives and mandate to regroup Gaspésie's fishermen's helpers within a Community Section. It was informative in terms of professionalizing these workers and delivering a certification. Now, as an MNA, I don't want to get involved between the boat owners, the union and the workers. It's not my role. This first meeting was informative." Unifor's next step is to meet with the Quebec Fisheries Minister, André Lamontagne, in order to inform him regarding the working conditions of all 500 fishermen helpers of the Gaspé and at term convince him to change the Work Law so that these workers can be unionized as is the case in Newfoundland.

From arts to pediatrics

Thierry Haroun

CHANDLER: - The Élie Gauthier-Naud Foundation dedicated to art for children is now also investing in the Pediatric Department of Chandler Hospital.

This foundation was created two years ago. It is dedicated to the memory of Élie Gauthier-Naud, an adolescent and student at the Chandler Polyvalent who died a few years ago of cancer. He was a very talented musician and painter. In memory of Élie, his parents decided to create a foundation dedicated to financing art projects and activities for the youth of the Percé Rock MRC. Many fundraisers and shows have been organized since, such as two Ice Man Challenges in Chandler (December 2017 and December 2018), phone-loops sales and drawings by Élie, to name but a few. The vice-president of the foundation, Élie's father

Jasmin Naud, sums up the first full year of activities. "We had a busy year in terms of helping the youth and their families. We raised close to \$40,000 since the creation. We bought some promotional and other items for the foundation and we gave away, up until now, \$2,100 to different projects. We helped six families by financing registration to art activities. We bought instruments, for instance. I realize how useful this foundation is for our community and the youth aged under 30," he told Spec.

Now the foundation has decided to take another step which is to get involved in the Chandler Hospital Pediatric Department, confirms the president of the foundation, Dominique Giroux. "The thing is that we realized that we didn't have enough requests in the arts compared to the amount we have raised so we decided to get involved

also in the Pediatric Department. We intend to redo and totally renovate all three rooms located on the second floor of the hospital, also refurbish the room where parents stay, renovate the hall and eventually revamp the Obstetric Department which is very close to the Pediatric Department. All this could be done within three years and we intend to hold our promise!" she insisted. Ms. Giroux wasn't able to detail the total investment needed but she said that it could hover around \$40,000.

"I'm so thankful for this initiative from this beautiful foundation that is investing in our hospital. What a nice way to support children faced with health problems. Once these rooms are renovated, they will be much more inviting and will make them a better place to be," said the president of the CISSS de la Gaspésie, Chantal Duguay.

Reflections

by

Diane Skinner Flowers



The fox: Friend or foe

It would seem that, this winter, the Gaspé is seeing a higher number of foxes. The unsettling part is that the foxes are coming close to humans and animals on farms. Many recent reports indicate that the foxes are not scared of humans and dogs. This can be a concern. Years ago, it was rare to see a fox so close to humans. The big question is why is this happening? Are they increasing in numbers and if so, why? Are they searching for food? Are they being pushed out of their habitat by other species? Can it be linked to climate change?

The fox is a smallish mammal and a member of the dog family. The four main species of fox found in Canada are the red fox, the Arctic fox, the swift fox and the grey fox. The foxes found on the Gaspé are the red ones which is the largest of the four types and typically range from 2.5 kg to 6.5 kg. They are beautiful animals with a predominantly reddish colouring and may have silver-tipped fur. Their ears and feet are usually black and the tips of their tails often are white. They are usually found in wooded areas and near farms.

Their diet consists mainly of rodents such as field mice and frogs as well as insects, fruit, eggs and sometimes chickens. Their breeding time is usually January and February. About 50 days after mating, the kits are born. Most litters are four or five cubs. Foxes burrow and create a den to sleep in and have their young. Females are referred to as vixens and the young can be called kits, pups or even cubs. A group of foxes is termed a skulk. Both parents help to feed the young and the kits are quite independent at about six months of age. At the age of two they are ready to breed.

The red fox usually forms a bond in pairs or a small group of family members. Most commonly a mated pair and their young will stay together. This "family" will take care of the next batch of kits. Some groups consist of a dominant male and a couple or several females. The enemies of the fox include coyotes, wolves, lynx, and cougars.

They have been hunted by humans for many centuries for their fur. The fur is soft, thick and fairly long. Their pelts have been used for trim around hoods of jackets and coats. Pelt prices are increasing and average \$60.

The red fox has a longish body and short legs. The tail is usually longer than half its body length. They are agile and can jump over two-metre-high fences and are good swimmers. They are too small to be a threat to humans. They have excellent hearing and can hear a mouse squeaking up to 100 metres away. They have a strong sense of smell. Foxes can often be seen engaging in playful behaviour. They will jump and roll in the snow or grass. Foxes will fight to exert dominance, often at mating time.

Foxes have a reputation of being cunning, deceitful or sly, hence the expressions "sly as a fox", "crazy like a fox", and "cunning as a fox". In many children's stories the fox is often, but not always, the bad guy. Stories include: *The Gingerbread Man*, *Fox in Sox* by Dr. Seuss, *Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi, *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl, and *The Fox and the Hound*, a Disney film.

You can make up your own mind if foxes are friends or foes, sly or cunning. We can all likely agree that they are very beautiful creatures.

Would love to hear from Spec readers if they are noticing an increase of foxes in their area. So far, I have heard that there are more being sighted in the Caplan and Hope Town areas. Please forward your observations to: Diane Skinner at specs@globetrotter.net, The Gaspé Spec facebook page, or by mail to 208-B Boul. G. D. Levesque, New Carlisle, QC, G0C 1Z0.

Announcements...



OBITUARIES



FLOWERS: Elmer Clyde

March 5, 1929 - September 5, 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Elmer Clyde Flowers which occurred at the age of 89 years and 6 months at Maria Hospital, Maria, Quebec. He was surrounded by loving family.

He was predeceased by his beloved son Lloyd on September 5, 1979; father: Howard Flowers, 1984; mother: Alma MacWhirter, 1983; sister: Audrey, 2008; brothers: Oliver, 1998; Leslie, 1989; Alexander, 1975; and Harry, 1985. He leaves to mourn his beloved wife Doris Gallon; two daughters: Carol (Richard) and Darlene (Denis); two sons: Clyde (Betty) and Wayne (Pam); five grandchildren: Christopher, Krystal, Tiffany, Mandy and Emily; four great-grandchildren: Dakota, Cole, Mila and Emerson; four brothers: Graydon (Norma), Trenton, Ontario; Bernaum, Cornwall, Ontario; Eric (Elaine), Port Perry, Ontario; and Ian (Marilyn), Mount Albert, Ontario.

The funeral service was held September 15, 2018, at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, New Carlisle, Quebec, with the Rev. Joshua Paetkau officiating. Hymns sung were *Safe in the Arms of Jesus*, *Nearer My God to Thee* and *Amazing Grace* which were rendered by the choir and the organist Mrs. Enid Bechervaise. Elmer's everlasting love and devotion will always be cherished and remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

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LANGLOIS: Vera

July 11, 1926 - February 18, 2019 (92 years)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mrs. Vera Langlois which occurred on February 18, 2019, at the age of 92 years.

Predeceased by her husband Mr. Trafford Simon, she leaves behind her children: Dora (Ronnie), Sandra (Ivan), Duane (Hermeline), and Laura (Réal); eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; nephews; nieces; and many other family members and friends.

Visitation was held at the Valère Fortin Funeral Home in Gaspé on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. The funeral service was held at St-Matthew's Church in Rosebridge on Thursday, February 21, 2019. Interment took place at St-Matthew's Cemetery.

Donations can be made in memory of Mrs. Vera Langlois to the Gaspé Cancer Foundation.



SMITH: Allen

December 29, 1929 - February 19, 2019 (89 years)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. Allen Smith on February 19, 2019, at the age of 89 years and 2 months.

He leaves behind his beloved wife Mrs. Lila McGregor; his children: Bertha (Rodney), Ellen (Pat), Gloria, Gail-Ann (Jean), Caroline (Louis), and Tara-Ann (Sylvain); his grandchildren: Craig, Kayla, Julie, Ryan, Eric, Dominique, Joelle, Kamélie, Shane and Maya; his great-grandchildren: Conan, Emilia; his brothers: Harris and Clément; and many other family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life took place at the Manoir St-Augustin (chapel) on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 3 p.m. A reception followed at the Manoir St-Augustin.

Donations can be made in memory of Mr. Allen J. Smith to the Foundation Hotel-Dieu, Palliative Care Unit.

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IN MEMORY



BILLINGSLEY: Karen Ellen (1958 - 1977)

In loving memory of a darling daughter and sister who was taken from us too early by a car accident on March 5, 1977.

*At night the silent stars look down
On the grave not far from here,
Where sleeps the one we can't forget,
And will always love so dear.
How can we explain to others
The loss we feel inside,
We only know we miss her
And the tears are hard to hide.
She meant so very much to us
Far more than words can say.
There's still an ache within our hearts
The years won't take away.*

Always loved and sadly missed by mother, sisters Landis and Cynthia and brothers: Todd, Jan, Richard, John, George and families.

CAMPBELL: Mary and Marilyn

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who passed away on March 21, 1992. Also in loving memory of a dear daughter, sister and aunt who passed away 15 years ago on May 26, 2004.

*The gates of memory
Will never close
We miss you more
Than anyone knows.
With tender love
And deep regret
We who love you
Will never forget.*

Loved and remembered every day by husband Lawrence; children: Sharon (Jack), Marilyn (who sadly passed away on May 26, 2004), Wayne (Judy who sadly passed away on July 29, 2015), and Sandra (Paul); and grandchildren: Shayne, Patrick (Catherine) and Timothy (Zoe).

DUMARESQ: Gail

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

FLOWERS: Alma

In loving memory of a precious grandmother who passed away March 2, 1983.

*Beautiful memories
Are wonderful things.
They last 'til the longest day,
They never wear out,
They never get lost,
And they can never be given away.
To some you may be forgotten,
To others a part of the past,
But to us who loved you and lost you,
Your memory will always last.*

Lovingly remembered and cherished forever by Carol and Richard Smollett.



FLOWERS: Elmer Clyde

March 5, 1929 - September 5, 2018

In loving memory of a special man, our dad, on his 90th birthday, March 5, 2019.

*Within our store of memories,
Dad holds a place apart;
For no one else can ever be
More cherished in our hearts.*

Happy 90th Birthday in Heaven, Dad. With all our love, daughter Carol and son-in-law Richard.



MCWHIRTER: Lindsay

In loving memory of a loving husband, father and grandfather Lindsay McWhirter who passed away on March 22, 2016.

*Those special memories of you
Will forever bring a smile.
If only we could have you back
For just a little while,
Then we could sit and talk again,
Just like we used to do.
You always meant so very much to us,
And you always will too.
The fact that you're no longer here
Will forever cause us pain.
But you're forever in our hearts
Until we meet again.*

Forever remembered, loved and sadly missed by wife Viola and family.

SMOLLETT: Robert

In loving memory of a dear brother who passed away March 2, 2014.

*A page in our book of memories
Is gently turned today.
We remember you in silence,
And make no outward show,
And what it meant to lose you
No one will ever know.
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.*

Lovingly remembered by brother Richard and sister-in-law Carol.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Elmer Clyde Flowers wishes to express its heartfelt appreciation and sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for the many acts of kindness during our recent bereavement of a beloved husband and father.

A special thank-you to Rev. Joshua Paetkau for the remarkable church service and home visits. We would also like to thank the doctors and nurses and other staff members who provided excellent care to Elmer while he was a patient in Maria Hospital.

Thank you for the generous donations to the Cancer Society and Linda Lemoire-Brown Foundation. All cards, food, and visits to the home were greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

Doris Flowers and family.



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GASPE:

Diocese of Gaspé Important Meetings

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YORK:

York River Seniors

March 16: St. Patrick's supper and dance at the York River Community Hall. Cocktails at 5 p.m. and supper served at 6 p.m. with music and dancing to follow. BYOB. Price \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Tickets must be purchased in advance from Alfred Cassidy 418-368-2011 or Ron Mundle 418-368-5227. Deadline is March 14.

DOUGLASTOWN:

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St. Patrick Church

March 17: St. Patrick's Day ac-

tivities at the church. 4 p.m. Mass, 5 p.m. Supper. Choice of Irish Stew or Pork Tenderloin with veggies. \$10 per adult, \$5 per child. Takeouts beginning at 4:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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BARACHOIS:

Legion Branch 261

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March 11: Regular monthly

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March 16: St. Patrick's Day potluck supper beginning at 5 p.m. for members and invited guests. Entertainment to follow.

March 18: Annual Meeting beginning at 1:30.

March 23: Military Whist beginning at 8 p.m. light lunch served, admission \$5.

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 Centre

March 9: Military whist beginning at 8 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:

Curling Bonspiel

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

NEW CARLISLE:

Bible Chapel Services

Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers - 9:30 a.m.; Sunday night service - 7 p.m.; Wednesday: Bible Study and Prayer - 7 p.m. "You Must Be Born Again."

NEW CARLISLE:

Royal Canadian Legion

April 19: New Carlisle Legion presents Tammy Adams from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. \$10 per ticket, limited tickets will be sold. Open Saturdays at 1 p.m.

NEW RICHMOND:

Flea Market

New 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 **Fridays** and **Saturdays** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 248 Perron Blvd, New Richmond.

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.

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.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

Bookroom

Please be advised that the bookroom has reopened.

GESGAPEGIAG:

Important Meeting

This is to inform the community members of Gesgapegiag and the surrounding area that Gesgapegiag healing lodge (NNADAP) hosts AA meetings and is open to everyone. If you are interested in a lifestyle free

of alcohol and substance abuse and have the desire to change, you are invited to attend meetings every **Monday** at 7 p.m.

GESGAPEGIAG:

N.A. Meetings

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

ROTARY CLUB WINNERS

The winners for the week of February 24 are:

Robert Thériault, Aline Boudreau, Sylvie and Bernard Poirier, Elodie Cyr, Bruce Cyr, Réal Cormier and Audrey March

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UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, March 10

10:30 a.m. Hope Town First Lent

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Sunday, March 10

New Carlisle

10 a.m. Morning Prayer

Port Daniel

10 a.m. Morning Prayer

PARISH OF GASPÉ

Sunday, March 10

St. Paul's - Gaspé

10 a.m. Morning Prayer



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, there's always ample opportunity to learn from past mistakes. You can make amends for previous misdeeds this week when you're reunited with someone from the past.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Others seem to be feeding you information on a need-to-know basis. This may be frustrating, Taurus. But a little extra patience is required for the time being.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, the need to delegate will

present itself throughout the week. Don't take on more than you can handle. Trust that those around you are up to the task.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

The image that you project can be much more important than the work you actually do, Cancer. Have a good public relations team in your corner.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

The goodwill you demonstrate will come around in time, Leo. Continue to be generous and help others whenever possible. Karma is on your side.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

It is not easy to admit when you are wrong, Virgo. When the need to do

so arises, be gracious and offer your apologies in a heartfelt way that will resonate with others.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, support is a two-way street. If you boost the confidence of a friend or loved one, in return he or she may help you in big ways. Work as a team to foster communication.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Take a step back from the rush and pressure that has surrounded you lately, Scorpio. You can use the rest to clear your mind. This break will help you tackle new things.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you may be eager to step into a new job right when another is finished. While this can be good for

productivity, make sure you avoid burnout.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, sometimes you are acutely aware of details that others readily miss. This trait comes in handy when you are asked to advise others.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

It is important to be self-aware of the way you communicate with others, Aquarius. Pushing too hard might shut some people off. Adjust your approach accordingly.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Psychic feelings are pronounced this week, Pisces. Try to hone in on what these sensations are attempting to tell you.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 3

Camila Cabello, Singer (22)

MARCH 4

Patricia Heaton, Actress (61)

MARCH 5

Eva Mendes, Actress (45)

MARCH 6

DL Hughley, Comic (56)

MARCH 7

Bryan Cranston, Actor (63)

MARCH 8

Lester Holt, News Anchor (60)

MARCH 9

Oscar Isaac, Actor (40)

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2019 Wakeham-York Winter Carnival

The 49th annual Wakeham-York Winter Carnival was held from February 15 to 23, 2019. Carnival activities included a Military Whist Tournament at York Hall on Friday, February 15.

Family snowshoeing, a masquerade and other family fun activities were held at York Rink on Saturday afternoon. A Lumberjack Supper at the York River Seniors' Hall finished off the day.

A gift bingo was held at the York Hall on Sunday afternoon.

A Tuck tournament was held on Thursday, February 21, at York Hall and a Texas Hold-em tournament was at the same location on Friday evening.

The final day of the carnival was Saturday, February 23. It started off with a breakfast at York Hall, followed by a Snowmobile Poker Rally up the St. John River and returning to the hall by 4:30 p.m. The drawing of prizes and poker hands was held afterwards.

Music and dancing with Nash Stanley capped off the weekend on Saturday evening.

All profits from the carnival go to support York Rink. Committee members are thankful for the support they received and are already thinking about next year's carnival which will include some special activities to mark the 50th anniversary of this fun event.



Masquerade

Photo: Andrew Patterson



Snowmobile Rally

Photo: Andrew Patterson



Masquerade

Photo: Cynthia Jean



Ice Bowling

Photo: Andrew Patterson



Family Snowshoeing

Photo: Cynthia Jean

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