

## Think you know Canada?



Canada Day, 2019! Get out and take in the fireworks, parades and flag waving. It's a day to be a proud Canadian. Wear red and white! Try this quiz about your country. It starts out with the easy questions, to make you feel confident. See how far you can go. Then on Canada Day annoy your friends and family by asking them some of the questions, because you know the answers! - Diane Skinner

1. Name of the Prime Minister.
2. Flag colours.
3. Capital city.
4. Largest city.
5. National Anthem.
6. Governor General.
7. Chief Justice.
8. Official tree.
9. Largest province.
10. Smallest province.
11. First Prime Minister.
12. Largest island.
13. Highest point.
14. Two official languages.
15. First francophone Prime Minister.
16. Official animal.
17. Official motto.
18. Longest river.
19. Number of provinces.
20. Largest lake.
21. Official summer sport.
22. Official winter sport.
23. Age eligible to vote.
24. Tallest freestanding structure.
25. Only officially bilingual province.
26. The three oceans that touch Canada.
27. Date of Canada Day and why we celebrate it.
28. Canada's first (and only) female Prime Minister.
29. Last province to join Canada.
30. People hunted to extinction by Europeans in Newfoundland.
31. First Canadian in space.
32. Name of political and social movement in Quebec in the 1960's.
33. Name of early French fur traders.
34. National police force.
35. Largest religious denomination.



Answers on page 11

## Looking back: July 1, 2018 – July 1, 2019

Diane Skinner

Canada Day celebrations typically include parades and fireworks, however, your dog will never thank you for the fireworks. People celebrate with barbecues and you will see Canadian flags and other red and white items sported everywhere. Dogs won't mind the barbecue or the flags.

Do you feel that the year since the last Canada Day has flown by? It has, but many things have happened. The news is mostly dire. The climate, the stability of certain world leaders, the economic forecast, the rising cost of fuel and food fill the news daily. But the world keeps turning and people still go about their daily lives. How did Canada fare since July 1, 2018? What has dominated our news?

Scott Moir and Tessa Virtue

were named Canadian athletes of the year (December 2018). They won their second Olympic medal in Korea with a record setting score. Who can ever forget their steamy ice dance to the music of Roxanne? Hot!

The top Canadian news story of 2018 was the tragic Humboldt Broncos bus crash. The team was on its way to a playoff game in April 2018 when their bus and a truck collided killing 16 people and injuring 13.

The expansion of Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline was one of the most heated issues in Canadian politics over the past year. Recently the federal government approved the pipeline and construction could start as early as September, however, that fight is not over. Prepare to hear more in the coming months as

indigenous people fight the decision.

Record-level flooding hit parts of New Brunswick last summer, destroying homes and washing away roads.

The worst fire season on record happened in British Columbia in the summer of 2018. Almost 13,000 square kilometers of the province was burned.

A tornado hit the Ottawa and Gatineau region on September 21 and destroyed dozens of homes. Wind speeds reached almost 265 km/h.

Canada made history with the first legal sale of non-medicinal marijuana on Oct. 1, 2018.

The report from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Inquiry was released, and it was scathing. The word genocide was used and watch the news for more reaction to these findings. The longer-term impact may be a shift in

attitudes towards Indigenous people. The pain of the past is real.

June 6, 2019 marked the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. On June 6, 1944 Allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy to open the way to Germany from the West. Canadians suffered the most casualties of any division in the British Army Group. We will not forget their bravery.

The Toronto Raptors won the NBA championship. (Go Kawhi!)

Quebec's Bill 21 was passed on June 16. This bill makes it illegal for public sector employees to wear religious symbols at work. There is a lot of concern about how this bill will be enforced.

Canadian astronaut David Saint-Jacques has spent over 200 days aboard the Interna-

tional Space Station and is scheduled to return June 24.

Its already in the news as parties vie for your vote, but the federal election will be held on October 21, 2019. The Liberal Party will try to hang on to power with the Conservatives currently looking as strong contenders. The big issues are immigration, carbon taxes and the economy.

Well, we can all speculate about what will happen between this Canada Day, 2019 and the next Canada Day, 2020. Certainly, politics and weather will be in the headlines and the intersection of those two. Will politicians in Canada and elsewhere make some bold and difficult moves to stop the devastating effects of climate change? Let's hope they have the awareness and courage to make those hard decisions. Have a great Canada Day, 2019!



## Deficit in Grand River

Nelson Sergerie

GRAND RIVER: - Grand River has completed its fiscal year 2018 with a deficit of \$145,000. The operations resulted in a \$5,000 surplus on a budget of just over \$5 million, but the repayment of a debt explains this negative balance sheet.

“It was decided to take \$150,000 from the accumulated surplus to repay the loan. This amount is accounted for as an expense,” explains Mayor Gino Cyr.

The accumulated surplus decreased from \$223,000 to \$48,000. The municipality's debt was \$11.3 million as of December 31.

## Gaspé launches tourist season

Nelson Sergerie

L'ANSE-AU-GRIFFON - Nearly 100 people attended the launch of Destination Gaspé's 2019 tourist season on June 13. Under the theme *Gaspé pur plaisir*, the guests were able to discover the novelties of the next season in addition to tasting local products made by artisans of the municipality. The website [gaspapurplaisir.ca](http://gaspapurplaisir.ca) was launched where people can find tourist information but also information to encourage people to settle in the town.

## Chandler wants a bike path

Nelson Sergerie

CHANDLER - Chandler wants to create a network of bike paths to connect the six neighbourhoods, a project valued between \$10 million and \$12 million.

The project dates back to the current council election in 2017. A project manager was hired to build the track, which would also be a tourist tour of attractions from Newport to Saint-François.

A firm is mandated to determine the route of forty kilometers. “The firm will have to make the route and then we will place the tourist attractions along the route that will be recommended,” says the pro-Mayor, Bruno-Pierre Godbout.

The study, at a cost of \$14,000, should be filed in two months. “We want to have the route as quickly as possible to take advantage of the pre-election momentum to submit the project to Canada Economic Development and Tourism Quebec,” said the elected representative of Newport.

“For several years, we've had a great recreational tourism offer, but we also want to give added value to our citizens who are here throughout the year.



Photo: G. Gagné

## Baie des Chaleurs Car Rally to be held between June 28 and July 1

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: - Approximately 35 teams from all over North America are expected to take part in the 42nd Baie des Chaleurs Car Rally, which will take place between June 28 and July 1 along the roads of New Richmond and the surrounding area. For the fourth consecutive year, international teams from the FIA NACAM-NRC circuit will participate in the event. The Baie des Chaleurs Car Rally will also feature teams competing in the Canadian Rally Championship, the Eastern Canada Rally Championship, the Championnat MaritimeEst of Quebec and the Quebec Championship.

A long-time multi-winner of the North American, Canadian and Quebec Championships, Yves Barbe, will race again after 15 years of absence. Last year's Canadian Championship winner, Karel Carré, will also compete in New Richmond this year, as well as local competitor Mickaël Bujold, who came pretty close to a position on the podium last year at the Rocky Mountain Rally. Two veterans of the Baie des Chaleurs Car Rally, Joël Levac and Jean-Sébastien Besner, are also coming back to New Richmond. The organizing committee puts a lot of emphasis on two of the crowd's favourite events, the Camp Brûlé passage and the Fifth Range jump. The Camp Brûlé spot has been revisited to greet more people, to feature more animation and offer of a better view of the cars. It will be open at 5:00 pm on June 28. As for the Fifth Range jump, it will be open to the public at 10:00 am the following morning. Spectators will be able to see each team three times at those two spots.



**Honourable Diane Lebouthillier**  
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# Police report

## GASPÉ: 30% increase to asphalt streets

Nelson **Sergerie**

GASPÉ - Since the price of asphalt has increased by 30% in Gaspé, the town council has decided to withdraw four streets from the scheduled list in order to fit the costs in the budget planned for 2019.

Eurovia is the only company to have made a proposal and it was above \$645,000 for paving streets while the Town's estimate was \$500,000.

"Are we paying the bill? No. Items were removed from the contract. There are citizens who will have to wait another year to see their asphalt rebuilt. It's not our fault," says Mayor Daniel Côté.

In recent years, Nascau, which had an asphalt plant in Chandler, influenced prices, which had saved Gaspé \$330,000 over three years, however, the company pulled out of Gaspé.

"We saw it. When there is competition, the price goes down. Suddenly, we come back into a monopoly situation and suddenly the prices come back 30%. In Quebec, it's not much better."

### Investigation?

The mayor believes that there may be a collective movement to fight against these methods.

"The MTQ (Transport Ministry) is having trouble.

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Judge Guylaine Tremblay, of the Quebec Court, rendered a verdict of guilty in the case of Renée Toupin, 54, from Trois-Rivières charged with criminal harassment against Gaspesian singer Kevin Parent. The case involved incidents that occurred between 2015 and 2017 when the accused approached Kevin Parent on four different occasions. She also visited his backstage room in Joliette.

The decision was made public on June 17 at the Trois-Rivières courthouse. Initially the decision was scheduled to be rendered on March 27 but the judge had been injured in an accident and was on sick leave at the time. During the trial, the singer testified that he feared for his safety.

It was not the first time Renée Toupin attempted to get closer to Kevin Parent. In 2004 and 2007, she entered his Carleton house to say that she loved him. A first trial was held following those incidents but the accused was judged non-criminally responsible of her acts. Judge Tremblay specified that the previous case was not taken into account in her latest decision.

Judge Tremblay ordered the preparation of a pre-sentence report and scheduled the next court appearance for October 9. (With information provided by the FM 98.5 radio station in Trois-Rivières)

Isabelle Bujold, 22, from Paspebiac faces charges of assault and uttering death threats against a child under her responsibility in her daycare, for which she is seeking accreditation. She was arrested on June 18 and kept in custody until her June 18 court appearance at the New Carlisle courthouse. The events for which she was charged allegedly occurred on June 17. The child was not injured. Isabelle Bujold entered a plea of non-guilty. Judge Celestina Almeida, of the Quebec Court, imposed conditions tied to her release, including not being in the presence of children in a daycare setting until further notice. The accused will return to court on August 12.

A Maria house located on Verdiers Street was destroyed by a June 18 fire. The alarm was sounded at 4:10 p.m. Firefighters from Carleton joined their Maria colleagues to extinguish the fire. Sûreté du Québec officers were asked to assist the firefighters. "A cooking fire could have started the blaze. The Maria firefighters are still investigating the case but foul play is ruled out," says Sûreté du Québec spokesperson Sgt. Claude Doiron.

Quebec Court Judge Célestina Almeida approved a request made by Crown Prosecutor Florence Frappier-Routhier to assess the aptitude of Jimmy Lévesque to stand trial. He is a 38-year-old man from Dalhousie charged with armed robbery following a theft perpetrated in a Nouvelle house on March 19.

Jimmy Lévesque appeared in court on June 19 in New Carlisle and informed Judge Almeida that he would represent himself from now on. He was represented until then by Carleton lawyer, Ariane Cayer. Lévesque made comments in court that puzzled the tribunal on June 17 and June 19. As SPEC was reaching its June 21 deadline, he was scheduled to return to court.

Jimmy Lévesque and Michel Perron, 52, from Campbellton, allegedly stormed into the house of an elderly couple on the night of March 19 and left with various objects of value. The victims were tied but not injured. The suspects were located when a vehicle looking like the car seen by the victims was abandoned along a road near Dalhousie. Both men were arrested by Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers a few days after the crime. They have been in custody since March. As for Michel Perron, he will also return to court on August 12, for his pro forma preliminary hearing. He and his lawyer, Michael Bernard, have opted for a trial in front of a judge and jury.



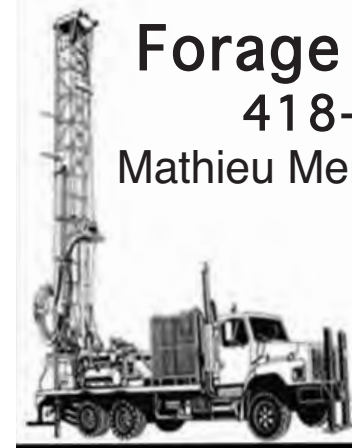
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Adams Street won't be included in the repairs for 2019.

The cities have needs. Everyone has needs in asphaltting. At a certain point, we become a bit annoyed," says the mayor.

We must find a solution, according to the elected official: "We will challenge Quebec on this. We will not be the only municipality. All munic-

ipalities live the same problem. Have we reached the stage where Quebec should declare a commission of inquiry on asphalt?" asks Mr. Côté, who rejects the explanation for the increase in the price of bitumen since this component is only one element of asphalt.



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## Commentary

Gilles Gagné

### Is it possible to play both sides?

It wasn't much of a surprise when on June 18 Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that his government is giving the green light to the expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline.

He is consequently misleading Canadians. He has stated repeatedly over recent months that it is possible to fight climate change without obstructing the economic development tied to the hydrocarbon industry. The Trans Mountain pipeline project proves that those statements are false.

A summary of recent history might be of some help here. The Canadian government bought the pipeline on May 29, 2018 at a cost of \$4.5 billion. That decision came a month after the announcement by the former owner of the pipeline, Kinder Morgan, that the expansion of Trans Mountain was no longer in the company's plans for a set of reasons. Profitability, or lack thereof, was one of those reasons.

The expansion cost of the pipeline was evaluated at \$7.4 billion in the spring of 2018. A closer look at the file recently made by the federal government's Parliamentary Director of budget propels that cost to \$9.3 billion. That potential bill is labelled in 2019 dollars. There are many court cases underway that aim to block the expansion of Trans Mountain, including one being launched by the government of British Columbia, and others by certain Indigenous communities. It must also be mentioned that some Native communities support the pipeline expansion.

Justin Trudeau affirms that the expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline will not lead to an expansion of oil production in Alberta and Saskatchewan. That is false. The expansion stems directly from

some oil producers who will to raise their tar sands oil output. It has always been clear. Canada's prime minister is playing on words when he says that the production would increase without the Trans Mountain expansion.

Justin Trudeau is also misleading Canadians when he says that the profits of an expanded pipeline will be invested in ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

First, it is far from certain that an expanded Trans Mountain pipeline will be profitable. The Canadian government will have to pay back a debt load of at least \$13.8 billion, \$4.5 billion for the acquisition and \$9.3 billion for the expansion, before breaking even with the initiative.

Secondly, the expansion of the pipeline capacity will increase greenhouse gas emissions by 13 million tonnes yearly, and maybe as much as 15 million tonnes, according to the expert of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, a neutral organization. It is the equivalent of a three million car increment on Canadian roads. The exploitation of tar sands oil emits more polluting gases than conventional hydrocarbons, to cap the matter.

So chances are that the hypothetical profits of the pipeline will not even cover the measures that will be required to deal with the increment in polluting emissions caused by Trans Mountain alone. We are far from combating current emissions. In fact, despite Justin Trudeau's statements, Canada will surely miss on respecting its greenhouse gas reduction commitment made in Paris in 2015.

The pipeline operators will have to keep its user's fees low if it is to keep its customers. Those customers produce one of the most expensive hydrocarbons in the world. Their profit margin is currently very low or non-existent. The oil industry is far from the industry of the future, as numerous countries are trying to reduce or phase out their hydrocarbon consumption.

Justin Trudeau says that the goal of his government is to sell Trans Mountain once it is expanded and running. That will not happen before at least 2022, considering the high number of legal hand-caps.

Who will pay more than \$14 billion for a pipeline that cannot charge high user fees to an ailing industry characterized by some of the highest pro-

duction costs in the world?

It is therefore certain that the acquisition of Trans Mountain by the Canadian government was far from a good business decision, despite Justin Trudeau's affirmation to that effect. We must keep in mind that not one private investor showed up when Kinder Morgan put it up for sale in April 2018. Even Mr. Trudeau admitted that the expansion project would have died without his government's intervention.

Truth be told, the June 18 expansion announcement was a political move, four months before the October 21 federal election, and even that might not yield satisfactory results. Very few people in Alberta and Saskatchewan will opt to vote for the Liberal Party because of the pipeline acquisition and expansion, and Mr. Trudeau stands a much bigger chance of alienating the people who would normally have voted for him in British Columbia, and people who care about the environment elsewhere in Canada.

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# Town of Gaspé to sell properties for \$1

Gilles Gagné

**GASPÉ:** – The Town of Gaspé will sell 10 properties at a starting price of \$1 each in order to stimulate the construction of multi-dwelling buildings and, therefore, reduce the effect of the housing shortage that has limited the establishment of new residences over the last three years.

The properties are located near the airport on de L'Envol Street. Their municipal value ranges from \$36,500 to \$45,000. The town administration will assess propositions based on three criteria: the number of units per property, the time it will take to realize the projects, and the price offered for the land, since the base price of \$1 can be enhanced.

“Every week, we have workers and families that go back to where they came from because they can't find lodging. It is a huge blow to the demographic and economic development of the town,” says Daniel Côté, mayor of Gaspé.

The vacancy rate of the Greater Gaspé area stands at 1.2% while the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation specifies that a balanced rate should be between 3% and 4%.

“It is 1.2% in the Greater Gaspé area if we take into account the farthest communities like Anse-à-Valleau, 40 minutes from the downtown area but the vacancy rate is zero in that downtown area,” adds Mr. Côté.

Gaspé has experienced an economic boom since 2016. LM Wind Power, the manufacturer of windmill blades, doubled its capacity between the summer of 2016 and the winter of 2017, a move that propelled its labour force from 200 to 485 people.

Entreprises maritimes Bouchard, Atelier de soudure Gilles Aspirault, and Chantier naval Forillon together employ approximately 125 people

and are always looking for manpower. Groupe Ohméga, an engineering firm, is also experiencing regular expansion.

Daniel Côté is confident that the selling of properties for a nominal amount of money or for a price inferior to the municipal value is worth it. The tax revenues will soon be recouped.

“It will depend on the starting price offered by the developers we select but it will be paid back in three to five years,” he says, referring to municipal taxes that will stem from the new buildings. Zoning rules in the Envol Street area don't allow the construction of buildings larger than triplexes because of the capacity of the septic tanks allowed there.

Before launching the call for tenders process, the mayor talked to three potential developers. “They all showed interest,” he says, convinced that a larger survey would have yielded more interest.

The project could lead to the building of 30 new dwellings in the town of 15,000 inhabitants. How many additional dwellings would it take to solve the current shortage of housing?

“We haven't done an exhaustive study but there is probably enough demand for 100 units. In 2008-2009, 100 new units were built in Gaspé, because of the adoption of a private bill by the (Quebec) government so that the Town could provide direct incentives instead of selling discounted pieces of land. At the time, those incentives had given good results. The economic boom is stronger now than in 2008. So another set of 100 units would help solve our shortage problem,” explains Mr. Côté.



The expansion of LM Wind Power in 2016 created 285 additional jobs at the plant. It was the start of an economic boom that has not relented. Photo: G. Gagné

plains Mr. Côté.

Earlier this year, the Town of Gaspé tried to convince the National Assembly to adopt another private bill to allow the municipal administration to hand out direct incentives but the legislative program was too busy to hear that request.

“It is postponed until the fall and we will ask for it again. It is certain (...) In fact, it is that delay that prompted the municipal council to move. We could have adopted a waiting mode but the effects of the shortage are too acute for that,” concludes Mr. Côté.

Housing developers now have a month to respond to the Town of Gaspé call for tenders. They can also submit projects for more than one piece of land, and even for all. Another call for tenders will be launched later if some of the pieces of land are still available.

The unit price of each property will be raised to \$2,500 on January 1, 2020, and to \$5,000 six months later, if some of them are still up for grabs.



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# Guy Gallant becomes new director general of UPA for the Gaspé Peninsula and Magdalen Islands

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: – Mayor of Saint-Alexis and prefect of the Avignon MRC, Guy Gallant, is becoming the new director general of the *Union des producteurs agricoles* of the Gaspé Peninsula and Magdalen Islands (UPA). He will replace Marc Tétreault who is retiring.

Mr. Gallant is also president of the Gaspé Peninsula Table of Prefects. He will step down from the prefect position on June 26 and will start as regional director of the UPA on July 2. His successor will then be elected or designated. Mr. Gallant will remain as mayor of Saint-Alexis.

Aged 51, Guy Gallant is a trained agronomist who owns a cattle farm in Saint-Alexis. He was a dairy farmer for years, and he sold his milk



Guy Gallant

quota in 2016. He has headed the region's syndicate of cattle farmers for several years.

Last fall, he was an independent candidate in Quebec's election. He ran in

Bonaventure, his riding, after flirting with the Liberal Party.

"I am coming back to my first career. I liked the work I was doing as a prefect but agriculture is my first love, career-wise, and I am coming back to it full-time," he comments.

Marc Tétreault's retirement was in the plans for a while even if it was not widely known. The selection of his successor came after an open job posting. Five candidates were interested in the position.

He knows that the challenges at UPA are numerous. "We have lost farmers over the years. We have between 250 and 300 producers. We are currently assessing the number of farmers in the region. Some of them are members and some are not. We have lost cattle, dairy and sheep farmers over recent

years but we have gained maple syrup and vegetable producers," he points out.

"I have informed the UPA partners that they have to recognize the importance of agriculture for the region. I know that we are far from the markets.

We also have to get the message across to politicians, to the MAPAQ (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), to economic development bodies, and to the federal government.

Secondly, I want every producer to make a decent revenue out of farming activities. I am convinced that we must put emphasis on processing our production locally, the way Sylvain Tapp does in Douglstown with his produce (sauerkraut). He even buys input outside the region and processes it here," states Guy Gallant.

## Pieridae Energy has money guarantees to close Gaspé wells when necessary

Gilles Gagné

CARLETON: - Responding to worries expressed by *Environnement vert plus*, the management of Pieridae Energy assures that it has the money to eventually close the Gaspesian wells under its responsibility. There are nine of them and each one has a sum of \$150,000 attached to it in order to close it permanently one day.

The company, therefore, complies with the Quebec rule that was valid when those nine wells were drilled. Under the regulation in place before 2017, a guarantee of \$150,000 must be deposited for each hydrocarbon well drilled in Quebec.

The spokesperson of *Environnement vert plus*, Pascal Bergeron, has been unsuccessfully trying for weeks to obtain from the Quebec's Department of Energy and Natural Resources the documents proving that Pieridae Energy has the financial means to eventually shut wells that are not productive or not worth further exploration.

"We fear that those inactive wells will be closed through public funding if the companies have not deposited the guarantee of \$150,000," points out Mr.

Bergeron.

Wells that are not permanently closed often emit polluting gases in the air, sometimes for decades. Mr. Bergeron holds proof that the four wells drilled on the Bourque property are covered by the same number of \$150,000 guarantees. He doesn't have proof about the five other Pieridae Energy wells, including Haldimand 1, 2 and 4, Le Ber, Tar Point and a sixth well called Wakeham.

Pieridae Energy's deputy manager of regulatory affairs, Félix Théoret, sent SPEC a correspondence exchange between the company and Quebec's hydrocarbons office at the Department of Energy and Natural Resources confirming reception of the money guarantees linked to

the eventual closure of five wells out of six, the three Haldimand wells, Le Ber and Tar Point.

"The sixth well, Wakeham, belongs to Junex, now known as Cuda. Pétrolia (acquired by Pieridae in 2017) had conducted the Wakeham project with Junex before ceding control (to Junex)," explains Mr. Théoret.

Guarantees must be renewed yearly, he adds, although the amount of \$150,000 is just extended over a longer period. It does not have to be deposited several times. The amount is usually under the responsibility of a third party, like a bank.

The last renewal of Pieridae Energy's guarantees regarding the five wells located near Gaspé took place at the end of April 2019. Félix

Théoret sent SPEC a copy of the Energy and Natural Resources letter confirming reception of the guarantees.

Pascal Bergeron remains disappointed but not surprised by the secrecy approach adopted by the Energy and Natural Resources Department, where his requests for information regarding Pieridae Energy's wells have been systematically turned down.

"They (the civil servants) are asking me to revert to the Information Access Commission to get the documents I am asking for. The process will take two-three years and I will probably win," points out Mr. Bergeron, who is convinced that the ministry is using ways to discourage information requests.

Félix Théorêt points out

that Pieridae Energy expects further drilling at the three Haldimand wells to be forbidden by the Quebec government, a consequence of the new regulation adopted since the fall of 2017.

"Haldimand 2 and Haldimand 4 are located in the urban perimeter protected by the new regulation, and Haldimand 1 is located 50 metres outside that perimeter. We would need permission to drill under the perimeter if we resume exploration in that area," explains Mr. Théoret.

Meanwhile, in the foreseeable future, Pieridae Energy "has no project for Tar Point and Le Ber," he adds, underlining that the firm is concentrating its efforts to land a gas liquefaction plant and marine terminal in Goldboro, Nova Scotia.



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Jenny Francoeur and Sylvie Bernard with a copy of the petition.

Photo: N. Sergerie

## Respecting handicap parking spaces

Nelson Sergerie

GASPÉ: A petition has been launched by Jenny Francoeur and Sylvie Bernard, who both have reduced mobility. They are asking drivers to respect designated handicap parking spaces and hope that municipal authorities will be attentive to their requests. They note the flagrant lack of civility of drivers who do not respect the designated spaces.

### Their approach is primarily to raise awareness.

“We are asking for more supervision for parking for the handicapped and that merchants adapt for people with reduced mobility,” says Francoeur, who has addressed the issue in the past. In 2015, she led a massive campaign that made national media. At the time, the message was embraced by the population, but there has been a gradual relaxation in the past four years.

### Hard to reach businesses

Many merchants are making efforts to facilitate access for people with disabilities, but in some places it's difficult. Many parking spaces indicated with a sign or blue on the asphalt are not all in accordance with the law.

“There are steps that, even if it's an inch or two, for us, it's a wall to overcome. You cannot walk around without there being a hazard,” says Ms. Bernard, who nevertheless applauds the efforts made by some businesses. The ladies want the city to better regulate these issues.

### Awareness before clamping down

The Town of Gaspé emphasizes that there has been a lot of improvement over the past few years thanks to the Disability Policy.

Mayor Daniel Côté is sensitive to the approach of these two citizens. “There is a question of respect. I still do not understand why people dare not respect that. Before slapping their fingers with a ticket, I think that at the base, people must be minimally made aware of the situation.”

The mayor will let the petition do its work, but he warns, “If we need to adopt a repressive measure with regulations, we will do it.”

In the meantime, the Town will ensure that its signage is legal. To ensure better access to buildings, Gaspé has put a lot of effort into adapting its own buildings for people with reduced mobility. For commercial buildings, the question is more complex.

“I'm thinking of Queen Street, where space is very limited to make businesses accessible. There are several that are becoming more accessible, but it is the rules of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec that apply,” says the mayor.

As of June 6, more than 700 people have signed the petition.



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## Reflections

by

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## Planning a perfect picnic

Summer is here and even though the weather does not always agree with that, there will be days when a picnic will be the ideal activity. A little planning ahead can assure a successful outing and make a perfect summer memory. A lovely summer day, fine food and the great outdoors are a perfect trifecta.

Don't ever forget that it is mainly about the food though, so plan accordingly. Try not to serve store prepared store-bought food, because that is not the vibe you should be going for. People may eat the store-bought potato salad and say thank you, but they will sing your praises for home-made potato salad!

First decide in what you will pack the food. If you have a cooler, that's great or a wicker basket adds additional ambiance to the outing. Reusable cold packs are a great idea or small plastic bags of ice, if you must. Food safety is critical. Foods such as egg salad, chicken, or ham must be stored at a cool temperature. Keep that food on ice for as long as possible. Once you lay out the food call everybody over right away to enjoy the meal.

There are other items to tuck into the basket or cooler that will make the day more successful. These may include hand wipes or sanitizing gel, a bag for garbage, small packets of salt and pepper, an opener if needed, and a tablecloth or blanket to put on the ground or picnic table.

Beverages are critical for a successful picnic. Way back in time we would pack Kool-Aid or Freshie with ice in glass bottles, then wrap the bottles in newspaper. What a deliciously quenching memory that is. Water is a great choice and maybe even a thermos of tea or coffee for those who like to sit afterwards and savour the meal.

Try to avoid single use plastics. Reusable containers to hold your food, washable but non-breakable plates, cups and glasses, no plastic straws, will all make you a bonafide friend of this planet. Instead of paper serviettes bring a tea towel. Remember: Be mindful of global issues but act locally. We can all try to do that when possible.

Nothing stirs up an appetite like fresh air, so pack lots of delicious food. You may want to have sandwiches, chicken or even little quiches. Salads are great and there are so many kinds of salad. These include egg salad, garden salad, Greek salad, macaroni salad and chicken salad. You may want to cut up a container of munchable veggies such as carrot sticks, peppers, cucumbers and radishes and take along hummus for dipping. A perfect ending for the meal could be fruit kebabs. You could also add cookies or squares to finish off the meal. Ideal picnic foods include devilled eggs, frozen grapes, roast beef, cheese and lettuce rollups, tea biscuits, muffins and watermelon.

“Dinner and a movie? Forget that. I'd rather have a picnic and a waterfall.” Get out there and enjoy the outdoors!

### Devilled Eggs

12 hard-boiled eggs  
¼ cup light mayonnaise  
2 tsp. Dijon mustard  
salt and pepper  
paprika to sprinkle on top

- Cut eggs in half, lengthwise.
- Scoop out the yolks into a bowl.
- Mash yolks with a fork. Add mayo, mustard, salt and pepper.
- Spoon yolk mixture into whites (or pipe from a small plastic bag with the corner snipped off).
- Sprinkle with paprika.

### Roast Beef Wraps

6 tortillas  
Thinly sliced roast beef  
6 slices of swiss cheese  
Leaf lettuce  
Mayo OR horseradish

- Lay out tortillas. Spread mayo or horseradish over the tortilla. Place meat, lettuce and cheese on top. Roll tightly. Cut diagonally into 4 pieces per tortilla.

### Rainbow Fruit Kebabs

Mixed fruit (raspberries, strawberries, mango, pineapple chunks, grapes)

- Put fruit onto wooden skewers.
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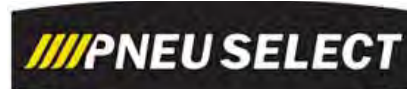
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# Natascha Joncas' contract not renewed by ESSB

Gilles Gagné

NEW CARLISLE: – The board members of the Eastern Shores School Board will not renew the contract of their director general, Natascha Joncas. The decision was made public on June 19, during the monthly meeting of the school board.

The information was made in-camera though, which means that the public and certain employees of the Eastern Shores School Board (ESSB) were asked to leave the room momentarily. The reasons behind the non-renewal were not divulged by Wade Gifford, chairperson of ESSB.

“The only thing I have to say is that the decision is not to renew her contract and we wish her all the best moving forward. This is all we have to say about it,” pointed out Mr. Gifford after the meeting.

When asked to explain, he replied that “this is private information.” He added that “it is the same kind of approach we take with any other employee. With other employ-

ees, we don't make big statements to the population.”

It was a unanimous decision, he pointed out. The contract ends on June 30. Natascha Joncas has not been seen in her role at ESSB since the first week of June, which suggests that a problem arose well before the end of her contract. On June 10, Mr. Gifford explained that Ms. Joncas was “out on family leave right now.”

In a written message sent to the staff of ESSB shortly after the June 19 public meeting, Mr. Gifford did not supply more information except to say that Suzanne Ward will continue to act as assistant director general and to thank Ms. Joncas for her service.

Ms. Joncas has not responded to SPEC's invitation to comment further on the situation.

The next public board meeting of ESSB is scheduled for August 20. Natascha Joncas was hired in the summer of 2018. She replaced Howard Miller, who was retiring.



Chelsea LeQuesne, Kayla Drohan and Naomi Morin.

## Three Gaspé Poly Students achieve Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Ann Kelly,  
Spiritual Animator, ESSB  
GASPÉ: - Chelsea LeQuesne, Kayla Drohan and Naomi Morin registered for the Duke of Edinburgh award in September 2018.

In October they achieved an adventurous journey on an ESSB organized hiking trip to Parc de la Gaspésie.

Throughout the year they diligently worked on the three other aspects of the award: service, physical recreation and skill.

June 10, at a ceremony in

their school, they were awarded their bronze certificate and pin. Those involved in the girls' journey are extremely proud of their accomplishment.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is the world's leading youth achievement award for Canadian youth. It is an internationally recognized program for young people building their skills to equip them for life and work. By creating opportunities for young people to develop skills, get physically fit, give

service and experience adventure, the Award can play a critical role in their development.

Eastern Shores School Board adopted the Duke of Edinburgh Award framework as a tool to enhance students' school experience. Participation in the award is steadily growing. There are currently 30 secondary students within ESSB who are registered. Staff is looking forward to new members next year and hoping to see these three eager participants move up to the silver level.

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# “Climate change is the lens through which we must see everything”

Jeanie LeLacheur

BARACHOIS: - It's official! Dennis Drainville will run as the Green Party candidate for Gaspésie-Iles-de-la-Madeleine in the upcoming federal election. His campaign launch took place on June 5 at the Barachois Recreation Centre with 25 people in attendance and long-time friend and co-worker François Dumont making introductions. François touched on Mr. Drainville's previous environmental convictions as well as his presence on a local level as a humanities teacher at the Gaspé Cégep for 12 years. He also mentioned the nine years Mr. Drainville spent as the Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Quebec during which time he advocated for LGBT rights.

Dennis spoke candidly about erosion. He also made references to the once-thriving commercial cod fishery that was shut down due to depleted cod stocks, the Barachois wharf and the nearby pristine wetland.

“We need to look at what has already been lost, what is now at risk, and the stark

choices that are before everybody's eyes,” commented Dennis Drainville.

Drought, increased temperatures, forest fires, the loss of biodiversity, and especially the 799 species that have been designated by COSEWIC (including the endangered Gaspésie caribou and the Atlantic Salmon) were high on the list of issues to be considered and the message he delivered was precise. “Climate change is the lens through which we must see everything, and immediate actions as a coordinated effort from all levels of government in response to it are an absolute necessity.”

His response to questions concerning a strategy to involve youth in the movement was to mention that local youth have indeed formed an action oriented group and that he had already met with them and joined them in a walk the previous week.

During discussion period Karl Reinders stated, “The economic benefits of investing in the renewable energy revolution, including his opinion that job creators of the future would likely not be petroleum

companies, but those looking to the future of green energy. In his opinion it's time to insist that governments accelerate the transition to clean alternatives.” In addition to the climate change issues Mr. Drainville also expressed his concern about the lack of train service in the region for the population.

The lunch following the event had a variety of regional organic products including cheese from Au Pied du Vent from the Magdalens and products from Chef Nicolas, Marcher des Saveurs, Monsieur Émile and Aitkens, Érablière Coté Sucré, Brulerie de l'Atlantique and Robin's. Many generous local supporters also contributed cakes squares and even green cookies.

Although the focus on local doesn't imply support from those mentioned but it does reflect Mr. Drainville's commitment to highlight and encourage the products and their producers. As Green Events unfold in the coming months in different parts of the riding, whenever possible, sampling of local food will be part of the activity.



Marguerite Tremblay of Karuna Rose from Saint-Alphonse shows her natural skincare products to Ramona Jerome of Gesgapegiag.

Photo: C. Dow

## Nesisieg: New festival looks promising

Cynthia Dow

ESCUMINAC: - A new festival has joined the ranks of the Gaspésie's summer gatherings. On June 14 and 15 *Nous trois | Nesisieg | We three* was launched by a coalition of groups including the Municipality of Escuminac, Ford New Richmond, CEDEC, CASA, Listuguj, Gesgapegiag, SEPAQ, and Avignon MRC.

The goal of the tri-cultural event was to celebrate the three cultures present in the Avignon MRC: francophone, anglophone and Mi'gmaq while highlighting positive aspects of interculturalism.

On the first day of the festivities well over 100 schoolchildren were treated to a variety of activities at Miguasha Park while on Saturday a community market and music concert were held at the highway stop in Pointe à la Garde. Musicians included MLou, The Gypsy Donkeys, and The Shigawake Groove Band. There were about a dozen tables inside the big white tent.

Asked for his comments, the Mayor of Escuminac, Bruce Wafer, was enthusiastic: “It was a success. The school day was great. We figure around 700 people flowed through the tent during the day on Saturday. The tri-cultural jam with Mlou was amazing. We will be meeting soon for a debriefing and forming a steering committee for the 2nd edition.” He indicated that the event “...achieved its purpose: brought the three cultures together and was well covered by the media. The future looks bright!”



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## Obituaries



**BOND: Ernest Robert**

Passed away in Brossard, Quebec, at age 71. Funeral service to be held at St. John's Anglican Church, Sandy Beach, Gaspé, Quebec, on Sunday, July 7, at 2 p.m., followed by a barbecue to be held at 10 Alexander Street for family and close friends.



**LEBLANC: Hervé "Harvey" Edouard**

On Monday, June 17, 2019 at 77 years of age, Hervé "Harvey" Edouard LeBlanc passed away after a lengthy illness. Beloved husband of the late Vivian (nee Shertzer - May 15, 2006). Caring dad of Laura, Denise (Bruce) McClelland and Daniel (Jen). Dearly loved grandpa of Rachel, Cole, Jackson and Sonny. Dear brother of Pierre (Claudette), Janine (late Jacques Audet), Edmour (Georgette), Roland, Emilie (late Charles Lehoux), late Alfonse (Elizabeth "Babeth"), William (Rena) and Michelle (Charles Cyr) and their families. His nieces Tammy and Lisa have a special place in their hearts for him.

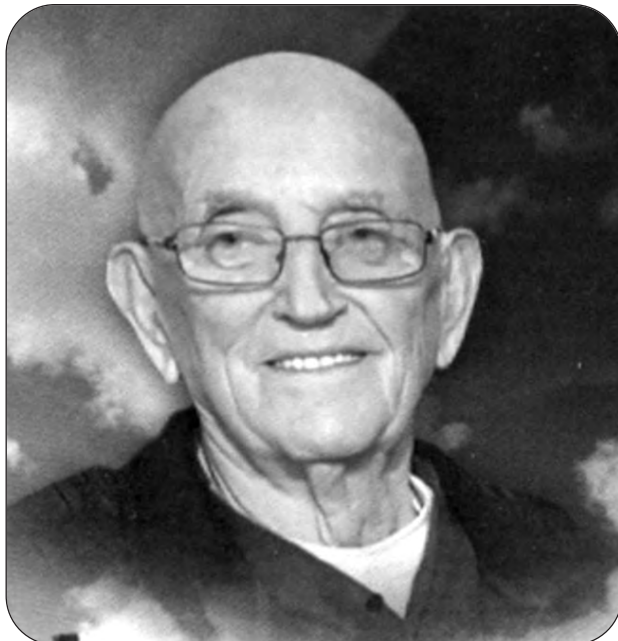
Our dad was a kind-hearted character with an interesting sense of humour and was always willing to help out a friend in need. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and especially the trips to Matachewan and cheered on his Habs! He was employed in the Heavy Forge at TRW where he made many lifelong friends.

In keeping with Hervé's wishes a Celebration of Life will be held from 1 - 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 28, 2019, at Loyal Order of The Moose #936, 92 Permilla Street, St. Catharines, Ontario. Memorial donations to Diabetes Association, Heart & Stroke Foundation or NHS-Dialysis Unit would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Considerate Cremation & Burial Services, 52 Scott Street West, St. Catharines, Ontario, 289-362-1144. Online condolences may be made at [cbscares.ca](http://cbscares.ca)

[thegaspespec.com](http://thegaspespec.com)



## In Memory



**HOCQUARD: C. Wilfred**

August 19, 1931 - June 28, 2018

*God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around you  
And whispered "Come to me."  
With tearful eyes we watched you  
As you slowly slipped away  
And though we loved you dearly  
We couldn't make you stay.  
Your golden heart stopped beating,  
Your tired hands put to rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*

He left behind his loving wife Sheila MacKenzie; his children: Marlene, Steven (Marylynn) and Brent (Janique); grandchildren: Angela (Pat), Jason (Melissa), Shannon, Cayle (Caitlin), Chad, Rebecca (Maxime) and Allyson (Brandon); great-grandchildren: Colby, Caleb, Madison, Arianna, Alyiah and Elliott; sister: Mary Beth (Raymond); brother: Jim (Gail); and many nieces and nephews.

Loved and remembered everyday. Gone but not forgotten. The Hocquard family.

## Celebration of a Good Life



**GALLICHAN: Howard Eagle**

September 27, 1921 - July 4, 2018

Private Burial of Ashes: July 4, 2019 in Sandy Beach - 1 p.m. with Reverend Douglas Johnson

Celebration of Life: July 4, 2019 - 2:30 p.m. Gallichan Family Farm, Sandy Beach  
Please come by and share a story of Dad with Mom and the family.

*Dad is not truly gone because his memory lives on in all of us who loved him. Never to be forgotten.*

## Funeral and Celebration of Life



**BISSON: Isabel Hubert**

The funeral and celebration of life of the late Isabel Hubert Bisson will take place at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Shigawake at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2019. Interment will follow at St. James' cemetery in Port Daniel. Following the burial, a celebration of life will be held at the Shigawake Community Centre (across from St. Paul's Church).

## 90th Birthday Celebration Open House



*Born July 6, 1929*

You are invited to celebrate Joyce Steele's 90th birthday on July 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the dining room at the Gilker Residence, 46 Notre Dame, New Carlisle. Extra parking available on the 132, west of the school. Best wishes only. Hope you are able to attend. *Daughters Darlene, Madelyn and Jean*



## CLASSIFIEDS



**Lost:** In New Carlisle area, black cat with white markings, male with green eyes. Last seen in New Carlisle on June 3. \$300 reward. Call 418-751-4891.



**For Sale:** 2 bedroom bungalow in Shigawake. New steel roof and 30' deck, maintenance free, Newmac high efficiency wood stove, electric baseboard heating as well. Freshly painted throughout. Laminate flooring. Large rural lot. Low taxes. Asking price \$82,000. Appliances and furniture negotiable. To view, call cell 289-385-0776. Ask for Joanne. (JN26)  
**For Sale:** 12" delta band saw, 6" joiner planer, 10" table saw, Columbia rototiller only been used twice (209cc motor). All items are like new. If interested, call 289-385-0776 anytime. Ask for Norbert. (JN26)

## COAST ROUND-UP

### POINTE-NAVARRÉ:

#### Mass

**July 2:** 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. Welcome.

### 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 River Seniors' Club

**June 30:** The York River Seniors' Club will be hosting its an-

nual brunch at Biard's Restaurant, Percé, at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for members of the York River Seniors' Club and \$20 for non members. Price includes meal, taxes and tip. Tickets are available at Photo Cassidy (please phone first) 418-368-2610, Elaine Coull 418-368-3935, Debbie Sams 418-368-2977 or Tony Patterson 418-368-3276. Tickets must be purchased by June 26. There will be no bus service.

### YORK:

#### York River FADOQ Picnic

The York River FADOQ Seniors Club will be having a picnic for all members and friends on Sunday, July 7 at 11 a.m. at Fort Peninsula. Bring your lunch, lawn chairs and join us for some fresh air, amazing views and friendly exchanges.

### DOUGLASTOWN:

#### Community Centre

**Tuesdays:** Zumba from 7-8 p.m. \$10/class.  
**Wednesday:** Yoga for women. 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 will be held at the Malbay Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### BARACHOIS:

#### Mountain View Golden Age

**June 28:** Money Bingo beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone over 18 years old is welcome.  
**September 29:** Harvest Supper at the Mountain View Golden Age building, 5 p.m.

### 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.  
**June 30, July 7, July 14, July 28:** Brunches.  
**July 6 and July 20:** Music night with Patrick Dufresne and Blondy's.

### BARACHOIS:

#### Recreation Centre

**July 5:** Gift Bingo beginning at 7 p.m.  
**July 19:** The Barachois Recreation Centre will be holding an 18+ money bingo at 7 p.m. Bilingual. Over \$600 in cash prizes.

### CORNER OF THE BEACH:

#### Cultural Museum

**June 29:** Everyone is welcome to a 5 to 7 at the summer opening of the Corner of the Beach Museum at the old St. Luke's Church. Hope to see you there!  
**July 2:** The Corner of the Beach

Historic Society will be having its AGM on at 7 p.m. at the Museum.

**July 7:** Bilingual concert of religious music and hymn sing at the Corner of the Beach Cultural Museum (former Anglican Church) starting at 7 p.m.

### 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!  
**July 1:** Canada Day - hotdogs and ice cream.  
**July 5:** Bingo.  
**July 6:** 500 card game.  
**July 26:** Military Whist.

### 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:

#### St. James Anglican Church

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

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### St. Paul's Anglican Church Women Advance Notice

**July 11:** Tea, Bake and Craft Sale from noon to 2 p.m. at the Shigawake Community Centre (across from the Anglican Church). Adults \$7, children 6 and under free. Door prizes and other prizes available.

### SHIGAWAKE:

#### Agricultural Society

Live music every Friday at the Shigawake Fairgrounds in the Trough. From 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. \$5 entry fee.  
**July 4:** Mike and Dion with special guest Troy Willett.  
**July 11:** Marie Lou and Caro with special guest Jazmine Gifford.

### HOPE TOWN:

#### Hope Baptist Church

Hope Baptist Church welcomes you. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. and Corporate Worship at 11 a.m. on Sundays. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Young Peoples for grades 7-11 at 7 p.m. on Fridays. 305 Route 132 West, Hope Town, 418-752-5838.

### HOPE TOWN:

#### Community Centre

**July 13:** Military Whist beginning at 8 p.m.

### 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 CARLISLE:

#### Heritage New Carlisle

**July 6:** Kempffer Centre Open House from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Music by Alain-Claude Arsenault (with his saxophone). There will be a display of antique tools. Chicken or tofu wraps will be available for \$5, drink included. Discussion in the exhibition room: Community Culture - yesterday, today and tomorrow. Come on over! We will be in the backyard.

### NEW CARLISLE:

#### Garage Sale

A garage sale will be held at 7 Saint Etienne Street, New Carlisle on **Saturday, June 29**, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Household items, toys, sports equipment and lawn furniture will be for sale. In case of rain, the sale will take place on June 30.

### 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:

#### Book Room

The book room is now closed, but if you call Kathleen at 418-392-4896, she can set up a time to go in.

### CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

#### Fifty Plus

**July 7:** Barbecue from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$12 for adults, \$10 for children 12 years old and under. Hotdogs, hamburgers and salad will be served.  
**July 12 and 26:** There will be jam sessions open to all musicians and spectators at the club. Doors open at 7 p.m. and entertainment begins at 7:30.  
**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:

#### Royal Canadian Legion Br. 172

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 172, meets monthly

every third **Saturday** at the Legion located at 55 Gallagher St.

### 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 Mawiomi 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 June 9 are:** Martin Leblanc, Jacqueline Babin, Michelle Bujold, Émilien Rioux, Nathalie Filion, Lisa Cyr and Roger Cyr.  
**June 16 are:** Éric Litalien, Marc-Olivier Leblanc, Rosaire Denis, Robert McNeil, Nicole Arbour, Honda New Richmond and Guy Boudreau (Gaétan).

## BLANKET CLASSIFIEDS

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## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

### Sunday, June 30

#### New Carlisle

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

### PARISH OF GASPÉ

### Sunday, June 30

**St. Paul's - Gaspé**

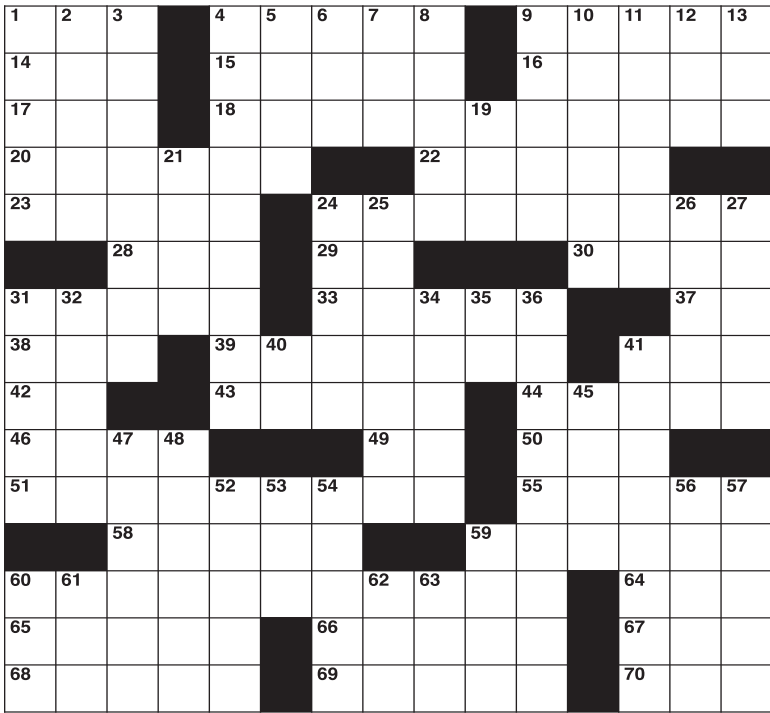




# On the lighter side...



## CROSSWORDS

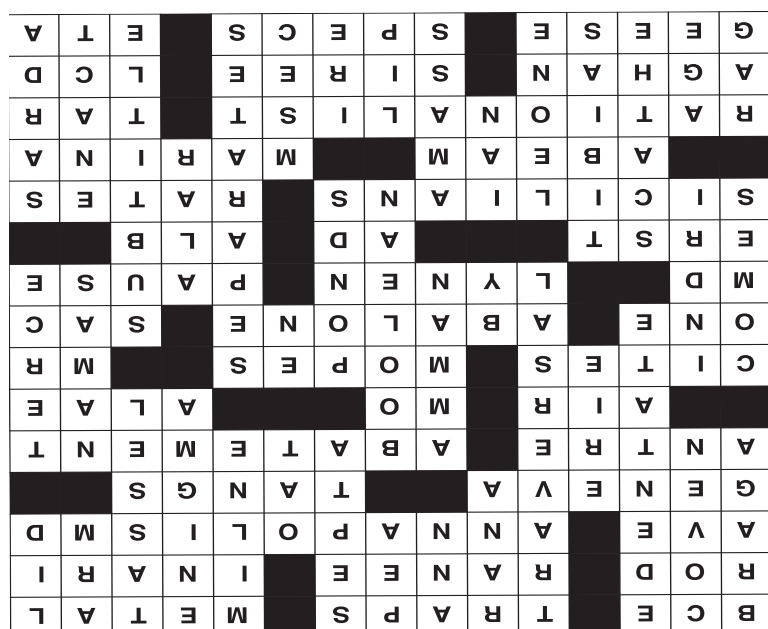


### CLUES ACROSS

1. Bridge building degree
4. Catches
9. A heavy type of music
14. Original "Twilight Zone" host Serling
15. Rodent species
16. Finnish lake
17. Street (abbr.)
18. Home of the US Naval Academy
20. It held a convention once
22. Makes a loud, ringing sound
23. Cave
24. Lessening of something
28. MJ's nickname "\_\_\_ Jordan"
29. One's way of doing things
30. Wings
31. Quotes as evidence for
33. Acts glumly
37. A man's title
38. It comes first
39. Edible mollusk
41. Resembles a pouch
42. He/she checks your health
43. Nobel Prize-winning biochemist
44. Stop momentarily
46. Formerly (archaic)
49. Commercial
50. White vestment worn by clergy
51. Island people of the Mediterranean
55. Prices
58. On a line at right angles to a ship's length
59. Where boats are parked
60. One who values reason
64. It might be on your driveway
65. Small Iranian village
66. Used to emphasize
67. Mathematical term (abbr.)
68. Long necked birds
69. Eyeglasses
70. When you hope to get there

### CLUES DOWN

1. Portuguese district
2. An assembly of witches
3. Having few teeth
4. The act of going across
5. Nepalese dynasty
6. "Bye Bye Birdie" actress \_\_\_ - Margaret
7. What the princess found beneath her mattress
8. Pennsylvania transit organization
9. Winnie the Pooh creator
10. Riddle
11. Grads wear one
12. Body part
13. The top of a pot
19. A type of meal
21. Lake \_\_\_, one of the Great
24. Capital of Jordan
25. A type of logic
26. Khoikhoi peoples
27. A fixed time of prayer in Christian liturgies
31. Arrives
32. Lemur
34. Small bodies of still water
35. \_\_\_ route
36. Breaks apart
40. A type of line
41. Caption that translates
45. Winged
47. Criticize severely
48. Leg bones
52. Monetary unit
53. 007's creator
54. Accumulate
56. Establish by law or with authority
57. Breed of goat
59. Millisecond
60. Mock
61. Make older
62. Some don't want to be given



## Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp

- 4 cups sliced hulled strawberries
- 4 cups diced rhubarb (about 5 stalks), cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch, in 2 tbsps water (optional)
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup butter, cut into pieces
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted



Coat a slow cooker with nonstick cooking spray. Place strawberries, rhubarb, 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar and lemon juice in the crock and mix well. Cook on high 1 1/2 hours, or until fruit is tender. If fruit is dry after cooking, add a little water. If fruit has too much liquid, mix cornstarch with 2 tablespoons water and stir into liquid. Cook on high an additional 15 minutes, or until cooking liquid is thickened.

Preheat the oven to 375 F. For the topping, combine flour, oats, sugars, ginger, and nutmeg in medium bowl. Cut in butter using a pastry cutter or two knives until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in almonds. Remove the lid from the slow cooker and gently sprinkle topping onto fruit. Transfer the stoneware to the oven. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until topping begins to brown. Makes 8 servings.

## FIREWORKS WORD SEARCH

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### WORDS

- AERIAL
- BARGE
- BARRAGE
- BOUQUET
- BURST
- COMET
- CONSUMER
- DISCHARGED
- DISPLAY
- DUD
- EXPLOSIVES
- FALLOUT
- FINALE
- FIREWORKS
- FLASH
- FOUNTAIN
- FUSE
- GIRANDOLA
- IGNITER
- MORTARS
- POWDER
- SHELLS
- TECHNICIAN
- WHISTLE

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Pull out all the emotional stops this week, Aries. Things seemingly tug at your heartstrings more so than in the past, and it's okay to have a few tears develop during a sad movie.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, kick communication up a notch if you want to get things done. Write things out if you need a cheat sheet, then pull together all of the key players.

### GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Money is a priority this week, and you have to put your focus on finances, Gemini. Have you reconciled your checking account lately? See where you are spending and saving.

### CANCER – June 22/July 22

Don't overthink things too much, Cancer. Try to go with the flow as much as possible. Situations with coworkers could take an unexpected turn. Be on the lookout.

### LEO – July 23/Aug 23

You are in need of a break this week, Leo. However, there are many demands on your time and focus. Devote this weekend to self-care and R&R.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22



The first half of the week lights up your friendships and long-term aspirations, Virgo. Try putting the two together so you can have more balance in your life.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, career stars are shining brightly for you and all eyes are on you. Use this opportunity to really showcase your talents. People with power may be watching.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, inspiration is in big supply this week, but be sure to watch out for those who might try to dissuade you. Keep plans to yourself if you have a great idea.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you might get a little off course in the next few days. But all it will take is a little correction to have your plans and goals line up once again.

### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Relationships take centre stage this week, Capricorn. You are get-

ting pulled in many different directions, but you may love being busy and the energy that requires.

### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Work and health take the helm this week, Aquarius. Are you running yourself ragged or not feeling 100 percent? It might be time to really focus on schedule adjustments.

### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Good old fashioned fun is on the horizon, Pisces. Use the warm weather as an opportunity to go to a drive-in movie or attend a local carnival.

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

#### JUNE 16

Trevor Wentworth, Singer (26)

#### JUNE 17

Paulina Rubio, Singer (48)

#### JUNE 18

Blake Shelton, Singer (43)

#### JUNE 19

Macklemore, Rapper (36)

#### JUNE 20

Nicole Kidman, Actress (52)

#### JUNE 21

Chris Pratt, Actor (40)

#### JUNE 22

Meryl Streep, Actress (70)



**Gesgapegiag: Wejgwapniag celebrates end of school year**



*Cynthia Dow*

**GESGAPEGIAG:** - As usual, the gym was packed on Wednesday, June 19, when Wejgwapniag School handed out its annual awards and tributes to students and school supporters. Principal Sheila Gedeon recounted a lengthy list of initiatives at the school to prepare today's children for tomorrow's world. She noted how the school is known for its hugs: "It's all about taking care of each other." Next year Wejgwapniag will be offering its first full-time pre-K experience for the little ones, "...a way to improve school readiness and also Mi'gmaq language skills." The year after, the kindergarten will also be taught exclusively in the native tongue. Wejgwapniag will participate in the

Harmony project along with the French and English schools to bring the three cultures together and lower barriers. At the ceremony, the school honoured community members Veronica Jerome, Al Martin and Betty Martin for the roles they have played in helping fundraise for special activities. Among the graduates, Kenyon Larocque was honoured with the Elaine Vicaire Award for the best all-round personality, Dariean Jerome took home the mathematics award and Abbey Gedeon was celebrated as the best all-round student. Congratulations to all the award winners!

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