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Two cooperatives associate with Bryan Powers to develop New Carlisle sawmill

Gilles Gagné

NEW CARLISLE: – Two Bay of Chaleur area cooperatives, Maria's Coopérative forestière de la Gaspésie and SARGIM, the New Richmond based tree producer, are associating with Bryan Powers, the owner of Vimy Cedar sawmill in order to develop new products and maximize the facility's potential.

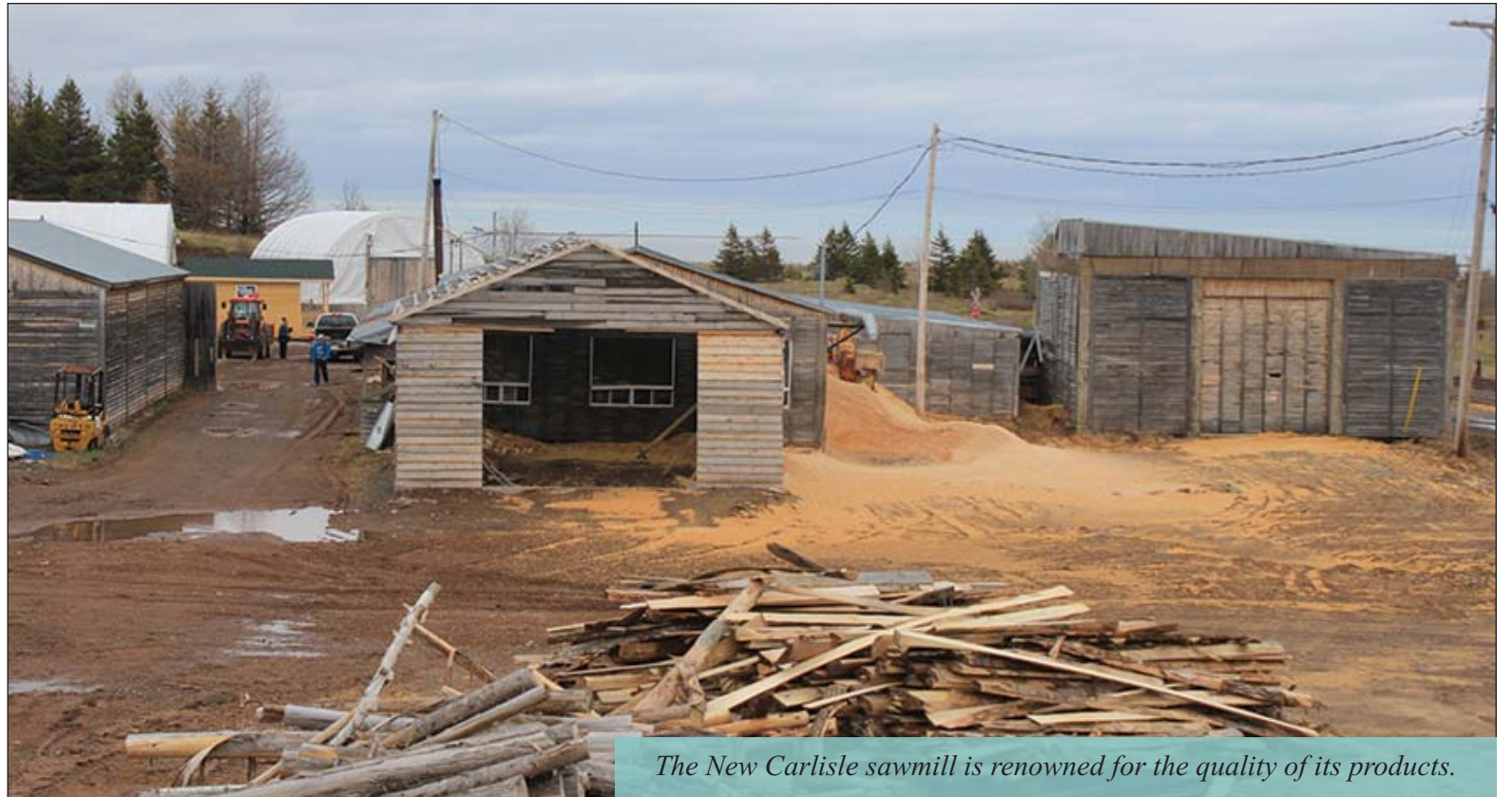
The transaction was concluded recently and the partnership will lead to the creation of a new company. Some details remain to be finalized but the deal is official.

"The idea is to create a new company. Let's call it Company C, with our coop, Bryan and SARGIM. The new company will rent the equipment of Company B, Bryan's equipment in New Carlisle. Company C will look for the acquisition of wood, process it and find markets for those "added-value" products. The name of the new company will be Bois Powers Wood," explains René Babin, director general of the Coopérative forestière de la Gaspésie.

Bryan Powers will be a minority shareholder in the new company and will retain control of his sawmill for now. The agreement has provisions for the eventual acquisition of the New Carlisle sawmill by the new company, once Mr. Powers is ready to retire.

"Bryan has experienced difficulties because of the fire that damaged the sawmill a couple of years ago but his products are good and we need him as much as he needs us. Through investing in the partnership, we are assuring the future of a company," adds René Babin, who says that Bryan Powers has developed a solid reputation in cedar products over the years.

"We want to buy many species of wood, preferably already roughly sawed and



The New Carlisle sawmill is renowned for the quality of its products.

develop added value products. We don't necessarily want to buy large quantities of wood. We mainly want to add value, like taking rough wood and making moldings," emphasizes René Babin.

The New Carlisle sawmill employs approximately 10 people. "It will be upgraded in the medium to long term," he adds.

Since merging with other forestry coops of the region in 2013, the revenues of the Coopérative forestière de la Gaspésie have increased from \$5 million to \$13 million annually. The number of members is 130.

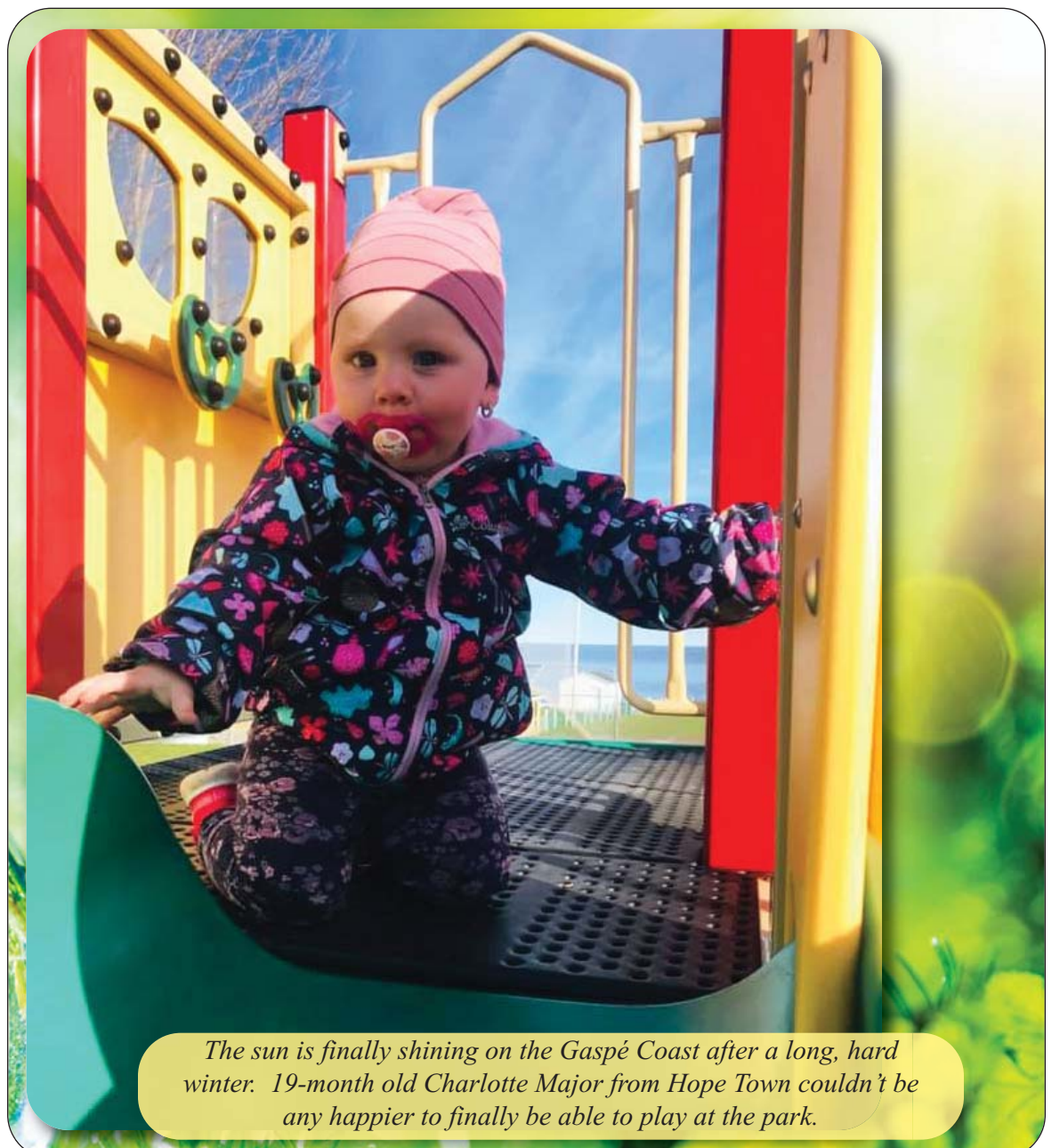
SARGIM has annual revenues of \$1 million and has 50 members. It also owns Paspébiac's Pépinière Baïes-des-Chaleurs, but the latter is not a cooperative. It is an incorporated company owned by SARGIM. Pépinière Baïes-des-Chaleurs has annual revenues of \$1.5 million. Both entities employ 65 people during the spring, the peak period for them.

"We are protecting jobs by partnering with Bryan and we are saving expertise. There aren't many companies in the Gaspé Peninsula achieving a degree of added value for wood like Bryan's business.

He is sending some products to the Magdalen Islands and to Nova Scotia, for example. He has no succession ready

to acquire the plant and we wanted to get closer to the forest. We produce trees but we sell them. Somehow, we

wanted to diversify and here is a good opportunity," explains Denis Bujold, director general of SARGIM.



The sun is finally shining on the Gaspé Coast after a long, hard winter. 19-month old Charlotte Major from Hope Town couldn't be any happier to finally be able to play at the park.

The Liberals aren't listening says Dominique Anglade

Enough is enough!

Thierry Haroun

GASPÉ PENINSULA: - "Enough consultations, now is the time for action," says Danis Prudhomme, Executive Director of FADOQ (Québec's most prominent seniors' group). Reached by Spec, Mr. Prudhomme mentioned that over the past five years, no less than four consultations were organized concerning objectives and priorities related to the province's CHSLDs (long-term health establishments, such as Villa Pabos in Chandler). "Now is the time for action! The government has all the information to go-ahead and invest in many priorities that have been proposed by us and other players. Priorities such as hiring more personnel, to offer more training to the personnel, etc. Currently, across the province there are 2,387 seniors that are on a waiting list. The top priority is to make sure that we find new units for these patients. Now, if the government insists on organizing another consultation, we'll participate, of course, to make sure that our voice is heard," he concluded.

Adapting the school calendar to the tourism season

Thierry Haroun

GASPÉ PENINSULA: - Adapting the school calendar (cegep and university) to the tourism season is a major subject that no government has really taken seriously despite that for the past fifteen years the tourism industry has been putting pressure on the Quebec government to find a solution to this problem. The latest debate on the question occurred at the Parliament in Quebec City between Gaspé PQ Member of the National Assembly, Méganne Perry-Mélançon and Quebec Tourism Minister, Caroline Proulx.

In fact, for the past fifteen years, this issue has been debated publicly. The problem is the following: August 15 students usually have to leave their summer jobs to start cégep or university. In the Gaspé, most of the students have to leave the region to study, so they have to leave their summer job (mainly in the tourism industry) and, consequently, employers find themselves with too fewer employees. There are cases where restaurants have to close sections and some even have to close their doors earlier than expected. This situations has economic consequences for our region and a solution has to be found as soon as possible and that means adapting, in other words postponing the beginning of the school year to September. That will enable students to make more money and employers to run their businesses to their potential during the high tourist season. That's the main message that Méganne Perry-Mélançon expressed during a Parliamentary Credit Commission.



Photo: T. Haroun

**Disappointed,
but not discouraged**

Spec reached the Gaspé MNA at her office in Quebec to sum up the situation with her. "I'm really disappointed with the answers that the minister gave me on my presentation related to this important issue for our region. She said that it was very complex to implement because it involves unions, schools, school boards, parents and others and she gave me the example of a pilot-project in a region where the school calendar was changed and the result was that the students decided to take a few days off once they had made their money before going to school. I sincerely don't think that it's the case here in the Gaspé where our students work hard and once they leave it's to study, not to take vacations. Now, I will continue to sensitize this government of the importance of changing the school calendar because there is a crisis in terms of lack of personnel in the tourist sector. Everywhere I go, the players of our industry continuously talk about this problem."

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Nelson Sergerie

GASPÉ: - The Liberals have not been listening enough to their activists. This is the analysis being made by Liberal Member of the National Assembly for Saint-Henri-Sainte-Anne and advocate for the Gaspé Peninsula, Dominique Anglade, almost eight months after the stinging defeat in the October election.

Ms. Anglade visited Sainte-Anne-des-Monts, Gaspé, Percé, Bonaventure and Carleton-sur-Mer on May 21 and 22 to meet supporters and reconnect the Liberal Party with the regions. "It's important for us to meet people, talk to them and see where each of their priorities is after October 1. What should we look at? What are the regional issues? This is an opportunity to reconnect with the regions," says Dominique Anglade.

The reasons behind the defeat

"We really did not know enough to listen to our activists. From what was happening in the area, understand the impact of the policies that have been put forward. I say it often: politics is at least 60% listening. That's what we missed," admits the Liberal politician.

Several initiatives have to be made in commercial fisheries. Labour issues and revitalizing the Haute-Gaspésie were highlighted in particular to the member. When she is reminded of the consequences of the austerity or budgetary rigor of the Couillard government at the beginning of her term, Ms. Anglade avoids the issue by bringing up the completion of the Port-Daniel cement plant and the expansion of the LM Wind Power plant in Gaspé.



Dominique Anglade visited the LM Wind Power plant in Gaspé in January of 2017.

Photo: N. Sergerie

A development plan

Ms. Anglade believes that a regional development plan should have been presented to the electorate. "An economic development plan for the Gaspé, I do not remember having seen one recently. Something coordinated, where there are the concerns of the Gaspésians in a plan approved by a government where there is money to continue development. I think it is something significant."

The latest plan of this kind dates back to the Parti Québécois government of Pauline Marois between 2012 and 2014, headed by the former Member of Parliament for Gaspé and Minister Delegate of Regions, Gaétan Lelièvre. The table of prefects had tried to make a version 2.0 with the Liberals of Philippe Couillard, without success. "We must recognize that there was no general listening. A plan is

ready. We are in the opposition. It is now that we must speak of a development plan. Now is the time to get people involved to have an interesting proposal for the next election," she says, noting that work is starting now.

The party leadership race

In a bid to lead the Liberal Party, Anglade says she came to Gaspé Peninsula first as a promoter of the region, but it is clear that she is taking the opportunity to test the ground with the party supporters. "Of course people ask the question. This is something that is of interest to me and making proposals that are off the beaten path. The Liberal Party has always been the party that modernized Quebec. It's a huge initiative. If I nominate myself, I will come up with something that will lead to a concrete platform."

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HEMODIALYSIS: A third chair at Maria hospital

Nelson **Sergerie**

MARIA: - A third hemodialysis chair will be added at Maria hospital. "It's in our plans in the next month. We have permission. It's just that we have to look at logistics at the local level, to make sure it is safe. We have to tie in with the technical services, computer science, so that in the next month it will be done," says the director of quality, evaluation, performance and ethics at the Gaspé Peninsula Integrated Health and Social Services Centre (CISSS), Jean-Luc Gendron. This addition is really short term: two people from Maria need the service now, according to the CISSS Bas-Saint-Laurent which is responsible for the service from Rimouski.

"We must look, in collaboration with Rimouski, since this is where the references are in nephrology at the kidney level and with the ministry to assess the needs of the population in the coming months and years." At the CISSS Bas-Saint-Laurent, Dr. Jean-Christophe Carvalho points out that at least five identified people will need service in the Gaspé Peninsula in the near future.

A quick announcement

The events moved along quickly. Before coming up with an announcement, the



Photo: N. Sergerie

A third dialysis chair will be added at Maria hospital

Member of the National assembly for Bonaventure, Sylvain Roy, had called for an investigation into the use of hemodialysis services at the CISSS in the Gaspé Peninsula.

The elected official criticized the fact that an elderly citizen of Maria, who was in poor health, had to travel 1700 kilometres per week to receive care at the Rimouski Regional Hospital Centre because the service was at full capacity in Maria.

"I am very happy for the residents of Bay of Chaleur and Gaspé Peninsula who will not need to go abroad for treatment," says Sylvain Roy.

On April 18, the Minister of Health, Danielle McCann, confirmed the addition of the third hemodialysis chair by press release. "I am very pleased that it has been possi-

ble to reorganize renal replacement services in the region to better meet the needs of the patient. This is a very good example of our collective efforts to bring users' services closer together, in a concrete way, while remaining attentive to the reality of each community." In March 2017, former Liberal Health Minister Gaétan Barrette added six seats to bring the total to 12 in Gaspésie. Currently 14 seats are available in the territory.

TABLE OF DISTRIBUTION OF HEMODIALYSIS CHAIRS ON THE GASPÉ PENINSULA

Chandler:	6
Sainte-Anne-des-Monts:	4
Maria:	2
Gaspé:	2

VILLE DE GASPÉ: A surplus of \$1.8 million

Nelson **Sergerie**

GASPÉ: - The Town of Gaspé has achieved a budget surplus of \$1.8 million for the 2018 fiscal year.

"We are exactly in the comfort zone recommended by the accountants. The accountants tell us that an area of 8 to 10% of our annual budget is the surplus comfort zone that a city should have. In our case, we are around 7%, so we are in our zone," explains Gaspé Mayor Daniel Côté.

Gaspé found a "normal" surplus after having some difficult years. "When we fell into a period of austerity with the start of the Couillard government, we found ourselves very tight in terms of certain budgets. The sur-

plus has returned to a level that I would call central and it allows us to manage unforeseen things," says Mr. Côté.

Several small savings and additional income explain this surplus. For example, the tax on real estate transfer generated an additional income of \$100,000: "As the economy is vigorous, there is a revival of the real estate market," says the mayor. Savings of \$500,000 were made in human resources: "It's not that there have been job cuts. This is because positions have not been filled in the last year." Savings of \$100,000 for the preparation of the assessment roll and the equivalent revenues for the sale of land also helped achieve this performance.

Supported projects

These surpluses enable the Town to financially support various projects. Of these, more than \$600,000 was allocated to the pool renovation project at the Gaspé Cégep. A sum of \$125,000 will be used to cover the unexpected cost increase of the Sûreté du Québec. \$60,000 will be used to support the arrival of the Social Pediatrics Clinic and \$125,000 will go towards the 25-unit project of the Gaspé Healing, Reintegration and Intervention Centre for vulnerable people in a precarious financial situation. "If the city was not there to support them, the projects would not be realized." The non-allocated surplus is \$5.9 million.

Police report

For the second consecutive year, the long weekend of May went without a fatal accident on the Gaspé Peninsula, the Magdalen Islands and the Lower Saint Lawrence regions, according to numbers released on May 22 by the Sûreté du Québec. Moreover, the number of accidents causing injuries went down, from 15 in 2018 to 10 in 2019.

Up to 650 infraction tickets were handed out during the three days by police officers. This is fewer than the 726 tickets of 2018. Of those, 475 infractions were speeding tickets, five were linked to the fact that drivers were not using their seat belts, and seven people were driving while using their cellular phone.

Sûreté du Québec officers held 43 operations to control various infractions during the weekend. Twenty drivers were asked to test for drinking and driving, as well as four people were required to test for drug use at the wheel. Six people failed one of the two drivers will eventually be charged with impaired driving.



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Commentary

Gilles Gagné

Reconnecting with rural regions

One of the main reasons behind the Liberal Party of Quebec's demise at the October 1 election was its dismal results in the province's so-called rural regions.

Only two seats were won outside the Montreal area, one of them by Sébastien Proulx in downtown Quebec City, which is not rural at all and the second one, Philippe Couillard's Roberval seat in Lac Saint-Jean, a rural area as well, however, it was left up for grabs when the former premier resigned three days after the election. In the by-election that followed, the Liberal Party was ousted by a Coalition avenir Québec candidate, Nancy Guillemette.

So, nowadays, the Liberal Party has no Member of the National Assembly coming from outside Montreal. Reconnecting with Quebec's regions will be a major task. That is one explanation for the presence of Saint-Henri-Sainte-Anne riding Member of the National Assembly Dominique Anglade in the Gaspé Peninsula on May 21 and 22.

Ms. Anglade, the former Minister of Economy in Philippe Couillard's government, is now responsible for the Gaspé Peninsula and Magdalen Islands for the Liberal Party. So, she has to stay in touch with what is going on in the region. Secondly, she is interested in the leadership of the party. For that reason, she has to try and understand what happened since 2014 in order to explain the disaster that hit her party.

She admits that the Liberal Party didn't listen enough to the messages coming from the province's regions during the 2014-2018 term.

She also admits that the party tried to apply the same measures in rural areas that were working in urban areas, across the board measures, no matter

what, so as to speak. It was another way of ignoring what the population of the regions had to say during four-and-a-half years. This is the message she heard, not always in those terms, in her meetings with Liberal supporters in Gaspé, Sainte-Anne-des-Monts, Percé, Bonaventure and Carleton.

A former president of Coalition avenir Québec, Dominique Anglade, left that party in the summer of 2013 after an electoral defeat in September 2012 and because she couldn't accept the CAQ program regarding identity and immigration issues. Her father is of Haitian descent and she has kept strong ties with Haiti. She is an engineer by trade and has a masters degree in business administration. She worked for Montreal International between September 2013 and the fall of 2015.

She then joined the Liberal party ranks and was elected on November 9, 2015, in a by-election. At the time, the austerity measures of the Liberal Party were hitting Quebec full blast, more particularly the rural regions, where they were applied more deeply, proportionately speaking.

She became Minister of Economy, Science and Innovation on January 28, 2016. In a way, she cannot be made responsible for all the cuts in regions like the Gaspé Peninsula because when she joined the cabinet, the decisions, notably to abolish a set of regional development organizations, were already in effect.

She defends her record by saying that she was part of the decision-making process that led to the completion of Port Daniel's cement plant, despite a \$444 million cost overrun, and the expansion of the LM Wind Power blade manufacturing plant in Gaspé.

She is right, however, the team in place before her could have kept a closer eye on McInnis Cement's project to avoid a cost overrun that represented close to 40% of the facility's initial projected tab. She cannot be held responsible for that mishap. She mainly picked up the pieces once the damage was done.

As for LM Wind Power, her government contributed \$5.7 million, mainly loans, of a \$13 million expansion that would have occurred without Quebec's contribution. It was essentially the government

associating with the success of the company, more than the company needing the government to go ahead.

The slowness showed by the Couillard government in the upgrading work of the Matapedia to Gaspé railway can be in part attributed to Dominique Anglade's department, despite the fact that the file is mainly driven by Transports Québec. Other ministers should have understood that the railway refurbishment could have moved forward much quicker. Understandably, she didn't talk much about the railway during her visit, except to answer questions on that stake.

Overall, Dominique Anglade must be taken seriously as a possible winner of the Liberal Party race. The leadership race will not take place before mid-2020 and at 45 years of age, counting on various professional mandates, she appears in the lead among the candidates that are currently elected at the National Assembly.

There is a lot of work ahead though, and patience will be required by the party's high brass because current premier François Legault could be re-elected in 2022. However, the Liberal Party is rebounding strongly and Mr. Legault would make a mistake in forgetting that.



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An excellent year for Bay of Chaleur lobster fishermen

Gilles Gagné

PORT DANIEL: – Since the start of the lobster season those involved in the fishery on the Gaspé Peninsula have heard that the catches are clearly on a record path, or close to it. As far as Bay of Chaleur fishermen are concerned, things are going very well. There are smiles on the wharves.

With three full weeks of catches completed, Port Daniel based fisherman Kirby Journeau hesitates before calling 2019 a record year for a couple of reasons, one being there are still seven weeks to go.

“I wouldn’t say it is a record year. There are 19 licences in Port Daniel and we are all doing well. I can say that considering the last five or six years, we are doing a lot better than we ever did. We see the same results as last year for sure but 19 fishermen are a lot for the Port Daniel area. That’s why it is hard to talk about a record but we are probably in the golden age of it and we are getting a fair price at the same time,” says Mr. Journeau.

He delivers his catches to Crustacés Gervais Roussy in Port Daniel, a company bought by Unipêche MDM in October 2017. The pace of



Kirby Journeau is happy with the pace of his daily catches. His boat is the Violet Joy.

catches will likely slow down a bit with June in sight. “It is not going to get better but hopefully, it will stay good,” he points out.

He remembers that 15 years ago and before, the catches on the New Brunswick side of the Bay of Chaleur “were very low but they have been super fantastic for 15 years. I hope that our days ahead will be super for fishing as well.”

The weather has been cooperating this year. “We only missed one day,” concludes Kirby Journeau.

In Saint-Godefroi, Vincent McRae is not talking about a record year yet but everybody is smiling on his boat, the Cindy Steeve. “We caught 1,000 pounds for the first time and it happened to be on Mother’s Day. The catch was the same the following day,” he says.

By and large, prices are comparable to those of 2018. “It was \$7.50 per pound on week 1, then \$7.07 on week 2 and \$6.60 over week 3. The catches are good everywhere. The market for live products has fallen a bit after Mother’s



Vincent McRae, on the right, is smiling like most people in the lobster business this year. His helpers are Terry McRae, on the left, and Scott Walker, in the middle.

Day. When we extract meat, the price paid (to the fishermen) is not as high,” says Janick Aubut, owner of Produits marins Saint-Godefroi. She buys the catches of 11 lobster fishermen.

In the Gaspé Peninsula, the overall revenue record in lobster fishing was set in 2017 with \$38.3 million. The peak in catches was also reached the same year, with 2,486 metric tonnes. Last year, revenues stood at \$33.1 million while total catches reached 2,301 metric tonnes.

The end of the season was

hampered by zone closures during the last three weeks of the season for 64 of the Gaspé Peninsula’s 163 lobster fishermen. The record of landings would otherwise have been broken, according to most buyers, had the pace of 2017 been maintained for the corresponding period in 2018. The price declined slightly last year, compared to 2017.

A decade ago, a standard year for the Gaspé Peninsula lobster fishermen was between 800 and 1,000 metric tonnes, for total revenues of \$10 million, or a bit less.

A midwife service soon in the Gaspé

Thierry Haroun

GASPÉ PENINSULA: –

If everything goes as planned, a midwife service should be available in the Bay of Chaleur area next month. That’s what Marie-Josée Racine, spokesperson for *Accès Sage-Femme Baie-des-Chaleurs*, told Spec over the phone. Her organization has been working on this project since 2009. “A midwife has been hired last September. That person has since been working on the implementation of this service in the Bay of Chaleur area. She intends to hire two midwives to help her and in the long-run the service should be available across the peninsula.” This service will be the responsibility of the CISSS de la Gaspésie and is financed by the *Régie de l’Assurance-Maladie du Québec*. To become a midwife, one must study four years at the *Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières*, a program that includes 1,200 hours of internship. There are currently 200 midwives in the province and this profession is supervised by *l’Ordre des sages-femmes du Québec*.



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Family Ties experiences satisfying year

Gilles Gagné MacWhirter.

NEW CARLISLE: – Year 2018-2019 proved “to be successful on many levels with an abundance of activities and quality programming offered,” emphasized Family Ties executive director Heather MacWhirter at the May 15 annual general meeting of the organization in New Carlisle.

The number of highlights reaches an impressive level at Family Ties, whose roots go back to 1994, when various stakeholders acted to fill a need to support New Carlisle families in difficulty. Ms. MacWhirter pinpointed a few highlights in her report.

The start in October of the “Our Community, our Heritage” project was one of them. The project led to the hiring of Brittany Flowers to put up a series of panels describing important events or periods in the history of New Carlisle. The initiative implies the involvement of 72 participants who supplied valuable information about historical milestones of the community. Ms. Flowers holds a bachelor’s degree in history.

Continuous training is part of Family Ties’ success and training sessions were numerous in 2018-2019. Heather MacWhirter mentioned a particular involvement in the mental health task force that provided the staff with an opportunity to be trained as gatekeepers for suicide prevention.

She also underlined an activity held by the BUDS program during which fathers and sons travelled together to see a Bathurst Titans hockey game in Bathurst. “The outing was made possible by members of the community who sponsored the tickets, travel expenses and lunch,” said Ms.

The development of a Munchkin Mansion Play-school program in Shigawake has been a goal for Family Ties for years but hurdles in the form of funding always prevented Family Ties from being able to offer it.

“This year, with financial support from the Anchor Adult Education Centre, we were finally able to offer “Munchkin Mansion Play-school Hits The Road” and our early years coordinator has travelled to Shigawake-



Jacob McConnell and Maria Chatterton

Photos: G. Gagné



Maria Chatterton and Freddy Boudreau

need for the restructuring project and the positive effect it will have on our community and programming. I will continue to prioritize this initiative next year,” explained Ms. MacWhirter.

Financially, Family Ties ended year 2018 with a small surplus of \$3,287, from revenues of \$344,000.

“The goal for a not-for-profit organization is to break even. Our surplus represents less than 1% of our total budget,” pointed out book-keeper Johnny Legrand.

Last year, Family Ties received \$23,000 more than the previous year from the various funding supporting the organization’s multiple projects. “We have 20 pockets of money to administer, considering the number of programs we have,” added Mr. Legrand.

The prevision budget for

the current year stands at \$310,920 for now, he remarked. He expects a slight increase because Family Ties constantly applies to get money from various programs, which makes its budget a moving object. “I suspect that it will be at more than \$340,000,” said Mr. Legrand.

Family Ties took the occasion provided by the annual general meeting to hand out its “Volunteer of the year” awards.

Jacob McConnell is the youth volunteer of the year for his “patient, respectful, funny and genuine” engagement with the children. The adult volunteer of the year is Freddy Boudreau for a set of reasons ranging from patience, kindness, knowledge, astute guidance and a positive attitude.

Port Daniel School every Saturday morning since February to model this successful program. Participating families were able to create social networks, partake in group activities and ease the transition into school,” says Heather MacWhirter.

She also explained that “despite intense effort to acquire funding to restructure the Family Ties building, we were unable to complete the

project this year.” The application sent to the Federal Government’s Accessibility Program was refused in February.

“Two other projects to supplement the required funding were accepted, the Caisses Desjardins and the MRC of Bonaventure’s *Fonds de développement des territoires*. Over the year, I met with several government representatives concerning the

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The Carrefour jeunesse-emploi Avignon-Bonaventure and MRC La Côte-de-Gaspé, who coordinate « Le Grand Défi: Building My Region! » in these sectors, wish to congratulate all the students who participated in this edition! Individually or as part of a team, these students developed entrepreneurial skills as they ventured into a project management process to undertake projects which have positive impacts on our community.

Congratulations to participating Anglophone students!

NEW RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL



FREDERIC CROZIER, PROJECT: COAST EDGE



HUNTER BERNARD, PROJECT: HUNTER'S BIRD HOUSES



STROKE OF BRILLIANCE AWARD \$500

KADE MACWHIRTER, PROJECT: BAY BEARDS/BARBES DE LA BAIE



JURY'S CHOICE AWARD \$250

KADEN RENOUF, PROJECT: BUILDING BLOCKS TO LITERATURE

NEW CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD \$250

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JURY'S CHOICE AWARD \$250

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JURY'S CHOICE AWARD \$250

BUILDING BLOCKS TO LITERATURE
New Richmond High School

TIED: LACEY'S SUGAR SCRUB
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LIVRE DE RECETTE ET BD POUR ENFANTS
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ELEMENTARY LEVEL

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École Bourg, Carleton-sur-Mer

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LES BOMBES DE BAIN LÉABI
École Saint-Rosaire et de la Découverte, Gaspé

STROKE OF GENIUS AWARD \$1000

STROKE OF BRILLIANCE AWARD \$500

DOUDOU ET COMPAGNIE
École Saint-Donat, Maria

UN PROJET DE VIE
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ARIANNA'S ALLERGY FREE COOKBOOK
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SECONDARY LEVEL

MINI RAID
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École Le Bois-Vivant, New Richmond

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ARBRE À CHATS
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BAY BEARDS/BARBES DE LA BAIE
New Richmond High School

LES CRÉATIONS DU BOUT DE MES 10 DOIGTS
École secondaire C.-E.-Pouliot

SPECTACLE 3D, LA SUITE
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CRÉATIONS BING BANG BOMBES
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PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD \$250

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Centre d'éducation des adultes, Maria

THROUGHOUT ALL COMPETING LEVELS

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ÉVÈNEMENT MULTI-JEUX-NÉRATIONS
École François-Thibault, Bonaventure

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École Esdras-Minville, Grande-Vallée

COLLECTIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD \$250

SENSE OF BELONGING AWARD \$250

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Centre d'éducation des adultes Chandler-Bonaventure

À LA DÉCOUVERTE DE NOUVELLES AMIES
École des Découvertes, Saint-Siméon

LE BLEU DANS L'ŒUR
École Esdras-Minville, Grande-Vallée

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UN PROJET DE VIE
École Le Bois-Vivant, New Richmond

UN COIN ET UN LIVRE POUR TOI
École aux Quatre-Vents, Rivière-au-Renard

SOCIAL IMPLICATION AWARD \$250

Thank you to our partners, coaches, members of the jury, volunteers and collaborators who contributed to the success of this edition of the contest



Reflections

by

Diane Skinner Flowers



Cut the Cord

Modern day use of screens, including televisions, iPads, iPhones and computers is way out of control. Studies tell us that kids and teens aged eight to eighteen spend an average of more than seven hours a day looking at a screen. The average for some adults is greater than that. The negative effects of prolonged use of screens are many. Obviously, anybody spending so much time on a screen device is not active. Kids do not play outside when they are glued to the iPad. Less social interaction, poorer eating habits, strained vision, dry eyes and headaches affect those who overuse screens. It's up to the adults to take charge of this for the good of our children.

The Canadian Pediatric Society suggests that parents consider the following: Does anyone in the family use screens during mealtimes? Is watching TV a shared family activity? Do you leave screens on even though nobody is watching them? Do you know how much screen time your child gets at day care or school? Do you have any rules about screen use?

The alternative? Well, getting outside for fresh air and activity is a terrific solution. Another way to cut down on all the screen time is board games, yes, the games in a box that can be played as a family. There are so many great reasons to try this. You say you don't like board games and that they are, well, boring? You have not found the right game yet.

Besides cutting down on the screen time, there are a number of great reasons to play board games. First of all, it is fun! Most importantly, it is fun. Be ready to talk, laugh and interact with your family or friends.

Other reasons to choose board games are it teaches younger children to wait for their turn. It can develop strategy and problem solving. It helps improve math skills. It can facilitate making choices and working as a team. Board games can help sharpen a child's memory.

So, what game should you choose? The old favourites still have lots of appeal. Check for suggested ages for the game you choose. There is no need to frustrate a child with a game that is too difficult. There are games for all ages. These include classics such as Scrabble, Scrabble Jr., Monopoly, Risk, Clue, Pictionary, Trivial Pursuit, Othello, Backgammon and even Checkers and Chess. For the younger folk try Operation, Hungry Hippo, Soggy Doggy, Snakes and Ladders, Jenga, Beat the Parents, Charades for Kids and Pie Face. If your child is a reluctant reader, do not frustrate his/her, try a game such as Sequence.

There are so many board games available. Look online or in a store. Borrow a game from a friend and try it out. If you love it then purchase it and build up a collection of great board games. Cut the cord and try for less screen time. Make it a family tradition. Don't forget the snacks.

Anglophone students win three awards at Bonaventure MRC Building My Region Challenge

Gilles Gagné

BONAVENTURE: – Anglophone students participating in the Building My Region Challenge on May 18 ranked well. This year 37 young entrepreneurs or entrepreneurial teams from five high schools and 32 elementary schools participated.

The event consists of a contest and exhibition where participants showcase their ideas.

Of the anglophone participants two of the winning projects were from New Carlisle High School and one from New Richmond High School.

With her project Allergy Free Cookbook, Arianna Flowers, from New Carlisle High School, won the People's Choice Award at the elementary level and a \$250 bursary for the development of the project.

From the same school, Lacey Flowers, with Lacey's Sugar Scrubs, was tied for the Jury's Choice Award. with a cookbook and cartoons for children project coming from Saint-Alphonse's École aux Mille-Ressources. Lacey and William Bourque, of Saint-Alphonse, also shared a \$250 bursary.

With his Bay Beards / Barbes de la Baie ecological shaving products, Kade MacWhirter, of New Richmond High School, won the Stroke of Brilliance Award at the secondary level. He also won a \$500 bursary.

Overall, \$4,500 in bursaries were shared by the winners of the Building My Region Challenge. New Richmond's École Bois-vivant won four of the 10 awards.

The organizer of the event, Véronique Saint-Pierre, praised the contribution of the event's main partner. "It would have been impossible to offer that venture without the collaboration of Commission scolaire René-



Isabelle Bourque from the Bonaventure MRC, presented People's Choice Award and a \$250 bursary to Arianna Flowers (NCHS), for her Allergy Free Cookbook. She was accompanied by Lily-Rose Leblanc, who helped her.



Geneviève Béchard, president of Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi, presented the Stroke of Brilliance Award to Kade MacWhirter.



Lacey Flowers, on the left, headed Lacey's Sugar Scrubs project, tied for the Jury's Choice. She shared the \$250 bursary with William Bourque. Catherine Gauthier was on hand to present the award. Lacey was accompanied by two helpers.

Lévesque."

She also emphasized the importance of the English schools' participation. "It is the second participation for New Carlisle High School and the first one for New Richmond High School. We are really happy to have you this year," pointed out Ms. Saint-Pierre.

She thanked those who

supported the students in their endeavours, including the parents, teachers and a number of volunteers from the community.

Up to 500 people attended the three-hour event that preceded the award presentation. Attendees were able to see the amount of work put in to the projects and they left the exhibition quite impressed.

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RENOUF: Mariah Anne Kathleen

Sheryl Hayes and Troy Renouf of Shigawake, Quebec, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Mariah Anne Kathleen Renouf. Mariah was born on April 13, 2019, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz., and measuring 19 inches in length. Mommy, Daddy, and big brother Joseph are overjoyed to be welcoming this precious baby girl home!



Obituary



BABIN: Raoul

October 5, 1923 - March 21, 2019

Passed away at Maria Hospital on March 21, 2019, at the age of 95, Mr. Raoul Babin, husband of Mrs. Jeannine Arbour, from Bonaventure.

Mr. Babin leaves behind his wife: Mrs. Jeannine Arbour; his children: Christian, H el ene (Gilles), the late Louise (Bruno), the late Pierre and Bruno (Dorienne); his seven grandchildren: Luce, Mathieu, Simon, Andr ee-Anne, Pierre-Marc, Vincent and Catherine; his two great-grandchildren: the late Flavie and Henri; his three sisters; his two brothers; and many nephews and nieces.

The family will receive condolences at the Henri Thibodeau Funeral Home located at 304 Port-Royal Avenue in Bonaventure on Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Friday, June 7, 2019 the funeral parlour will open at 12:30 p.m. and the funeral service will be held at the Bonaventure Church at 2 p.m. The Henri Thibodeau Funeral Home has been entrusted with organizing the above mentioned services.

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In Memory

WILLET: Ralph James

July 1, 1949 - May 12, 2017

In loving memory of Ralph James Willett.
*As I gaze on your picture that hangs on the wall,
Your smile and your welcome I often recall,
I miss you and mourn you in silence unseen,
And dwell on the memories of days that have been.
Dear is the grave where you are laid.
Sweet is the memory that never will fade.
Flowers may wither, leaves fade and die.
If some do forget you, never do I.*

Lovingly remembered, Marilyn.

Funeral and Celebration of Life



The family of the late Frances Riffou Kilbride would like to inform the public of her funeral arrangements which will be held in Gasp e on Friday, June 7, 2019.

Visitation will be at the Salon Funeraire Val ere Fortin, 86 Rue Jacques Cartier, Gasp e, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The funeral mass will be at 1:30 p.m. at Christ the King Cathedral, Gasp e.

Following the mass and burial, a Celebration of Life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, 197 Rue Jacques Cartier, Gasp e. Should you wish to share any special memories, there will be an open mic.

Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 40



Love, Mom and Dad

Happy 100th Birthday Ruth Coull Starnes May 31, 2019



Reflections 1919 - 2019

*A hundred years, how can that be?
Does that really apply to me?
By God's grace, I know that it's true.
Time slipped by as if it just flew.
Sweet and simple were days of childhood.
To a country girl, it seemed very good.
With God-fearing parents in times of need,
Persevering trials that made hearts bleed.
Epidemics, depression, hardship and war,
Rampant in those years, both near and far.
Forward! Time brought to me blessings galore,
Wife and mother, who could ask for more?
So many happy and precious years,
But there always had to be some tears.
But time has healing in its wings,
And fills our hearts with lovely things.
Now I find joy in living everyday.
Family and friends all make it that way,
Not forgetting to thank my Jesus, my friend,
Who will walk with me to the very end.
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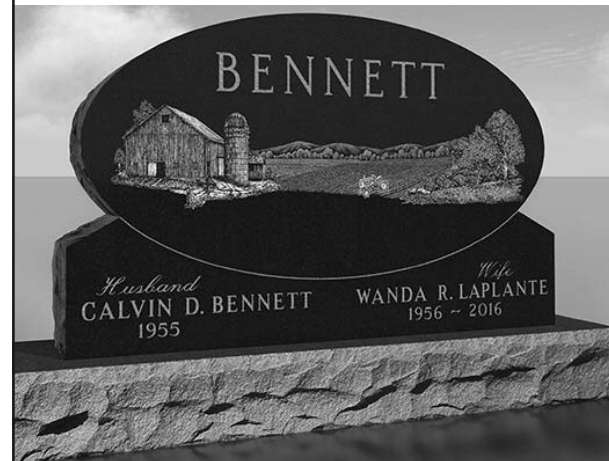
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COAST ROUND-UP

POINTE-NAVARRÉ:

Sanctuary of Pointe Navarre

June 4: The mass of St-Peregrine, patron saint of the sick suffering from cancer and long-term diseases, will be celebrated at 7 p.m. at the Shrine of Pointe-Navarre.

GASPE:

Legion Branch 59 Community Yard Sale

June 1: A Community Yard Sale will be held at the Gaspé Legion, 197 Rue Jacques Cartier, from 8 a.m. to noon. Tables available to rent \$10. We accept donations of items that can be dropped off or we can pick them up. Contact 418-355-8608 to pick up your items or to rent a table.

GASPE:

St. Paul's Anglican Church

June 8: A bake sale and rummage sale will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church (the yellow church) in Gaspé beginning at 9 a.m. There will be something for everyone. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Foundation of Gaspé.

GASPE:

Gaspé County WI Annual County Fair

The Gaspé County WI Annual County Fair is open to public exhibitors. If you like to cook, garden, knit, sew, take photographs, do crafts, etc., then the 2019 County Fair program has something for you. If you are interested in being an exhibitor in this year's fair, please contact Rhonda Stewart at rhondals@hotmail.com. Registration fee is \$15. The fair will be **Saturday, September 7**, at the York River Community Hall.

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.

YORK:

York ACW

July 20: The York ACW will be holding its annual Summer Sale and Afternoon Tea beginning at 2 p.m. at the York River Community Hall. There will be baked

goods, handicrafts, and a white elephant table. Hope to see you there.

YORK:

York WI

June 1: Rummage and bake sale from 10 a.m. to noon at the York River Community Hall. Clothes, housewares, something for everyone. Doors will open at 10 a.m. No early birds please.

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.

MALBAY:

Malbay Festival

June 8: Chinese and Canadian Buffet at the Barachois Royal Canadian Legion starting at 5 p.m. Takeouts at 4:30 p.m. Adults \$14. Children 6-12 \$10. Under 6 free.

BARACHOIS:

Legion Branch 261

Every Monday: The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 261, will be having a money bingo at 7 p.m. at the Legion. 18+ only.
Every Thursday: Cards and Games from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Free. For more information, contact Lloyd Roussel at 418-645-3700 or 418-645-2786.

BARACHOIS:

Recreation Centre

June 7 & 21: The Barachois Recreation Centre will be holding an 18+ money bingo at 7 p.m. Bilingual. Over \$600 in cash prizes.

BARACHOIS:

Mountain View Golden Age

May 31: Gift Bingo Fundraiser beginning at 7 p.m., 857 Rte 132 East. Everyone over 18 is welcome.

PORT DANIEL:

QWI Marcil Branch Advance Notice

July 20: Strawberry Social from noon to 2 p.m. at the Three Star Golden Age Club building in Port Daniel West. For more information, please call 418-752-8152.

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!

June 1: 500 card game.

June 7: Father's Day BBQ.

June 22: Military Whist.

PORT DANIEL:

St. James Anglican Church

July 27: Annual Bazaar at the Three Star Golden Age Club.

SHIGAWAKE:

Community Centre

June 8: Lobster Supper from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. \$20 per person, 1/2 BBQ chicken also available. Everyone welcome.

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.

June 1: Annual Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the New Carlisle Town Hall. All proceeds go to youth ministries and to send kids to Fair Haven Bible Camp. Come and enjoy our freshly baked goods.

HOPE TOWN:

Community Centre

June 8: Military Whist beginning at 8 p.m.

NEW CARLISLE:

Heritage New Carlisle

June 8, 15 & 22: Nature's Bounty: 3 sessions with well-known artist Elaine Almond. Gather treasures at the beach and make art. Take home the products. Starts at 10 a.m. \$25 for three sessions. To register call 418-752-1334, heritagenc@globetrotter.net or facebook.

NEW CARLISLE:

Royal Canadian Legion

Saturdays: Legion opens at 1 p.m.

July 1: Mini prince and princess. If you would like to register your child/children, call Laura at 418-752-6799. Age groups: 0-4, 5-9 and 10-13.

NEW CARLISLE:

Bible Chapel Services

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

NEW RICHMOND:

La Boutique

June 1 & 8: Garage and Bake Sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Any donated objects and baked items are gratefully accepted. Garage sale items can be dropped off May 30 and 31 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please drop off bake sale items on June 1. For more information or if you need pick up service, please call 418-392-4508.

June 14 & 15: Artisans are invited to bring in their hand crafted items to be inventoried in preparation for season opening. Doors are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 17 to September 6: La Boutique is open from Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 210 Boul Perron Ouest, New Richmond.

NEW RICHMOND:

Flea Market

New clothing has arrived, \$1 each. Hot meal at noon. Free. Donations accepted. 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.

June 2: BBQ chicken leg supper at the community centre in Cascapedia-St-Jules from 4.30-6 p.m. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Please bring a friend and join us. Thanks for your support.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

Fifty Plus

May 31: There will be a jam session open to all musicians and spectators at the club. Doors open at 7 p.m. and entertainment begins at 7:30.

June 16: Father's Day Brunch from 9 a.m. to noon. \$12 per

adult. Children 12 years old and under \$10. Welcome to all.

Every Tuesday: Bingo at 7 p.m.

Every Thursday: Dame de Piques at 1 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Thank you for your support.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

Book Room

The book room is now closed, but if you call Kathleen at 392-4896, she can set up a time to go in.

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 May 19 are: Vicky Cyr, Claire-Hélène Rivière, Rolande Cyr, Renaud Leblanc, Gaspésie Diesel, Darryl Campbell and Gérald Ross.

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, June 2

2 p.m. New Carlisle

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Sunday, June 2

New Carlisle

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Hope Town
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Port Daniel
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

WORDS

BACTERIA
 CALIBRATION
 CELLS
 CHEMICALS
 CONTROL
 COOLED
 CORRECTION
 DISEASE
 DISINFECTANT
 EQUIPMENT
 FOODBORNE
 HANDLING
 HANDWASHING
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 ICE
 INTESTINE
 LEFTOVERS
 OUTBREAK
 PARASITES
 PERISHABLE
 PLAN
 POISONING
 PREPARATION
 SANITIZER
 SERVICE
 SPOILED
 TEMPERATURE
 THERMOMETER
 TOXIC
 TRANSPORT
 UNCOOKED
 UTENSILS
 VIRUSES

SCRAMBLED

Descramble the following phrase:

not'd veig
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HINT: DESPERATE

Brain Teaser

In what month of the year do people eat the least amount of food?



February (It is the shortest month)

HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

You may feel as though you are not measuring up in other people's eyes this week, Aries. Thankfully, this is a misperception on your part. Don't be so hard on yourself.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, letting go is the approach to take in the days ahead. Retire a plan that isn't working and come up with a new way to reach your goals. A fresh perspective will benefit you.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, focus on all of the happy

memories you have shared with those closest to you. This is a great way to make sure you don't take anyone for granted.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, open a dialogue with someone close to you. Doing so will reveal that much is in store for your future. Tame your excitement and remember to be patient.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Don't sell yourself short, Leo. You have many great attributes, and when you put your mind to things, you can accomplish anything. Set some specific goals.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Although you can't narrow down the source of your apprehension, if you

keep investigating you can get to the root of the issue, Virgo. Once you get there, you will handle it.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

You have a strong network of friends and family who are willing to pitch in whenever you need them, Libra. Keep this in mind and don't hesitate to ask for assistance.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, something you have not experienced before arises in the days ahead. Try not to jump to conclusions or overreact. Take a step back and assess the situation calmly.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, stay open to suggestions and welcome others' unique perspectives. This is an effective way to stay

ahead of the curve and better yourself.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Find a way to unwind this week, Capricorn. If that means taking a day off from work or just sleeping in on the weekend, then do so without feeling guilty.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Some new opportunities are coming your way, Aquarius. Even though your first inclination is to pass them by, embrace the chance to try something new.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Gemini, you're heading for a crossroads, and some decisions will have to be made. Look to Gemini for some guidance.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MAY 26

Helena B. Carter, Actress (53)

MAY 27

Jamie Oliver, Chef (44)

MAY 28

Gladys Knight, Singer (75)

MAY 29

Mel B, Singer (44)

MAY 30

Idina Menzel, Actress (48)

MAY 31

Clint Eastwood, Director (89)

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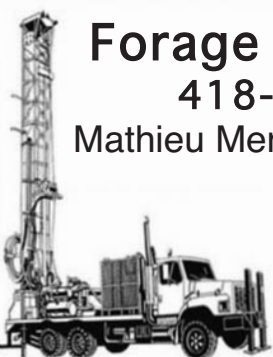


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Elementary student from Maria represents Quebec at Canadian Geographic Challenge

Gilles Gagné

MARIA: – Jonathan Chassé, an 11-year-old elementary student living in Maria, is representing Quebec at the Canadian Geographic Challenge, a national competition that initially drew the participation of 22,500 students from 650 schools across Canada.

Canadian Geographic is a publication issued by the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. The vast majority of participants in the challenge are secondary level students, as the challenge is designed for grade 7 to grade 11 students. Only 20 of the 22,500 participants made it to the Ottawa final, held on May 27, the day of SPEC's deadline. Jonathan Chassé is the youngest one, and Quebec's only participant.

He found out about the existence of the contest by chance. "I was looking for maps online and I saw the website of Canadian Geographic. I then saw the contest link," says Jonathan. "I have always liked geography. I really like maps and flags, and a mix between Canadian and worldwide geography," he adds.

Jonathan is home-schooled, so instead of passing the first round of the Canadian Geographic Challenge qualifications in a standard school, he conducted the first exam at home, and the second round online. His preparation for the challenge is relatively simple.

"I read atlases and geography books and I watch television shows about geography," he says.

Jonathan Chassé has already travelled quite a bit for an 11-year-old child, as discovering countries is also a point of interest for his parents, Julie Girard and Guillaume Chassé.

"We have gone to various parts of Canada and the United States on a few occasions. Two years ago, we visited Switzerland, with shorter stops in Italy and Germany. One month ago, we went to Japan," he adds.

The top five scoring students in the Canadian Geographic Challenge will be invited to travel to Eastern Canada. "We will visit Nova Scotia, including a trip to Sable Island, and stay in the Magdalen Islands and Prince Edward Island," explains Jonathan, who is bilingual.

"We are both bilingual. We are home-schooling Jonathan because he likes learning at home. He



A day prior to the challenge final, Jonathan Chassé was doing fieldwork in Ottawa's Fletcher Wildlife Centre, a bio-diverse, wildlife-friendly habitat area located in the heart of the city.

does more work at home and he can learn more geography that way. He is in grade 6 officially but he is a little more advanced than that," explains his mother, Julie Girard. Jonathan's father Guillaume Chassé is a chemistry teacher at Carleton's Cegep.

The top three students in the challenge will win \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively.

Hundreds of other students competed to represent Quebec, but Jonathan won out. The Canadian Geographic Challenge is in its 24th year and continues to be one of Canada's largest student competitions. Students went through classroom testing, and then each school champion faced off at the provincial/territorial level.

In Ottawa, the top 20 students underwent two intense days of written testing and fieldwork, designed to assess their geographical prowess. In the last round of the challenge, they were asked to answer fast-paced geography trivia questions. The final is set up like a game show and was hosted by world-renowned underwater explorer Jill Heinerth, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society's inaugural explorer-in-

residence.

The trip won by the five finalist calls for a 10-day Fins and Fiddles adventure cruise, Destination Canada, Canadian Signature Experience. This voyage explores Canada's east coast and includes a zodiac ride to Sable Island and its famed wild horses.

One Ocean Expeditions and Air Canada are the proud supporters of the Canadian Geographic Challenge. The challenge is just one of the many ways that Canadian Geographic Education is helping to foster the geographic skills necessary to maintain Canada's reputation as a geography powerhouse.

Canadian Geographic Education is The Royal Canadian Geographical Society's educational network, comprising more than 22,000 members from across the country. Canadian Geographic Education uses innovative programming and a wide range of public and private sector partners to foster geographic literacy.

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