

Sunny Bank: Class action suit goes to court

Nelson **Sergerie**

GASPÉ: - The class action suit by residents of the Sunny Bank district in Gaspé against the Quebec Ministry of Transport (MTQ) will start on May 13 at the Percé courthouse.

“It’s been a long road, but we are finally reaching the end of our quest for justice. Despite the MTQ once again requesting a postponement, Judge Alain Michaud of the Superior Court rendered a decision on April 2, demanding that the trial begin in May or early June 2019, as scheduled,” spokesperson Andy Patterson stated.

Is the Quebec Ministry of Transports responsible?

Deposited in 2013 and authorized in 2015, the recourse comes after the heavy rains of December 13 to 15, 2010. During those few days 246 millimetres of rain fell on Gaspé. The Sunny Bank-Wakeham road, rebuilt in 1977, slows the flow of the York River.

The trial will be split in two phases. The first phase will



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This photo taken from the old road shows the incline of the current road built in 1977.

mainly concern facts with witnesses, such as the residents of Sunny Bank. “The Department of Transport built a road in 1977 that is affected by a design flaw and / or construction flaw. It changed the flow of the river’s water. It therefore aggravated the flood situation and caused damages to the members of the group,” says the applicants’ attorney, Vin-

cent Blais-Fortin. The appeal is for the 2010 flood and the other floods that have followed since.

Impacts on the population

Residents experienced significant property damage in 2010 and the consequences are compelling. “There is material

and moral damage that has been suffered, not to mention the damages to buildings. There is a loss to the value of the building when reselling it. Often, real estate investing is the most important investment of one’s life. There are people who have lost a lot with the value of their building,” says Blais-Fortin.

It is difficult to set a

timetable for hearing the case. The court will first make a judgment on liability. The judge can take about six months. “There will be many eye witnesses. Expert witnesses will be heard. We are talking about a file that goes back a long way. There is an important historical perspective in this file,” adds the lawyer.

Before 1977, it was a simple path up to the York River. When there was surplus water, the floodplain absorbed it and the water passed over the road. In 1952, a higher construction ensured that the water would remain blocked, but the new road in 1977 slowed the flow. That caused the water to drain and the residents suffered the consequences.

Floods occurred in 1980, 1981, 1983, 1997, 1999, 2004 and 2009 before citizens launched the idea of a lawsuit. The lawyer expects a decision on liability in 2020. If the responsibility of the MTQ is established, the monetary court action will follow. The lawyer does not want to establish an amount, but at least \$3 million has been mentioned in the past.

Hovercraft assigned to de-ice Restigouche River before flooding

Gilles **Gagné**

MATAPEDIA: – The Canadian Coast Guard hovercraft Sipu Muin started working on the Restigouche River on April 15, in order to de-ice problematic sections of the river and avoid flooding. Since January citizens of Matapedia have been worried about flooding.

The arrival of the hovercraft in Matapedia came after a two-day stop in Gaspé, due to a mechanical problem.

The winter was marked by cold weather and abundant quantities of snow. The Restigouche River underwent a debacle during the Christmas holidays, which increased the quantity of ice on the river,

especially near Matapedia. Most of the ice that descended the river in December accumulated a few hundred metres down river, in the railway and road bridges area, where the most damaging jams have occurred historically.

The jam that caused the most damage took place on April 17, 1994, 25 years ago, and caused millions of dollars of damage in and around Matapedia.

The Sipu Muin is also in the Bay of Chaleur area to de-ice Acadian Peninsula harbours, ensuring the start of the snow crab fishing season in the southern Gulf of Saint Lawrence. Sipu Muin means “river bear” in Mi’gmaq.



Photo: Gilles Gagné

Galt: Cuda launches an environmental study

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GASPÉ: – Cuda Oil and Gas is launching an environmental study of the Galt project, 20 kilometres west of Gaspé.

The company is consulting about a hundred various groups including elected officials, environmental activists, the Gaspé Chamber of Commerce, suppliers of goods and services and cottage owners near the site.

This is the second step of the process determined by the Quebec government in January eventually leading to the authorization to operate the site. The Ministry of the Environment has since received more than 400 comments regarding the Galt project and it is on this basis that the *Activa Environnement* firm will document the environmental study.

Asked about the main issue, the vice president of Cuda, Mathieu Lavoie answers without hesitation: “It is the fracking. There is no fracturing in the Galt project. It’s important for us to say it. It is presented like that and the decree that will authorize the project will be to have 30 wells, without fracking,” he says.

Before discussing the economic impact, the variants could change in the impact study. “Once the project is modeled, we will go to the economic study. Currently, we have ideas of size in terms of potential spin-offs. We are talking about \$85 million over eight years. The official data will be in a study that will come later once the project is fully organized.”

Quebec’s *Régie de l’énergie* will have to determine

the actual economic benefits of the project.

Risks

The *Activa Environnement* firm must assess the risks. The concerns of the citizens are about the possibility of water contamination. “The main risk is the risk of spills once the oil is out of the ground. The risks inside the well are very well controlled, says the project director, François Tremblay.

What will be the precautionary measures to prevent spills? “It’s the purpose of the exercise to assess the potential impacts, to get the expertise. There is a team of experts working on the project to properly assess the risks and see what can be put in place,” adds Activa Director Jean-François Hudon.

Delays

The environmental study phase is expected to take place by the fall. The document will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for validation. Subsequently, a *Bureau d’audiences publiques sur l’environnement* (BAPE) could be held in the spring of 2020.

Regarding the opposition by the Mi’kmaq, discussions are ongoing and Mr. Lavoie is cautious with regards to the critic formulated by the Member of the National Assembly for the riding of Gaspé, who said that the project is not needed because of the risks tied to it.

“If you position yourself against the project without knowing what this project is, it’s because you really do not

want it. It gives us the opportunity to see what the impact on the environment really is. It is our responsibility to propose a project that will have a low impact on the environment. If we are not able to do that, the government will not make the decision to allow a project that has a large impact,” says Mr. Lavoie.

Cuda will invest \$135 million over eight years for drilling and has a realistic goal of recovering eight million barrels over 40 years, with 30 conventional wells.

“Modeling will be done on 15 million barrels, but the economic studies will be done on eight million barrels. It would be unfair to do economic studies on 15 million barrels while there is just a 10% chance that we can recover that amount,” calculates the developer.

Galt: Lots of questions remain unanswered

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GASPÉ: - After a meeting with Cuda Oil and Gas, *Ensemble pour l’avenir durable du grand Gaspé* still has several unanswered questions about the Galt project, near Gaspé.

On April 9 the oil company requested a meeting with the environmental group to explain its project. Although she welcomed the initiative, the group’s president, Lise Chartrand, wants answers on several matters, including the use of acids in the operation, the route of the pipeline and the ensuing transportation mode of oil.

“There will be an effort to answer all these questions, but what is feared is that we could not raise further questions because it could lead to other issues.”

The issue of social acceptability has quickly come to the forefront. “We can see that they are working to obtain it (social acceptability). Repeating that there will be no hydraulic fracturing, it’s a winner,” continues Ms. Chartrand.

The spokesperson recalls that there is no definition as such of social acceptability. She added that the Segma research survey conducted by the Côte-de-Gaspé MRC in January 2018 revealed that 70% of the population was in favour of the project if there was no fracking.

Cuda will hold a public meeting on April 24 in the environmental study phase of the project.



Lise Chartrand, President of *Ensemble pour l’avenir durable du grand Gaspé*

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If weather permits, most Gaspé Peninsula lobster fishing boats will go to sea on April 27.

Weather permitting, lobster season will start on April 27

Gilles Gagné

PASPEBIAC: – The 2019 lobster fishing season will start on April 27 from Gaspé to New Carlisle as long as the weather cooperates and permits the fishermen to go to sea.

Ice conditions should not be a factor for that stretch of the Gaspé Peninsula this year, explains O’Neil Cloutier, director general of the Southern Gaspé Professional Fishermen Group.

“There was a consulting committee that met recently and the date of April 27 was agreed on. There is no need this year to hold conference calls over ice conditions before deciding on a date. Only a large storm can prevent the fishermen from going to sea, such as winds of over 20 knots (40 kilometres per hour). The ice disappeared quite fast. All those north and northwest winds broke up the ice floes and pushed the pieces towards the Gulf of Saint Lawrence,” explains Mr. Cloutier.

The Gaspé to New Carlisle area covers Zone 20 and all its subzones. The beginning of lobster fishing in the west part of the Bay of Chaleur, Zone 21, which covers the coast between Bonaventure East and Miguasha, will be determined later.

“It varies. The fishermen will decide. They will sort it out themselves depending on the ice coming from the rivers and the big influx of fresh water coming in the bay,” adds Mr. Cloutier.

The same decision process will apply to the northern side of the Gaspé Peninsula, including a part of the Forillon point’s south side.

“The fishermen of that area

are scarcely distributed over a long coast. They communicate their fishing date to the department of Fisheries and Oceans,” says O’Neil Cloutier.

The average price of lobster in the Gaspé Peninsula could reach about \$7 per pound. “I have not checked it daily but the word from Boston was pointing towards a price of about \$7 per pound,” he says, referring to the Boston Seafood Show held at the beginning of March.

Last year, Gaspesian lobster fishermen experienced an excellent year, with landings of 2,733 metric tonnes worth \$39.5 million.

That value was hampered by a loss of landings of \$2.8 million. That loss was attributable to the preventive closure of subzones over the last two-and-a-half weeks of the season, due to the presence of a right whale 16 kilometres off the coast, where lobster fishermen never go.

In 2019, that kind of pre-

ventive closure including areas located 10 or 20 kilometres from a right whale sighting is not supposed to happen. A lobster fishing area will only be partially closed if a right whale comes in a sector where water depth is less than 20 fathoms (120 feet) of water.

The fishermen will still be allowed to keep their traps at 60 feet of water or less. That area will only be closed if a right whale gets into the sector where water depth is inferior to 60 feet. That closure period would last two weeks.

Lobster fishermen are not too concerned about the eventual presence of right whales in their sector since they have never seen that kind of sea mammal along the Gaspesian coastline.

“We still think that Fisheries and Oceans Canada should have adopted a higher number of steps before closing an area, like 20 fathoms, then 15, 10 and five but we have no choice,” concludes O’Neil Cloutier.

Shrimp price: an arbitrator will decide

Nelson Sergerie

GASPÉ - An arbitrator will decide on the price paid to shrimp fishermen.

The Greater Gaspé Shrimp Fishermen's Board therefore applied, on April 11, the new mechanism established by the Régie des Marchés Agricoles set up this year.

“It’s my policy not to run figures in the public square, but what I can tell you is that the gap is quite significant,” says the director of the board, Patrice Element.

The arbitrator's hearing of the case must take place between the 7th and 14th day of the filing of the application, therefore within the next two weeks.

The settlement reached in 2018 set prices at \$1.68 for large specimens, \$1.35 for average-sized ones and \$1.14 for smaller shrimp, an average increase of 38% compared to 2017 prices.

The new model plans to set a price for the period between April 1 and June 30.

Police report

The bail hearing for Jimmy Levesque, 38, from Dalhousie, and Michel Perron, 52, from Campbellton, both charged with break and enter, theft and forcible confinement, is now scheduled for May 6 at the New Carlisle courthouse. The two men are suspected of having broken into the house of a Nouvelle couple on the evening of March 19 in order to steal some objects of value. The victims, both in their seventies, were tied and left in that state.

The vehicle allegedly used by the two men was found the following day in Dalhousie and the two men were arrested on March 28 and March 29, then charged in the following hours. They have been remanded in custody since. Jimmy Levesque is defended by Ariane Cayer, who asked Quebec Court Judge Andrée Saint-Pierre for some time to become familiar with the case. Michel Perron’s lawyer is Mikaël Bernard from New Brunswick. He must get permission from the Quebec Bar in order to represent his client. This could take three weeks.

A number of Gaspesians, including commercial fishermen, recently received fines from Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The fines imposed on the offenders total \$24,950.

Percé’s Éric Cloutier is fined \$750 for having failed to complete the electronic logbook and ensure that the data is complete and closed prior to the landing of lobster at the end of a fishing trip.

Yvon Roussy from Port Daniel-Gascons must pay \$750 for having failed to make the necessary arrangements to ship an observer at sea on the date, time and place specified in the Atlantic halibut fishing expedition.

Bonaventure’s Dominic Boucher is fined \$1,500 for having illegally fished lobster in a closed fishing area and for possession of a lobster whose size at cephalothorax was less than 82.55 mm. The seized objects were permanently confiscated.

Danny Lepage of Saint-Siméon is fined \$3,000 for illegal lobster fishing in a closed fishing area, for possession of berried females, and for possession of a lobster whose size was less than 82.55 mm. The objects seized during the operation were confiscated.

Steve Lepage also of Saint-Siméon is fined \$3,000 for illegal lobster fishing in a closed fishing area, and possession of berried females. The objects seized during the operation were confiscated.

Guylain Deraspe of Saint-Godefroi is fined \$4,250 for having omitted to have his mackerel license with him and present it on request to fishery officers, for failure to provide the information required by a call to a dockside company prior to arrival at the wharf, for three failures to complete his logbook during two mackerel and one herring fishing expeditions prior to arriving at a port and for failure to forward combined forms truthfully completed to the Fisheries and Oceans Canada office following herring and mackerel landings.

Maria’s Ronald Glazer, Newport’s Denis Lavallée and Victoriaville’s Vinciane Thienpont de Coster, are each fined \$300 for having collected shellfish in a closed area during the recreational fishing season.

Tommy Hautcoeur, of Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé, is first fined \$900 for possession of snow crab less than 95 mm in size and \$2,500 for having fished Atlantic halibut in a closed area without license condition. Fisheries and Oceans Canada confiscated the proceeds of the sale of the seized fish.

Grand River’s Irvin Jones must pay a fine of \$3,000 for having fished snow crab in a closed quadrilateral and for having fished snow crab in the closed area of the Irving Whale, off the coast of the Magdalen Islands. The objects seized in the initial intervention of fisheries officers were confiscated.

Christian Lelièvre also from Grand River is fined \$900 because he was found in possession of snow crab less than 95 mm in size.

Chandler’s Steve Duguay is fined \$3,500 for having failed to provide the information required by a call to a dockside company prior to arrival at a port with mackerel and for having failed to send truthfully completed combined forms to the Fisheries and Oceans Canada office.

Editorial



Commentary

Gilles Gagné

Who will be the leader of Quebec's Liberal Party?

By pulling out of the eventual Quebec's Liberal Party leadership race, former Transport Minister André Fortin disappointed some supporters but mostly he showed that the task of rebuilding the party will likely be huge.

Aged 37, Mr. Fortin was considered until now the favourite candidate to win a race that will take place at a yet undetermined period in 2020. He was also seen by other Liberal Party members of the National Assembly (MNA) as the most likely candidate to give a new image to a party that has greatly suffered from a lack of a thorough platform since the departure of Robert Bourassa in January 1994.

However, the image of Mr. Fortin and the expectations placed on him were exaggerated, since he was 37 and because Robert Bourassa was elected in 1970 two-and-a-half months before his 37th birthday, a lot of people saw similarities between the two men.

During his 11 months as Quebec Transport minister, Mr. Fortin was far from impressive. He didn't just embarrass himself the way his predecessors Robert Poëti, the late Jacques Daoust and Laurent Lessard did. Unlike Robert Bourassa, he didn't have a major political plan in mind, or he never voiced it, during the six months of reflection time he has had since the defeat of his party and the ensuing resignation of leader Philippe Couillard.

The MNA for the riding of Pontiac, André Fortin explained his pulling out of the race by the fact that

with the responsibilities of a party leader he could not be the father he wants to be for his two young children.

That is a good reason. He also talked with excitement about the advantage the party has to rebuild, in the sense that a brand new canvas will instill new ideas.

Had Mr. Fortin told the whole story, though, he could have added in all honesty that the Liberal Party is far from attractive at the present time. The Coalition avenir Québec, despite its blunders, seems solid enough to win another election in 2022, especially considering the weaknesses of the traditional parties.

The Liberal Party of Quebec only garnered 24.8% of Quebecers' votes on October 1, 2018 and won only 29 ridings. It was its worst since 1867. Only two elected Liberal MNAs represent a riding outside the island of Montreal. Only 10% of francophone Quebecers voted for that party. Who wants to talk about disconnection with the electorate?

It has often been said that the Parti Québécois is fighting for its survival. The same thing could almost be said about the Liberal Party of Quebec, although financially, the situation of the latter is more promising, as the PQ is almost totally broke.

Since the 2003 electoral victory of Jean Charest, the Liberal Party, barring a few exceptions, has gradually taken a distance from the rural regions of Quebec. The Gaspé Peninsula is probably one of the best examples to illustrate that reality. In 2008, the Bonaventure and Gaspé ridings were represented by Liberal MNAs, Nathalie Normandeau, and the late Georges Mamelonet respectively. If we add the Magdalen Islands, a third riding was "red." All those ridings were lost over the last election, although by small margins in Gaspé and the Magdalen Islands in 2018, it is true.

The lack of considerations given to all-important regional stakes such as transportation, health care, manpower recruitment and tourism contributed heavily to the Liberal demise. The region was never important enough to have Philippe Couillard's government move quickly, with intelligence and respect.

The railway file remains the most conspicuous proof of that inability, or disinterest, to act swiftly, as

five summers went by during Philippe Couillard's tenure without sizeable repair work on the Matapédia-Gaspé line's over-studied bridges, a problem identified at least 10 years ago.

So far, André Fortin is not the only potential leadership candidate to have forfeited. Aged 62, Pierre Moreau, who had lost the 2013 leadership race to Mr. Couillard, pulled out. If the CAQ wins another term in 2022, Pierre Moreau will be 69 for the ensuing 2026 poll. He would have a hard time personifying the party's rejuvenation in a leadership campaign.

Much younger at 44, Sébastien Proulx also pulled out. He is probably not interested in the wear and tear that would come during six potential years as an opposition leader. Businessman Alexandre Taillefer's dismal electoral campaign presidency in 2018 about disqualifies him for the leadership campaign, and he has pulled out anyway. Like Pierre Moreau, current interim leader Pierre Arcand is far from personifying new ideas. The current secular society debate stemming from Bill 21 is a testimony to his lack of open-mindedness.

So, the list is short for now. It consists of Dominique Anglade, who did a satisfactory job as minister in the Couillard government but who is a former Coalition avenir Québec president. Will she be forgiven for that?

The other interesting candidate is Marwah Rizky, MNA of Saint-Laurent, recently elected, only 33 years of age and energetic. She acknowledges that rebuilding the party will be long and intense. The Liberal Party senior brass members have not shown a knack for self-criticism in the past. The admissions made by Ms. Rizky might prove too much for them but if she ends up the only interesting candidate, they might have no choice.

Easter Blessings

The long winter has left and Easter is looming in most households throughout the Gaspé. Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, peace and happiness. Easter is a time of the resurrection of our Lord and He sent his son Jesus to pay our debts in full when He was crucified and He freely died for our sins.

Our scenic coast is forever filled with the beauty of nature and many Easter wishes are filled in colourful baskets found in most homes. Easter has many new beginnings such as the fresh scent of our salty Chaleur Bay waters, that rejoicing filled with that mystic experience of giving at Easter and those chocolate goodies that look so tasty many times over. With a late Easter in April spells that beauty of tulips and daffodils filling those hilly fields in the distances along our coast, knowing that Easter is springtime with summer just around the corner.

-Ken Ross, New Carlisle

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CAQ government modifies Optilab to increase analyses done by local hospitals

Gilles Gagné

MARIA: – Quebec’s Health and Social Services Minister Danielle McCann is modifying the highly controversial Optilab reform undertaken by her predecessor, Gaétan Barette. She will restore a higher proportion of laboratory analyses carried out in local hospitals, instead of the centralization undertaken in 2017.

Gaétan Barette initiated the Optilab reform three years ago and applied it a year later in order to regroup at least 70% of medical analyses in so-called regional hospitals. The targeted purpose of the initiative was to increase the efficiency of the analysis process but the results did not materialize.

Transportation time proved a major hurdle in any efficiency gained, as well the impossibility of having a hospital located three to six hours away delivering rapidly an analysis result that could be obtained in an hour in the hospital where

the sample was taken. Management problems were also criticized over the last two years, either because samples were lost or expired due to the time elapsed during transport.

The Optilab reform also created tensions in the laboratories themselves, as the move implied dozens of jobs transferred from the Gaspé Peninsula to Rimouski, as well as the administrative responsibilities coming with the centralization. That latter move has been completed.

Sylvain Roy, Member of the National Assembly for the riding of Bonaventure, thinks the decision made by Minister McCann is a step in the right direction but he also states that a lot remains to be done in order to return Gaspé Peninsula hospitals to full working order, like they were before 2017.

“We lost laboratory technician jobs in the last two years. It is hard to get the accurate number but I am told that we lost 20. If we bring back in the

local hospitals 50% of the work currently carried out in the major hospitals, will the laboratories be up to date? Were the small laboratories partly dismantled?” asks Sylvain Roy, anxious to get answers.

“We must rebuild part of the network. Firstly, the laboratories have to be upgraded. Secondly, the technicians must be brought back and thirdly, (government) people must understand that we don’t improve human beings’ samples by putting them on the roads,” he adds.

Mr. Roy knows a bit about laboratory result delays. He fought cancer in 2018 during the electoral campaign.

“During the diagnosis period, I underwent biopsies and it was taking between a week and two weeks before getting results. Is it normal to send by bus or in a pickup truck samples obtained from a biopsy to a laboratory located three or four hours away? Is it normal

to wait until you have enough samples to justify a trip to Rimouski? It is not normal,” states Sylvain Roy.

Minister McCann is not axing Optilab completely. She calls her initiative Optilab 2.0, an improved version of the reform initiated by Gaétan Barette.

“The administration of the laboratories should be brought

back to the local hospitals,” says Sylvain Roy.

“If you want to manage an increase in the number of tests carried out in a lab, the decision process must go hand in hand. In order to determine if some tests are urgent and must be prioritized, the management must be close by,” concludes the Member of the National Assembly.

Booster seat rules to change on April 18

Gilles Gagné

QUEBEC: - The SAAQ, the *Société de l'assurance-automobile du Québec*, will apply a new rule pertaining to children’s booster seats. Currently a booster seat is required until a child reaches a seated height of 63 centimetres (top of the child’s head to the seat).

Starting on April 18, children measuring less than 145 centimetres in height while standing up will be required to use a booster seat, until they reach that height or they turn nine years of age. That measure was adopted in 2018.

“It will be enforced by the Sûreté du Québec on April 18. A failure to respect that new norm will lead to the imposition of an \$80 fine, plus \$28 in fees and \$20 for the fund helping crime victims, for a total of \$128,” explains Sgt. Claude Doiron of the Sûreté du Québec.

The SAAQ suggests parents continue using a booster seat if their child is still shorter than 145 centimetres despite having reached age nine. The goal consists of maximizing the seat belt, which is supposed to protect children by using shoulders and hips to absorb shocks during an accident. Bones like clavicles and the pelvis are better suited to absorb those shocks than the neighbouring parts of the body. The exact wording of the new rule can be consulted on the siegedauto.qc.ca web site.



Energy board wants to expand

Nelson Sergerie

SAINTE-ANNE-DES-MONTS: - *The Régie intermunicipale de l'énergie Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine* is in discussions with the province in order to expand its field of expertise.

The board, owned by 39 municipalities, representing 96% of the region’s population and operating three wind farms, would like to add and profit from other renewable energy sectors.

“If we look at the trends in energy transitions, we are looking at other areas of expertise. We want to copy the model of the wind energy sector as, for example, in the solar panel,” explains the president of the board and mayor of Sainte-Anne-des-Monts, Simon Deschênes.

Developing other niches would require specialist support in these new forms of energy. “If we ever had recognition, we would have to surround ourselves with a good person to accompany us to invest in other projects,” says the president.

Moreover, Mr. Deschênes acknowledges the Quebec government’s announcement to obtain a source of 5% renewable natural gas by 2025. Renewable natural gas pertains to

the methane from landfill sites. Forest biomass is also part of the ideas on the table by the management.

More money for member municipalities

A better than expected performance of its wind farms allows the Board to return an additional \$1.5 million to municipalities. This amount is in addition to the \$3.1 million already provided in the 2018 budget.

The explanation is simple: “only by the performance of our wind turbines, their availability and the winds that have been strong for some time,” says the president.

He explains that the wind turbines on each of the fleets have not suffered a major break, which has allowed the fleets to provide energy at full capacity.

It is too early to predict the trend in 2019 but the board envisions paying \$3 million to municipalities. The performance at the beginning of the year is promising.

“We will be careful, but I can tell you that January was very high in our forecasts and February too. This augurs well for 2019.”

Welcome income

These autonomous revenues make it possible to round up the budgets of the member municipalities.

“These are autonomous revenues that enter our municipalities. We have the leisure to do what we want with this money. It allows us to maintain a stable tax burden for taxpayers while investing in infrastructure to improve citizens’ living environments.”

For example, Gaspé received a base amount of \$655,000 in 2018 from the wind farm. The additional amount adds \$315,000 for a total of \$970,000 on a \$25.4 million budget. For a small municipality like Murdochville, the royalty totals \$26,000 on a budget of \$1.9 million.

The royalty is paid from the standardized property values of the municipalities.



The Bloc Québécois might have a candidate for the Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine

Nelson Sergerie

MONT-LOUIS - In addition to Liberal Member of Parliament Diane LeBouthillier and Conservative candidate Jean-Pierre Pigeon, the Mayor of Saint-Maxime-du-Mont-Louis, Guy Bernatchez is thinking of running for the Bloc Québécois in Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine.

The elected representative of the small municipality of Haute-Gaspésie should confirm his intentions this month giving himself some time to reflect upon his decision.

He met with the leader of the Bloc Québécois Yves-François Blanchet twice. “These are meetings where we had good discussions. The situation is quite encouraging at the moment, given everything that has happened in recent months and weeks (in the Bloc),” says the candidate.

Sovereignty is always there

Sovereignist Mr. Bernatchez informed his municipal council of his intentions. In his eyes, sovereignty would be a plus for a region like the Gaspé Peninsula.

“The project is dragging its feet and it takes new people to take over in order to keep the issue alive, so it’s not dead in the face of adversity. I believe that a party like the Bloc in Ottawa has a place to defend the interests of Quebec and the Gaspé,” says Mr. Bernatchez.

A 47-year-old forest technician, Mr. Bernatchez intends to remain at work and at the town hall of his municipality until the election is called.

Happy Easter



Ms. Addisyn Renouf from Port Daniel plays in the snow with her Easter eggs and basket.



Ms. Kayleigh-Rae Kruse from Paspébiac with her beautiful basket of eggs.



Ms. Sydney Parisé from New Carlisle wearing her Easter bonnet.



Mr. Cole Fitzgerald-Flowers from New Carlisle pretends he's the Easter Bunny.



Ms. Annabelle Walker Mackenzie from Hope Town displays her Easter crafts.



Mr. Isaac Dupont-Walker from Sherbrooke is very pleased with his painted eggs.



Eggs and cupcakes made by Jessie LeGrand, Jennifer Bujold and Kimberly Harrison.



Sisters Madison, Sophie and Aubree Ross from Hope Town share their Easter creations.

Happy Easter



Mr. Felix, the hamster from New Carlisle is ready to celebrate Easter with his owner Ms. Dakota Fitzgerald-Flowers.



Ms. Chloe and Ms. Zoe Rideout from Gascons proudly display their painted Easter eggs.



Mr. Axl Major from Hope Town loves decorating for Easter.



Ms. Abigail Sally Benwell from New Carlisle carefully displays her Easter eggs.



Mr. Hendrix and Ms. Thora Marin from New Carlisle make quite the pair in their bunny ears.



Siblings Luke, Leah and Lucy Couture from Port Daniel enjoyed painting their Easter eggs so they could share their finished creations with Spec readers.

Happy
Easter!



Ms. Lauren-Makynleigh Walker from Port Daniel all dressed up to go to church on Easter Sunday.



Ms. Skylar-Rayne Anez from Gaspé is ready for her first Easter.



Lyndsay Alyssa Benwell from Port Daniel made this scrumptious chocolate cake with buttercream icing.



DeShown McWhirter from New Carlisle is all geared up for his first Easter.



Easter Fact Hunt

Fun facts to make your Easter sweeter!

16 Billion Jelly Beans Produced for Easter

90 Million Chocolate Easter Bunnies Sold

\$2.4 Billion Easter Candy Spending

146 Million Pounds Easter Candy Purchased

\$17.3 Billion Easter Merchandise Spending

15,873 Pounds The World's Tallest Chocolate Egg

Red Most Popular Jelly Bean Colour

A different kind of egg

At Easter time our thoughts may turn to Easter eggs. They can be made of solid chocolate, filled chocolate or marshmallow, however, there is a kind of Easter egg which has nothing to do with a yummy treat. An Easter egg can be a hidden message in a movie, comic or computer game.

This began in 1979 when a computer programmer for Atari named Warren Robinett was very unhappy with his name not appearing as the creator of a game. He programmed a game so that if a player placed the cursor over a certain part of the game Robinett's name would pop up. When Atari discovered Easter eggs hidden in the game, they thought it was a rather cool thing and decided that more Easter eggs should be included in future games.

Over time these Easter eggs became a tool to assist game players to enhance their video games or to unlock extra features or levels. Some Easter eggs were intentionally placed in computer software. Microsoft Windows had an Easter egg in all of its older operating systems. In the 3D Text screensaver if you entered the word volcano, the name of all volcanoes in the United States would appear. The search engine Google contains numerous Easter eggs. These come up if you ask for very specific searches, such as if you ask Google Maps how to get from New York City to Tokyo, it would respond that you should kayak across the Pacific Ocean. Other more obscure eggs would crop up, for example in Mac, some apps were incorrectly time stamped as January 24, 1984. This was a significant date because it was the day the original Macintosh was available.

So, currently Easter eggs can be hidden messages found in software, movies and other media and they are intentional. Why are some people so fascinated with these secret messages? When you find them, people feel like they have solved a riddle or are part of an inside joke. The thrill is in the discovery. Many artists use these in comic books. Pixar puts Easter eggs in their films. Every film but one, since the original *Toy Story*, has a yellow 1978 Toyota pickup truck that makes a brief appearance.

Alfred Hitchcock, one of the greatest filmmakers of all time, was one of the first directors to place Easter eggs in his films. This was a small cameo appearance by Alfred Hitchcock himself in most of his films, for example, in the movie *The Birds* you can see Hitchcock leaving a pet shop with two small dogs. In the blockbuster film *Frozen* the Easter egg is placed at Elsa's coronation. Look very carefully and you can see Rapunzel and Flynn (from the movie *Tangled*) entering the palace. There are Easter eggs in many more movies including *Star Wars Episode 1*, *Fight Club*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Tron*.

Why are they called Easter eggs? It is because the idea is to hunt for these hidden messages as you would hunt for an Easter egg chocolate. There are many more Easter eggs so go on the hunt! Use the internet to help you find these clever hidden gems. Happy hunting!

-Diane Skinner

Announcements...



OBITUARY



PATTERSON: Eva Marjorie

May 26, 1921 – April 6, 2019

Eva Marjorie Patterson Miller passed away peacefully at the age of 97, on April 6, 2019.

She was predeceased by her husband Hillary Miller. Left to mourn are her children Kerry (Geraldine), Sherrill (Neil) and Bill; her granddaughters Lauren and Michelle; as well as many nieces; nephews; and friends.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at the Centre d'hébergement Mgr. Ross for their compassionate care of their mother over the past five years.

A celebration of life will be held in the summer at a date to be announced later.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Fondation du CISSS de la Côte-de-Gaspé.



IN MEMORY

ASSELIN: Anthony - April 10, 2002

ASSELIN: Kevin - April 19, 1983

Your heart of gold stopped beating,

Two smiling eyes at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove,

He only takes the best.

Deep in our hearts there's a picture,

More precious than silver or gold.

A picture of a dear father and dear brother,

Whose memory will never grow old.

Sadly missed by Marlee and Boyd



RENOUF: Rhoda (nee Sawyer)

In loving memory of a dear mother and mother-in-law who passed away one year ago on April 16, 2018.

"A journey is not complete until one goes home."

It's been a year now, Mom, and I never knew there were so many ways to miss someone. Those first days and weeks of knowing that things would never be the same again finally gave way to moments when I heard your voice in my ear and could smile at what I know you would have said. A year of firsts: my first Mother's Day without a Mother, our first Christmas without you and the first of many times when I thought,

I'll go talk to Mom.

You were a quiet lady,

Beloved by one and all,

Everyone who knew you,

Fond memories can recall.

You taught me right from infant up,

And in your gentle way,

You drove your lessons home

By living it each day.

There is a gift we cannot buy.

It's very rare and true.

It's the gift of a wonderful Mother,

Like the one we had in you.

Thank you for all the precious memories, Mom. Sadly missed and never forgotten by your son Robert and your daughter-in-law Glenna.

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RENOUF: Rhoda (nee Sawyer)

In loving memory of our grandmother (Nanny) who passed away one year ago on April 16, 2018.

Though your smile is gone forever,

And your hand we cannot touch,

Still we have so many fond memories,

Of Nanny whom we loved so much.

You were a wonderful grandmother,

To us your memories will never grow old.

You did everything you could for us.

You had a pure heart of gold.

Thanks for everything, Nanny. We miss you dearly. Always in our hearts and thoughts, your grandsons Troy (Sheryl) and Trevor (Jessica) and great-grandsons Hayden and Joseph.

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COAST ROUND-UP

POINTE-NAVARRE: Sanctuary of Pointe Navarre

May 26: The Annual General Meeting of the Sanctuary of Pointe-Navarre will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Church. You are invited to this meeting to receive information on the administration of the Sanctuary. Everyone welcome.

GASPE: English Book Club Meet the Author

April 30: Beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Gaspé Municipal Library (Biblio at the bottom of the Brise Bise steps) the English book club will meet for afternoon tea and chat about books we have read and enjoyed. This meeting will welcome Claudette Languedoc, who has Gaspé connections, to talk about her book "Courage and Complicity." All are welcome. No charge. Library services are available. For information call Tracy Wolfe at 418-368-3005.

WAKEHAM: Advance notice

Wakeham ACW will be holding its annual summer sale on **Saturday, July 6**, at the York River Community Hall. There will be a bake sale, handicraft table, white elephant table and mystery parcels. Afternoon tea will be served, \$5. Doors open at 2 p.m.

DOUGLASTOWN: Community Centre

Tuesdays: Zumba from 7-8 p.m. \$10/class.
Wednesday: Yoga for women. There are two groups: 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. \$17/class (drop in). Requires minimal experience in yoga. Bring your mat.

MALBAY: Malbay ACW

July 27: All Saints by the Sea Tea, Crafts and Bake Sale at the Malbay Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

April 26: The Barachois Recreation Centre will be holding an 18+ money bingo at 7 p.m. Bilingual. Over \$600 in cash prizes.

PORT DANIEL: Three Star Golden Age Club

Every Wednesday: Pétanque from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost \$3. Come and join the fun and learn a new game!
April 27: Military Whist beginning at 8 p.m. Admission \$5. Light lunch served.

PORT DANIEL: St. James Anglican Church

May 3: Gift bingo beginning at 7 p.m. at the Three Star Golden Age Club. \$10 per series or three for \$20. Canteen open. Great prizes to be won
July 27: Annual Bazaar at the Three Star Golden Age Club. More details to come.

SHIGAWAKE: Community Centre

April 22: Easter gift bingo beginning at 7 p.m. \$10 per series or three for \$20. Canteen service available.

HOPE TOWN: Community Centre

April 26: Gift bingo beginning at 7 p.m. \$10 per series or three for \$20.
May 11: 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.

NEW CARLISLE: Royal Canadian Legion Upcoming Events

April 19: New Carlisle Legion presents Tammy Adams from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. \$10 per ticket. Limited number of tickets will be sold.

April 27: Cribbage tournament. Registration at 12:30. Tournament begins at 1 p.m. \$10 per person. Bring your partner. All welcome. For more information, contact Norma at 418-752-6214.
Open Saturdays at 1 p.m.

NEW CARLISLE: Life Association Mother's Day Tea

May 4: There will be a Mother's Day Tea from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the New Carlisle Town Hall. \$6 per person.

NEW CARLISLE: Dart Club

April 27: Gift bingo at the New Carlisle Legion beginning at 7 p.m. All proceeds go to the Legion. Donations would be greatly appreciated. Contact Tabitha, Tammy, Marie or Darlene at 418-752-4312.

NEW CARLISLE: Bible Chapel Services

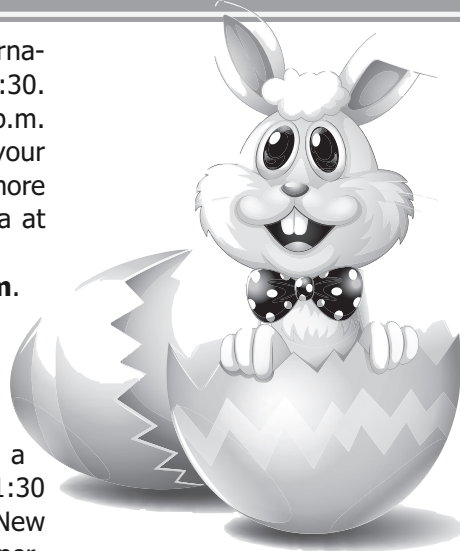
Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers - 9:30 a.m.; Sunday night service - 7 p.m.; Wednesday: Bible Study and Prayer - 7 p.m. "You Must Be Born Again."

NEW CARLISLE: Heritage New Carlisle Advance Notice

May 5: Soap making from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Facilitator Marie-Claude Poirier. Cost \$10.
May 10: Soup and Sweets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the New Carlisle Town Hall.
May 11: Fly tying from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn to tie flies, learn to cast, gain a whole new appreciation of fly fishing. Facilitator Jean Marc Poirier. Cost \$10.

May 14: Heritage New Carlisle Annual General Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Kempffer Cultural and Interpretation Centre.

May 25: Wood carving from 9



a.m. to 4 p.m. Facilitator Marcel Beaulieu. Cost \$15.

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: Bookroom

Please be advised that the bookroom has reopened.

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 Tuesday: Bingo beginning at 7 p.m. Welcome to all.
Every Thursday: Dame de Pique at 1 p.m. \$5 per person.

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 Mawimi 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

April 7: Geneviève Dupuis, Maude Gosselin, Juliette Cyr, Succ. Rose-Alma Querry, Stephen Gilker, Liette Babin and Clark Jones.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Saturday

April 20

Shigawake

7 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

April 21

New Carlisle

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

(Breakfast following service)

Port Daniel

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

PARISH OF GASPÉ

Saturday

April 20

St. Andrews - York

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Easter Sunday

April 21

St. Paul's - Gaspé

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

ALL SAINTS BY THE SEA

**Service at
St. Peter's Malbay**

Easter Sunday

April 21

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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Easter Sunday

April 21

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Easter Sudoku

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the grids so that each horizontal row contains each letter exactly once, each vertical column contains each letter exactly once, and each subgrid contains each letter exactly once.

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Easter Word Find

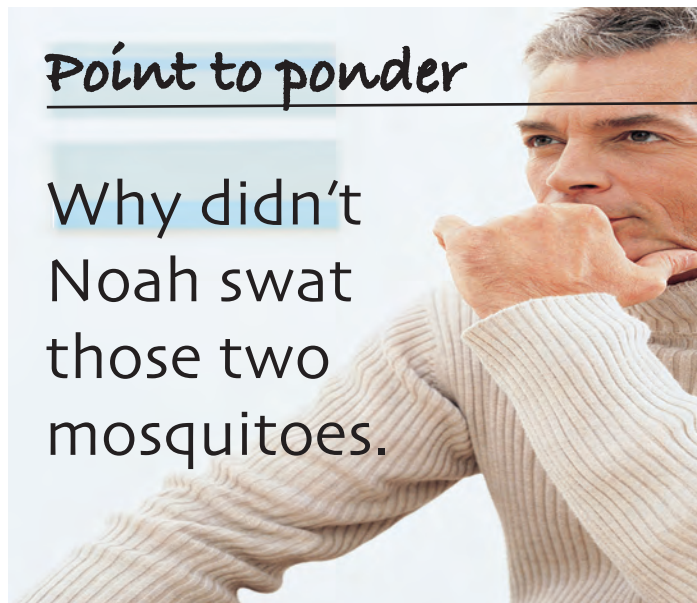
Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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| CHURCH | HIDDEN | SUIT |
| DRESS | HOLIDAY | SUNDAY |
| EASTER | RELIGION | VISITING |

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Point to ponder

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes.



Did You Know?

THE TALLEST CHOCOLATE EASTER EGG EVER MADE WAS PRODUCED IN ITALY IN 2011. IT WAS TALLER THAN A GIRAFFE AND HEAVIER THAN AN ELEPHANT.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, take a few tentative steps forward first before diving wholeheartedly into a situation. It is a good idea to test the waters on any big project before fully submerging.
TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, don't abandon caring for yourself if your to-do list is a mile long. Figure out a way to devote some attention to yourself and reap the rewards.
GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, a new outlook can help you

overcome a problem that's puzzled you. Shift your perspective for a bit, or even embrace some distractions to clear your mind.
CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Powerful connections seem to be turning up in all you do lately, Cancer. These influential people can help you in your career or personal life if you play the right hand.
LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Don't apologize for putting yourself first this week, Leo. People will respect you more when you set clear boundaries and are forthcoming in your interactions.
VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Honesty is one of your foremost qualities, Virgo. Others appreciate this and

will look to you for guidance. Express your thoughts while keeping others in mind.
LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, it's only been a few months but you are on track to meet long-term goals. Keep up the good work and don't be surprised when others notice and acknowledge your progress.
SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Everyone wants a piece of you this week, Scorpio. You might feel like you're getting pulled in a million different directions. Embrace this, but make sure you don't get swept away.
SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, without an efficient system in place, you may seem like you're spinning in too many direc-

tions. You might need to outsource some work.
CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
The truth shall set you free, Capricorn. It could take a while to get to the heart of the matter, but all of your effort will prove well worth it in the long run.
AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, try new things and embrace activities even if it means going out of your comfort zone. It can be scary to break out of routine, but you'll be glad once you do.
PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, find a way to unwind in the days ahead. A hectic schedule is just about to clear up, and you have earned some much-needed rest and relaxation.

- FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**
- APRIL 14
 - Abigail Breslin, Actress (23)
 - APRIL 15
 - Luis Fonsi, Singer (41)
 - APRIL 16
 - Bill Belichick, Coach (67)
 - APRIL 17
 - Victoria Beckham, Designer (44)
 - APRIL 18
 - Chloe Bennet, Actress (27)
 - APRIL 19
 - James Franco, Actor (41)
 - APRIL 20
 - Jessica Lange, Actress (70)

Easter Bonnet

*In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it,
You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade.
I'll be all in clover and when they look you over,
I'll be the proudest fellow in the Easter parade.*

- Irving Berlin

Buying a new hat for Easter used to be such a big thing. Ladies, both young and old, would don their new hat and outfits and show them off proudly at church on Easter Sunday. Those days are gone now and with them the excitement that such endeavours would bring. The rituals of the past were strangely thrilling. On one hand we can say that the pressure is off us to buy a new hat and outfit. On the other is a loss of the thrill of dressing up.

Many rituals from the past have been lost and this is in great part due to the fact that the rules of how to look and act are much less rigid. This allows for freedom of personal expression. That's a good thing. Our clothes tell others who we are and how we see ourselves. Let's consider both sides of this concept.

School uniforms: People who say yes to school uniforms say it makes life easier for parents and students in the morning. No fretting about what to wear. You simply get dressed in your school uniform. Furthermore, students who do not have a lot of money for cool or designer clothes are not embarrassed at not having that clothing. Everyone seems to be equal. Those who say no, cite lack of freedom of expression through clothing.

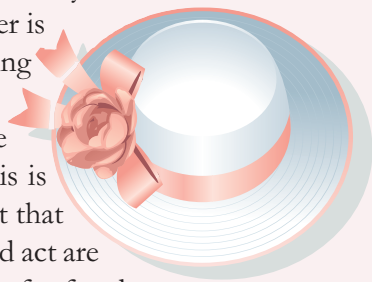
Women in pants: Throughout much of modern western history, pants (trousers) were worn primarily by men. In the 1930s actresses such as Katharine Hepburn and Marlene Dietrich were wearing 'trousers' and this was viewed as slightly scandalous. During World War II, women were working at non-traditional jobs which meant wearing trousers. In the 1960s jeans were introduced for women on a larger scale. They were a hit. Easier to move in, work in, sit in, it just made sense for women to wear slacks, jeans or pants. The young ladies of today would be shocked to think that less than 100 years ago this was considered unfeminine. Except for particular religious groups, women wear jeans and pants in most situations today. Not all, but most.

Wedding and funeral attire: It used to be a strict guideline that one wore black to funerals and never wore white to a wedding, unless you were the bride. That has all changed. People wear anything and everything to both weddings and funerals. This is freedom of expression, freedom to choose. Is there a downside to this? Perhaps only in the minds of those who follow those old traditions. A wedding I attended last summer had people in all manner of outfits including; fancy dresses, suits, capris, blue jeans and shorts. Nobody seemed to really notice or care. It can be said that we were all in attendance to honour the bride and groom. What we were wearing did not change that experience one bit.

Though most people believe in the freedom of expression through clothing there are of course rules. Clothing that is too revealing or sexual can be inappropriate, for example, in the workplace. Clothing must be safe. That is, no hanging strings or fringe near machinery would be an obvious no-no, however, I think we can still make a case for...the Easter bonnet!

How much fun would it be for people, young and old, male and female, to restart the Easter hat tradition? Hats could be whimsical or adorned with flowers. Hats could have veils or be made of straw. Hats could be traditional or rainbows of colourful confection. You could purchase a hat or make one. How much fun if we all did that and paraded around, either in church or out and about with our new chapeau? I support this freedom - the freedom to wear an Easter bonnet!

Reflections by Diane Skinner



Easter Quiz

-Diane Skinner

Do you know how the date of Easter is determined? It is held on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the vernal (March) equinox. The vernal equinox is the first day calendar day of spring. How many of these other Easter facts do you know?

1. The Ukrainian tradition of painting eggs is called
2. Giving Easter eggs is a symbol of
3. The most popular non-chocolate Easter treat is
4. What part of a chocolate Easter bunny do most people eat first?
5. Is it Halloween or Easter when the most candy is eaten?
6. Easter is the Christian celebration of
7. Easter takes place on a Sunday after 40 days of
8. The idea of the Easter bunny giving chocolate treats originated in
9. The official flower of Easter is
10. There are various kinds of Easter candy. What percent of that candy is chocolate?

Easter Word Jumble

-Diane Skinner

Get a big piece of paper. The challenge is this. Write the words Easter bonnet at the top. Treat these as 1 word. Try to find 1 - 10 letter word, 5 - 8 letter words, 20 - 7 letter words, 35 - 6 letter words, 50 - 5 letter words, 50 - 4 letter words, 25 - 3 letter words. You may be an overachiever and find more than these numbers suggest! You may find words that are not in next week's answer list. Don't cheat by using google. Challenge a friend. Determine points by crossing out the words you both found and circling the ones that only you found. You get a point for each of those words. It is proven that exercising your brain provides benefits - such as decreasing the onset of certain kinds of dementia!

Get Cracking

-Diane Skinner

Eggs are associated with Easter because both symbolize new life. The practice of dyeing and decorating eggs can be traced back to the 13th century but Easter egg hunts are a more modern tradition. The unpretentious egg is a huge part of many people's diets year-round, but, at approximately 30 cents each, eggs are an especially economical food to serve and enjoy. And, eggs can be served in so many ways!

World's Best Scrambled Eggs

Not everyone agrees about what consistency scrambled eggs should have. Many believe they should be super soft and perhaps a tad runny. It's all up to personal preference.

Directions:

Crack your fresh eggs into a bowl and whip them really well, so well, that the yolks and eggs are well blended. Add a bit of salt. Add butter to non-stick pan. (Butter is best) Cook over medium-low heat. Be patient because great scrambled eggs take time.

Using a spatula, add egg mixture to pan and keep things moving. Don't let the eggs cook on their own or they will toughen up. After about 3 minutes they will be a light and fluffy concoction. Put on a plate and salt and pepper to taste. Some cooks like to add to this already perfect recipe. That's okay. We all enjoy a variety of flavours. You can add grated cheddar cheese about half way through cooking, a tablespoon of cream cheese and chopped green onion or a couple of tablespoons of freshly grated parmesan and freshly chopped basil.

Ham and Spinach Egg Bake

Make extra because these little bundles of goodness are great for a quick breakfast.

Ingredients:

Package of piecrust (Can use the boxed kind where you just add water OR Tart shells you can purchase frozen)

4 large eggs
Package of frozen chopped spinach (squeeze out excess moisture)
½ cup chopped ham
¾ cup of light cream
2 green onions
Salt and pepper

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375. Rack should be at lowest level.
Cut pastry into 12 rounds, or use the frozen tart shells.
Grease muffin tins if using pastry.
Chill for about 10 minutes.
In a medium bowl place eggs, spinach, chopped green onion, ham, salt and pepper to taste.
Spoon into crust. Bake about 20 minutes, checking for doneness.
Can be eaten warm or cold.

Cloud Eggs

This recipe is so simple to make and should feed about 4 people.

Ingredients:

8 large eggs
½ pound of deli ham
1 cup of parmesan cheese
Salt and pepper

Directions:

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
Grease a large cookie sheet with Pam (or other cooking spray)
Separate whites and yolks. Put whites in a large bowl. Put yolks in a smaller bowl.
Whisk the egg whites until you see stiff peaks. (Normally 3 minutes.)
Add parmesan cheese and ham.
Add salt and pepper to taste.
Spoon 8 mounds of the egg white mixture onto baking sheet. Press down to create a dent in middle of each mound. Bake for 3 minutes.
Carefully place an egg yolk into the middle of each mound and add a bit more salt and pepper.
Bake 3 minutes.
Serve.

Egg in a Hole


This is so easy!

Ingredients: (for 6 people)

6 slices of hearty bread (homemade?)
6 large eggs
Salt and pepper

Directions:

Using a round cookie cutter or a glass, cut a hole in middle of bread. Use a non-stick skillet, but add a bit of cooking spray. Put heat at medium then put bread in pan and break an egg into each hole. Add salt and pepper. Cook slowly until the eggs are set. If you wish you can flip the bread over and cook a bit more.



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