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Pioneer Day at Gaspé Elementary

Jeanie **LeLacheur**

GASPÉ: - Lorna Miller who was back at the elementary school recently for a short replacement period decided to take advantage of her time spent with the grade three class and recreate Pioneer Day.

Mrs. Miller had organized the Pioneer Day theme in previous years and parents were excited about the opportunity for students to learn first hand about the lifestyle of yesteryear. It requires a lot of planning - needing costumes, books, props, antiques and a wealth of help from the community.

Students brought their books to school secured by a belt. Lunches were in pails or baskets and, of course, there were no electronics that day! They dressed the part and had a specific role to play including a baker, farmer, doctor, teacher and minister.

Each researched and learned about settlers' lives years ago and were enthusiastic about sharing their knowledge with the rest of the school and visitors from the community.

"They had a one room schoolhouse back then," said one boy as he did math calculations on his slate with a piece of chalk.

Lorna laughingly mentioned that when she introduced the subject for the day as reading, writing, and arithmetic, the students had no idea what arithmetic was.

Mary Miller, who is 102 years old, lived the experiences firsthand that were being brought to life by the grade 3 group. She came to visit the class on Pioneer Day and answer their many questions.

Denis and Marguerite Palmer also visited the class bringing antiques and explaining their uses and, as an extra special treat, brought homemade ice cream for everyone.



Dennis and Marguerite Palmer at Gaspé Elementary Pioneer Day.

Photo: Lorna Miller



Grade 3 class of Gaspé Elementary, Lorna Miller (back left), Janna Sams (back right) and 102-year-old Mary Miller (front).

Photo: J. LeLacheur

Lebouthillier, a victim of Desjardins fraud

Nelson Sergerie

GASPÉ: - Diane Lebouthillier, Member of Parliament for Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine, is among the 2.9 million victims of the Desjardins data theft.

The standing committee on security brought Desjardins executives to task on July 15 in order to try and understand the consequences of these identity thefts, but no report will be produced since Parliament will not sit before the October elections.

"I am one of the people who received the famous letter and had their data stolen. I understand that people do not find this funny because I, for one, do not find it funny either," says the minister, adding that there is still a lot of work to be done to protect people's privacy.

"We need to make sure that the federal and provincial governments work together to have robust rules so that situations like this do not happen again."

Before Ottawa looked into the matter, Ms. Lebouthillier who is also Minister of National Revenue indicated that her department is keeping records confidential.

"All the work is done so that we must be active regarding privacy and respect for privacy," said Ms. Lebouthillier.

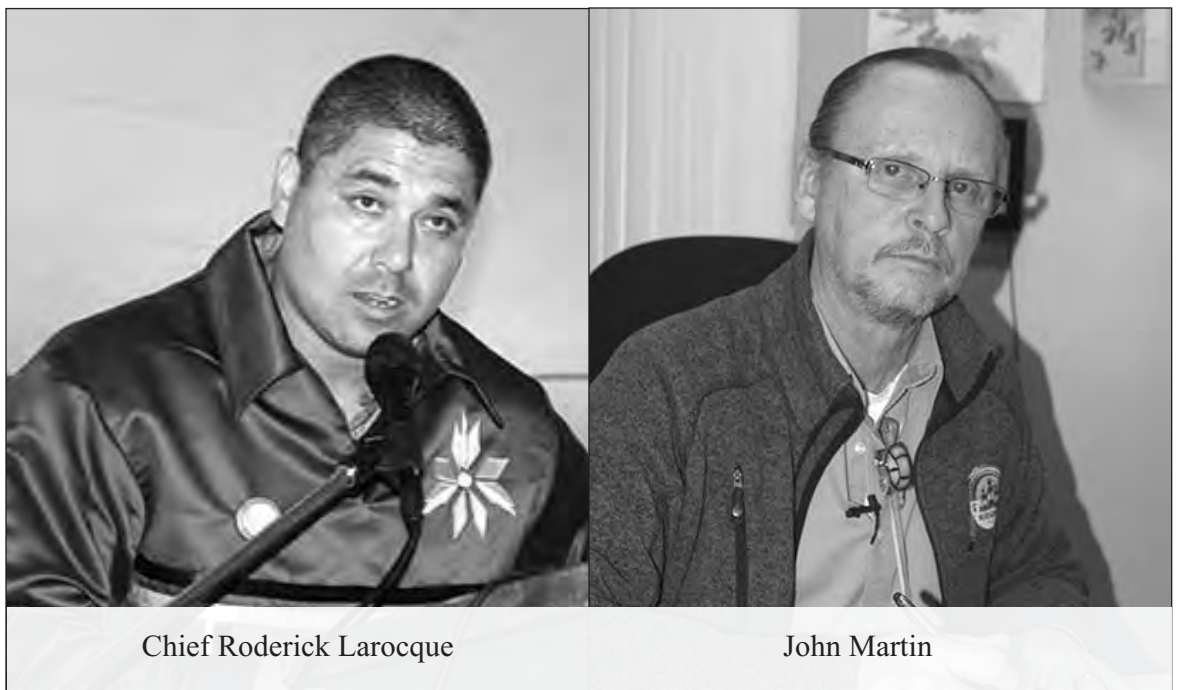
The Minister of National Revenue urges taxpayers to be cautious about receiving Canada Revenue Agency text messages on a tax refund.

"People who commit fraud are experts. It's easy to be fooled, but the Revenue Agency will never send a text saying that the agency owes you money. The Agency sends only letters (in the mail)," states Diane Lebouthillier.



Diane Lebouthillier

Photo: G. Gagné



Chief Roderick Larocque

John Martin

Current Gesgapegiag chief will face two opponents

Gilles Gagné

GESGAPEGIAG: - Current Gesgapegiag Chief Roderick Larocque will face two opponents on August 17 election day, namely current councillor and former Chief John Martin and a candidate who is making a first attempt for the top position, Isaac Wiinikainen.

Roderick Larocque was elected in August 2015. John Martin served several terms as councillor and chief in the 1990s and in the 2000s. He was also elected on the council in August 2015.

Twenty-five other candidates, including several current councillors, will also try to win one of the eight seats on the band council. An advanced poll will be held on August 10 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Election day will also start at 9 a.m. on August 17, but will finish later, at 10 p.m. Voting will take place at the Galgosiet Centre.



Isaac Wiinikainen

New agreement at Merinov

Nelson Sergerie

GASPÉ: - A new six-year collective agreement has been concluded between Merinov and the union representing some 80 workers of the public corporation.

The agreement, announced on July 5, includes a total wage increase of 11% and enhanced normative clauses.

Job insecurity was at the heart of the conflict as Merinov's management wanted more flexibility to meet the needs of its customers.

"We have opened some opportunities for the employer to bring a little more flexibility to meet short-term needs. Obviously, these possibilities are limited in time. We found a common ground around that," says the vice president of the union affiliated to the CSN, Jérémie Persant, who said he was satisfied with the conclusion of the agreement.

The management of Merinov qualifies the new work contract as excellent news which will allow the development of the team and the customer service.

Difficult negotiations

It will have been more than a year and a half between the beginning of the talks and the conclusion of a collective agreement. Union members voted 93% in favour of a strike mandate in October 2018 to put pressure on the employer. Two days of strikes were held to advance the negotiations that were concluded with the assistance of a conciliator.

Management had criticized the use of the strike mandate during the conflict.

Merinov is the largest integrated centre for applied research in the fisheries, aquaculture, processing and enhancement of aquatic products in Canada. The offices are located in Gaspé, Grand River, the Magdalen Islands and the North Shore.



PUBLIC NOTICE

URBANISM

Public consultation meeting – July 31, 2019 at 16h :

By-Law 1156-11-41 : «amendant le règlement de zonage 1156-11 en modifiant les usages autorisés dans la zone M-306 afin de permettre la classe d'usages Multifamiliale et collectif (H-8) avec un maximum de huit (8) logements.»

By-Law 1170-12-03 : « amendant le règlement relatif à la gestion des règlements d'urbanisme 1170-12 en remplaçant le premier paragraphe de la caractéristique numéro 5, de la cinquième exemption du troisième point de l'article 5.3 « **CONDITIONS D'ÉMISSION DU PERMIS DE CONSTRUCTION.**»»

Minor exemption

2, avenue McDonald : « Permettre la construction d'un garage privé isolé ayant une hauteur de 7,92 m. »

Notice to all interest persons who are entitled to sign an application to take part in a referendum (Application must be received between May 15 to May 23, 2019 at 4:30 pm) :

By-Law 1156-11-40 amends the zoning by-law 1156-11 as follows :

- « Modifiant les usages autorisés dans la zone HC-286 afin de permettre comme usage spécifiquement permis dans cette zone, l'usage Service social (653);
- Modifiant les usages autorisés dans la zone HC-338 afin de permettre comme usage spécifiquement permis dans cette zone, l'usage Service social (653). »

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Enactment of By-law

By-law 1397-19 « Règlement amendant le règlement 736-99 concernant les nuisances. »

Call for tender - Sale of land located on the rue de l'Envol - Lots 4 915 813, 4 915 816 and 4 915 817.

GIVEN at Gaspé, July 24, 2019.

Isabelle Vézina,
Director of Legal Services and town clerk

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Police report

Beatrice Briand-Nellis, 94, from Gaspé, died following a car collision that occurred on July 18 shortly after noon on York Boulevard near the Hôtel-Dieu Hospital. The jaws of life were used to remove the victim from the vehicle.

She was rushed to the hospital but she died shortly after her arrival. The driver of the other vehicle was slightly injured. A technician specialized in accident scene reconstitution was called. "According to the first observations of that technician, the woman did not yield the right of way to the other driver who was also circulating on York Boulevard," points out Béatrice Dorsainville, communication officer for the Sûreté du Québec.

According to a Sûreté du Québec investigation, a man found in his hunting stand located on an Escuminac woodlot on July 11 did not commit suicide.

Willis Goudreau, 38, who resided in Campbellton, New Brunswick, fell from his watch and suffered injuries that were not life-threatening. After being injured he was able to climb back to his stand. The victim was still alive when he was found by family members and he died later. He was eventually pronounced dead at the hospital.

"The autopsy will eventually confirm the cause of death but according to the information available as of now, the cause of death was a natural one. He had health problems and lost consciousness later," explains Béatrice Dorsainville, spokesperson for the Sûreté du Québec.



Photo: G. Gagné

Quebec's Department of Transport is conducting drillings in the Trout Brook Bridge area until July 26. Until then, traffic is reduced to one lane between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Speed is limited to 70 kilometres per hour in the vicinity. At this time, Transport Quebec is not releasing information pertaining to the purpose of the drillings.

The current Trout Brook Bridge is a temporary structure installed in May 2018 because the previous bridge had been destroyed by the April 26 the very high level of the stream during spring thaw. Transport Quebec did not specify how long the temporary bridge would be left in place.



The J. C. Van Horne Bridge was inaugurated 58 years ago. For the moment, Supply and Public Works Canada cannot specify when it was last upgraded.

J.C. Van Horne bridge subjected to significant weight limitations

Gilles Gagné

POINTE-À-LA-CROIX: – Quebec's Department of Transport informs truck drivers that the J.C. Van Horne bridge linking Pointe-à-la-Croix to Campbellton is now only open to empty trucks and smaller vehicles, until further notice.

That decision stems from inspections recently carried out by Supply and Public Works Canada, which owns the bridge.

The latest inspections revealed "preoccupations regarding the structure," even if "the bridge remains totally safe," for the vehicles still authorized to circulate on it, affirms Charles Drouin, spokesperson for Supply and Public Works Canada.

Loaded trucks must cover a 40-kilometre-detour in order to pass on another interprovincial bridge linking Matapédia to Flatlands. It

consequently takes an additional hour for the numerous trucks hauling forest products and fish products to make a return trip in that area.

Charles Drouin adds that "original conception of the bridge," combined to more than 50 years of use convinced the inspectors to reduce the weight of the trucks passing on it. Those limits now stand at 17 tonnes for a single truck, 23 tonnes for a truck and its trailer, and 26 tonnes for the trucks pulling two trailers.

Charles Drouin does not specify for the moment the exact nature of the problems detected by the inspectors. Spider men, experts who specialize in assessing visually all the beams of a bridge, were seen on the J.C. Van Horne structure during the second week of July.

"Experts will now consult the inspection reports in order to evaluate the nature of the

work that must be carried out to correct the situation," adds Mr. Drouin.

He says that it is too early to determine a repair schedule and a budget to bring the bridge back to the bearing capacity it had before July 19. It will be repaired "as soon as possible."

The J.C. Van Horne bridge was built between 1958 and 1961. It was repainted and upgraded during the last 30 years but currently, Supply and Public Works Canada cannot specify when it was done.

Charles Drouin states that the weight limitations were not imposed because the bridge was neglected. "There is a monthly inspection on that bridge."

Nouvelle truck driver Yan Leblanc used to drive a lot on that bridge and he concludes that "governments realize that they possess infrastructures when they fail."



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Commentary

Gilles Gagné

About the importance of commitments

Criticizing governments is easy. They are the perfect scapegoats when something doesn't work. By and large, civil servants and ministers do a sound job, no worse and no better than those working in the private sector. The context is just different.

Civil servants are not bound by the same necessity to break even or ideally declare profits but generally show a better sense of protecting public interests than private sector manpower or administrators.

However, some government actions, or lack thereof, are hard to forgive. Since mid-December 2018, people living on the North Shore, the Lower Saint Lawrence and the Gaspé Peninsula regions have been inconvenienced to various degrees by problems the *Société des traversiers du Québec* has experienced with its ferries.

Six ships have been used to link Matane to Baie-Comeau and Godbout due to the mechanical failure of the F.A. Gauthier. That ship is almost new, considering it was launched in April 2015 in Italy. The CTMA Vacancier and CTMA Voyager, both ships from the Magdalen Islands, were called in to help. The Apollo, a ferry bought for \$2 million from Newfoundland and the Félix-Antoine-Savard, a *Société des traversiers du Québec* (STQ) spare ship also came to the rescue. The latest addition to the STQ fleet is the Sareema, a ferry bought in Europe for \$40 million.

That is a lot of ships in seven months for the

same link. Some anecdotes that occurred during that period are worth a little mention.

Already plagued by problems during the first three-and-a-half years of its career, it became evident during the first weeks of 2019 that the F.A. Gauthier would not return to service before August, considering the gravity of its propellers' problems. Now, STQ officials have mentioned a return at the end of the year!

The CTMA Voyageur cannot take more than 10 passengers at a time. So during the numerous weeks that it was used to replace the F.A. Gauthier, the CTMA Voyageur basically crossed with 10 trucks and 10 truck drivers at a time. The STQ was forced to establish an aerial service to compensate for that ship's capacity. It was not CTMA's fault. It just happened that way. Inspection norms regarding the capacity of a ship must be enforced.

The Apollo acquisition was a poker play. It could have been a good decision, but it was an awful one. For \$2 million, the ship was used over 17 days before being decommissioned, after two collisions against wharves. Now, the STQ is trying to sell it, in order to recuperate part of the money invested in it. Chances are that the public corporation will end up paying more to have a scrapyard dismantle it, an operation that will require the costly removal of asbestos, an insulation material that was commonly used in ships or buildings at the beginning of the 1970s, when the Apollo was built.

The Félix-Antoine-Savard is not a ship designed for the rough conditions of the Saint Lawrence estuary. After a couple of mishaps over the past years between Matane, Baie-Comeau and Godbout, it was decided to have the Félix-Antoine-Savard make crossings only when the waves were less than one metre in height. Waves are very often higher than one metre between the two shores, so the ship missed about 50% of its crossings in June, before the arrival of the Sareema.

In February, before all this happened, Quebec's

Transport Minister François Bonnardel had announced a \$115,000 promotional budget for the North Shore and the Gaspé Peninsula. With that money, the two regions would be able to demonstrate nationally that they are alive and kicking, tourism-wise, despite all the blows of the last months.

Come mid-July, we learned that not one red cent of that \$115,000 has been allocated by the Department of Transport yet. We are not talking about millions of dollars. We are talking about an amount that last winter was already considered petty cash by opposition parties.

That negligence is unforgivable. The trust of an entire group of people working in the tourist sector is shattered because a minister and his civil servants forgot to do a follow-up on a simple file, stemming from regrettable failures of a public service. Minister Bonnardel has, so far, not explained why that failure occurred. Truth be told, he manages much bigger files, money-wise, however, a lack of respect such as the one stemming from the failure to consider the necessity to fulfil a commitment can have consequences that will haunt him for a long time. A sum of \$115,000 can sound symbolic, but symbols are important sometimes, and it was the case here.

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McInnis Cement refinances debt and invests to expand and build storage facilities

Gilles Gagné

PORT DANIEL: – McInnis Cement recently completed a \$500 million refinancing of a portion of its debt, notably loans contracted in 2016. The amount also includes investments in infrastructures. Those moves are being made without a capital injection from *Investissement Québec*, the financial arm of the Quebec government.

A \$300 million chunk of that refinancing is being provided by an increase of McInnis Cement's senior loan which comes from a syndicate of eleven Canadian and international banks. That senior loan was provided just before the start of the Port Daniel cement plant construction in May 2014.

The remaining balance of \$200 million comes from an injection in the form of a loan by the *Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec* and Beaudier, the holding that spearheaded the project from the end of 2011 and on. The *Caisse de dépôt et de placement* portion equals \$150 million and Beaudier's is contributing \$50 million.

Beaudier was the initial control shareholder of McInnis Cement but was replaced in August 2016 following the \$444 million cost overrun in the construction of the cement plant. The cash injection required to keep the initiative



The refinancing of McInnis Cement will take the form of new investments, to add two silos to the Port Daniel plant and a rail freight yard.

Photo: G. Gagné

going led to a switch in control, with the *Caisse de dépôt et de placement* becoming the main shareholder of the venture.

That cash injection reached \$250 million, including a \$125 million debenture lent by BlackRock Alternative Capital, an American company. Since a debenture is a loan that is not protected by a physical guarantee, like a building, it is characterized by a high interest rate.

"We reimbursed the balance of BlackRock's loan," points out Yann Langlais-Plante, spokesperson for the *Caisse de dépôt et de placement du Québec*, the public entity managing Quebecers' pension plans.

Mr. Langlais-Plante points out that the \$500 million refinancing does not represent a way to make up for a mistake, considering the large cost overrun discovered in June 2016.

"We can't see it that way. It is the good performance of the project that explains the refinancing. We add silos, reception terminals (for cement). We are moving in a growth sustaining perspective," underlines Mr. Langlais-Plante.

Investissement Québec, which invested \$100 million in the equity of the project while also providing a \$250 million loan before construction started, has "made certain adjustments to its debt structure while maintaining a priority

ranking in the capital structure of a project whose operational and financial risk has significantly decreased. As part of this refinancing, the Quebec government does not reinvest any additional amount," mentions the press release that was issued to explain the refinancing.

"In seeing our customers' satisfaction with our product offering, we fully appreciate the tremendous work done by our teams. Today, we offer high quality cement in the markets, along with exceptional customer service and efficient distribution facilities. This refinancing allows us to further support the growth of our business," says McInnis Cement president and chief executive

officer, Jean Moreau, in the same press release.

An important part of the \$500 million refinancing will be used to expand certain facilities of McInnis Cement, or build new ones, either in Port Daniel or in the United States. A portion of about 40% of that amount, so about \$200 million, will likely be used for that purpose, although Yann Langlais-Plante refuses to confirm that number.

"Our whole production for 2019 is sold. If we could produce more, we would sell more," states Maryse Tremblay, McInnis Cement's spokesperson.

"The monthly production average increases regularly though," she says. "In 2017, we produced 40,000 tonnes per month and in 2018, it reached 90,000 tonnes per month. We surpassed that average since the beginning of 2019, despite the production shutdown at the beginning of the year."

The annual production of the Port Daniel cement plant will eventually reach 2.3 million metric tonnes annually, once the ramp-up will be over. It is the equivalent of 190,000 metric tonnes per month.

The cement plant provides work to 153 people directly. Building it required an investment of \$1.5 billion, which includes the terminals that had to be built in Sainte-Catherine (near Montreal), in Ontario and in the United States.

Expansion project in the works for McInnis Cement

Gilles Gagné

PORT DANIEL: - Over the past few months, McInnis Cement has planned and undertaken work in several of its facilities to add storage and loading capacity. This work has been made necessary by the increased customer demand for its products.

Two new cement silos will be built at the Port-Daniel-Gascons cement plant. Nearly 200 workers will be mobilized on the site during the peak

construction period of the two silos, during fall 2019.

The Bronx terminal in New York has doubled its loading capacity for customers. A second truck loading lane is now fully operational.

A new 40,000 metric tonne warehouse is currently under construction at the Providence Terminal bringing the total storage capacity to 75,000 metric tonnes. A new truck loading lane will also be added and commissioned in time for the 2020 spring construction

season.

With NOVA Marine Carriers, McInnis recently confirmed the charter of the NACC New Yorker, a 24,000 metric tonne capacity self-unloading vessel, that will join the NACC Quebec (14,000 metric tonnes), the Cielo di Gaspésie (35,000 metric tonnes) and the Resolute unloading barge.


In addition to improving cement distribution capacity for McInnis Cement customers, the refinancing paves

the way to new markets. So the firm anticipates the upcoming development of satellite terminals in the northeastern United States, as well as adding more infrastructures to its distribution network and permitting the distribution of cement additives to different markets.


The plant's engineering team began planning a future rail yard to be timed in conjunction with the reopening of the railway to Port-Daniel-Gascons. Direct loading of the cars at the cement plant will

make it possible to prospect new territories, like New Brunswick, and the plant will eliminate 160,000 tonnes of cement annually from the roads, or approximately 8,000 trips.

"These investments will better position McInnis Cement to meet the increased demand from our customers. With our partners and investors' support, we now have all the tools to continue our momentum," concludes Mr. Moreau.



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A Bountiful Harvest: Gardens of Douglastown

“The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies.”

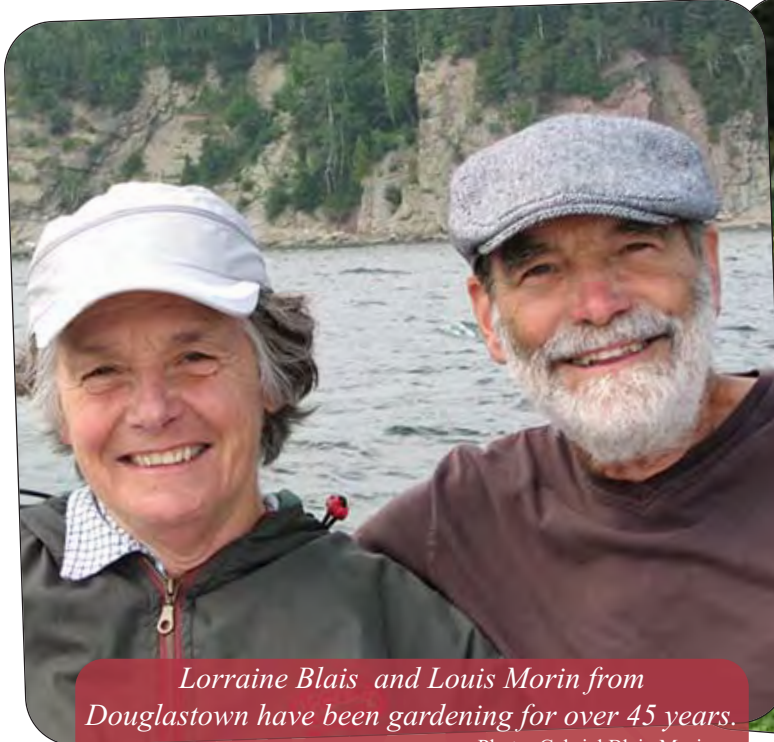
Diane Skinner

Smell the air, get your hands dirty, and face to the sun. Gardening on the Gaspé is a way of life going back many decades, if not hundreds of years. Traditional methods, foraging and some newer methods, such as raised gardens are widely practiced. Gardening has many benefits; economical, traditional, multi-generational, environmental and some would claim spiritual. “Gardening is cheaper than therapy, and you get tomatoes.” A 10-part series.

DOUGLASTOWN: - Louis Morin and Lorraine Blais, from Douglastown, have been gardening for over 45 years. Louis is a retired sociology professor from the Cégep in Gaspé. He tends to the garden mostly by himself: starting plants indoors, sowing seedlings, planting, weeding, hoeing and watering. At harvest time, Lorraine, a retired economics professor from the Cégep, takes on a more active role. Though neither gardened as young children, Louis recalls seeing his grandparents tend their gardens.

Getting Started

Lorraine and Louis buy most of their seeds from Vesey's in P.E.I. They also start their own plants each season. They use compost and manure in their garden, but never chemical fertilizer. Their vegetable and flower garden is an impressive nine metres by sixty-three metres (30 feet by 200 feet). The greenhouse measures three metres by



Lorraine Blais and Louis Morin from Douglastown have been gardening for over 45 years.

Photo: Gabriel Blais-Morin

eleven metres (10 feet by 36 feet).

To protect young fruit trees (including apple, pear, cherry and plum) from deer, they fenced their orchard. They placed a plastic spiral on each trunk to keep away field mice and they placed chicken wire around the trunks to protect from hares. The trees have matured so they now require just wire or spirals to keep away the mice. Sadly, they had to cut down their cherry trees because of disease and they may have to do the same with the plum trees. To protect the cruciferous vegetables (such as cauliflower, cabbage, Brussels sprouts and broccoli) they place a veil that allows sun and rain to flow through but keeps out insects.

Louis finds it difficult to identify his favourite vegetable to grow, but mentions rhubarb, tomatoes and corn. He says these are better tasting than any vegetable that they can buy in

the store. He admits that asparagus is tricky and that it took almost 20 years until they could grow enough asparagus for a single meal.

Bountiful Harvest

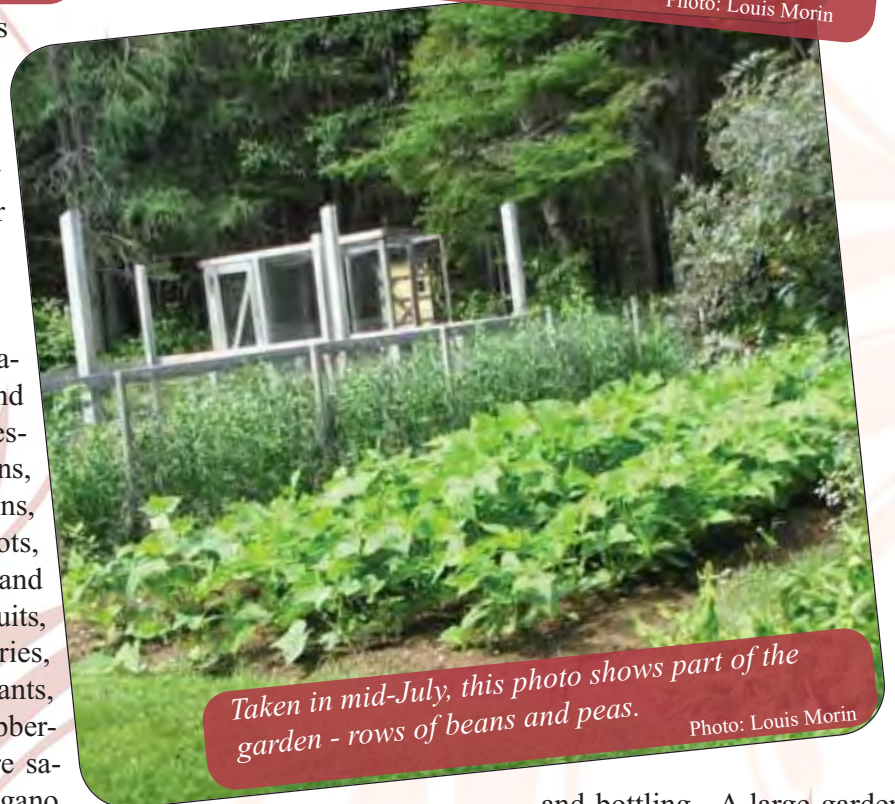
The list of vegetables that Lorraine and Louis grow is impressive. It includes beans, cauliflower, pumpkins, garlic, leeks, shallots, beets, peas, turnips and many more. As for fruits, they grow gooseberries, strawberries, currants, blueberries and raspberries. Herbs grown are savory, chamomile, oregano, cilantro, parsley, sage and thyme. Annual flowers in the garden this season are nasturtium and sunflowers. A wide variety of perennials grow from early spring until late fall.

How much time does Louis spend in his garden? He



Louis places a veil over certain vegetables to allow sun and rain to flow through but keep out insects.

Photo: Louis Morin



Taken in mid-July, this photo shows part of the garden - rows of beans and peas.

Photo: Louis Morin

replies, “At certain periods (fertilizing, planting, weeding, hoeing, harvesting) it can be considered a full-time job. Watering in the greenhouse takes 20 minutes every other day.” A bountiful harvest requires many hours spent in the garden.

Joy of Gardening

Louis tells Spec that he enjoys gardening “because it brings you into close contact with nature. Also, gardening connects us to past generations and with millions of other people on Earth who are doing the same thing.”

In 2017 Lorraine prepared an Excel spreadsheet for a workshop she was giving on the conservation of garden produce. She listed 23 different vegetables that are grown in their garden and what method Lorraine uses to preserve them. The methods used include freezing, drying, cold storage

and bottling. A large garden must be managed well.

If you want to get started in gardening, and it's never too late, Louis and Lorraine share this advice. “Start small to avoid discouragement. Make sure the ground is clean and keep it clean. Quackgrass (a perennial grass that is straw-colored and spreads very easily) can be discouraging. Get rid of that before you sow or plant. Monitor and eliminate pests, for example, beetles that nest in potatoes.”

Open House

Louis and Lorraine would like to extend an invitation to visit their gardens in Douglastown on Saturday, August 3, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1000 Douglas Blvd. A voluntary contribution to benefit the Douglastown Community Centre would be appreciated. All are welcome! (In case of rain, the visit is postponed to Sunday, August 4.)

Old Fashioned Red Currant Jam

Ingredients:

- 4 cups red currants
- 2 ¼ cups sugar
- ¼ cup water

Method:

1. Sterilize your jars.
2. Wash the currants, freeze and then remove stems. (Freezing makes it much easier to remove stems.)
3. Place frozen currants and water in a pot. Do not use a cast iron or aluminum pot. They will react with the currants.
4. Gently squeeze the currants with a potato masher. Add sugar and cook over low to medium heat. Stir with a wooden spoon.
5. When sugar is dissolved, raise heat to medium high and allow to boil. Stay close and stir often. When it has the consistency of jelly, remove it from the heat and skim off any foam.
6. Fill the sterilized jars. Leave about ¼ inch of space. Put on lids. Allow to cool. Store in fridge for up to 3 months.
7. If you put your jars in a ‘boiling water bath’ for 5 minutes, the jars may be stored in a cool, dark place for up to a year.
8. After jars are opened, store in the fridge.

Charlie the Calf: Adventures on the Farm

Diane Skinner

HOPE: - Did you know that calves can recognize their mother's call? There is a newly published author on the Gaspé, and his book will help your child to learn this and more about cows, their calves and life on the farm.

Rob MacWhirter from Hope has very recently published a 28-page book for children. This story about Charlie the Calf follows him for a day of adventure on the farm. Also featured is the lovely bond between Charlie and his mother. Though Charlie is a fictitious character there are many associations in our own lives that can be interpreted by the reader.

It is beautifully illustrated with a colourful photo cover and charming illustrations inside. The book is appealing to children of all ages, though the book would be best suited for those aged 3 to 7. The book can be read to younger children and older children can read the book themselves. The book also appeals to teachers and adults because it



Rob MacWhirter

Photo: D. Skinner

is a teaching resource.

Rob MacWhirter is a fourth-generation farmer who was born and raised in Hope. He left the farm and the Gaspé at a young age to pursue his education in Montreal. After graduating he worked for several years in the city, however, he visited home whenever the opportunity

would allow. After several years, Rob made the decision to return to life on the farm and the Gaspé. He reflects that he "missed his family, friends and the saltwater smell of the ocean."

He has been farming ever since but did find time in his busy life to write this book. Rob recounts that it has taken years to take the book from an idea to a finished product, however, once Rob started to write, he finished the text in about ten days, writing in the morning before he did his farm work.

To fully appreciate the book, you would be best to hold it in your hand. The book's design, illustrations, key word definitions and the

lovely and charming story come together to create a quality book. The dedication to Rob's father is a tribute to the man who Rob says, "taught me everything about cattle."

He adds that his mother taught him about a love of reading when he was a young boy and she also proofread the book before it went to Tellwell publishers.

The book can be ordered, currently in hardcover and paperback, through Amazon.ca at a cost of \$27.04 (hardcover) and \$14.39 (paperback). It would be a great addition to any school or community library or for your child's own collection of quality picture books. Support our Gaspesian authors!



Don't miss a single event!

Check the Coast Round-up Page of The Gaspé Spec!

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Reflections

by

Diane Skinner Flowers



The Starfish

Starfish are remarkable. They are so perfect, so symmetrical, and so delicate. I recall a summer's day when I was a little girl here on the Gaspé, watching what seemed like hundreds of teeny starfish babies near the wharf, in shallow, rocky water. It was a mesmerizing thing to see. These moments remind us what a beautiful, natural world we live in.

Likely you have heard this expression - "No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted." Basically, this reminds us that even the little things we do are important and that one person can indeed make a difference.

Now I shall tie these two observations together and attempt to make a point. I read this little story a while back and wish to share it with you. It combines starfish and kindness - an unlikely yet perfect connection.

The Story of the Starfish

A writer had rented a seaside cottage. Early one morning, he decided to walk the beach for inspiration. As he walked, he saw a figure in the distance that appeared to be dancing in the waves. As he approached, he realized the figure was a young woman and, as he got even closer, he determined that the young woman was not dancing but retrieving something off the beach.

As he got close enough to see clearly, he saw that the young woman was picking up starfish, running lightly through the waves and tossing the starfish gently into the sea. When he was within speaking distance, he asked the young woman what she was doing. The young woman paused and then stated that the starfish had been washed ashore during the night and that if left on the sand, they would die.

"So, I am returning the starfish to the sea." The young woman again reached down, picked up a starfish, ran through the waves and gently tossed the starfish into the water.

The writer was perplexed and again spoke to the young woman. "There are miles and miles of beach and thousands upon thousands of starfish stranded on the sand. How can you possibly think that you can make a difference?"

The young woman proceeded to the next starfish. She reached down and picked it up, ran lightly through the waves and gently tossed the starfish into the sea. When she returned to the beach, she looked into the writer's eyes, and responded quietly, "I made a difference to that one."

Have a super week, perhaps with a little kindness in it and perhaps even a starfish and please repeat this sentence (with thanks to Garrison Keillor) just once: "Thank you for this beautiful life and forgive us if we do not love it enough."

Note to readers: From time to time, I ask readers to give a quote, opinion or a memory to be used in my column or articles. I always credit these generous people who are a vital part of the Spec. Thank you. I appreciate your goodwill because this is a community newspaper and you are the community! I also thank so many people who have agreed to be profiled in articles. I believe that human stories tell so much about who we are.



Photo: Alison Ogilvie NOAA Fisheries

Efforts are maintained to find the entangled right whales, even if two of them were partially disentangled on July 11 and July 15.

Partial disentanglement of two right whales

Gilles Gagné

CARLETON: – Two right whales were partly disentangled on July 15 through a joint effort made by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, known as NOAA, and the Campobello Whale Rescue Team.

The employees and volunteers of that team were able to resume efforts that day after several additional days of challenging weather conditions in the Maritimes. The search for and attempt to rescue the three entangled North Atlantic right whales observed a few days earlier proved fruitful in two cases.

Two right whales were spotted and rescuers worked to disentangle both of them.

Whale EG#4423 was located around 11 a.m. during an aerial surveillance flight. This whale had been partially disentangled on July 11 but the operation was interrupted at dusk. Four days later, additional cuts were made to the gear, and although unable to completely free the whale,

these additional cuts appear to have shifted the gear configuration on the whale, which could mean it is lightening up. Whale EG#4423 was first observed entangled on July 4, east of Miscou Island, New Brunswick. Initial reports indicated it could be a whale first sighted entangled in April 2019 in American waters.

Also on July 15, around 4:45 p.m., whale EG#4440 was spotted. The crew of the Campobello Whale Rescue Team successfully cut away the rope running from the whale's mouth to its tail. It was not possible to completely remove the gear though.

That whale had first been sighted entangled on June 29, also east of Miscou Island. It was seen again on July 2 and 5. The animal had rope around its peduncle, or tail stock, and appeared to be dragging something heavy.

The next step for both whales will be to assess, by air, how the entanglement configuration has changed since the July 15 intervention. Efforts are resuming when weather permits.

The third entangled whale sighted on July 5 has not been seen recently. (Six right whales died in June in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence.) The name of that whale remains unknown for now.

On any given day, five or more aircrafts are likely to fly over the waters of Atlantic Canada in search of whales. Since April, the Government of Canada has spent over 1,150 hours in the air monitoring North Atlantic right whales in the Atlantic region. This includes flights by Conservation and Protection and DFO Science aircraft, as well as Transport Canada's National Aerial Surveillance Program.

Meanwhile, as part of Fisheries and Oceans Canada's and Canadian Coast Guard efforts to protect right whales, fishery officers and the Canadian Coast Guard spent three days searching for and retrieving lost fishing gear, known as ghost gear, from the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The operation was conducted on July 18, 19 and 20. The results will be known later.

Right whale deaths climb to eight

Gilles Gagné

CARLETON: – Two additional dead right whales were sighted on July 18 and 19 by the aircraft crews carrying out aerial surveillance flights. Those sightings bring the total of dead right whales in Canadian waters to eight this year.

The first dead right whale was observed drifting west of the Magdalen Islands. The whale was re-located the fol-

lowing morning by the CCGS A. LeBlanc and the necropsy was scheduled to take place in Grand-Étang, Gaspé Peninsula, on July 21, which coincided with the SPEC deadline.

On July 19, Fisheries and Oceans Canada confirmed another dead right whale sighted off Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. That whale was originally reported on June 24, 2019, by a fish harvester but that ministry's vessels were

not successful in relocating the reported dead whale at the time to confirm its identity.

Additional information received by external partners and shared on July 19 allowed for a confirmation that it was in fact a right whale.

Neither of these whales have yet been individually identified. The exact date, location, and cause of death for these whales is not yet known.



Obituaries



LUCAS: Reta

January 20, 1929 – June 29, 2019

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mrs. Reta Lucas in her ninetieth year on June 29, 2019.

She was predeceased by her husband, the late Mr. Ronald Girard, from Malbaie. Mrs. Lucas leaves behind her children: Scott, Janet (Neil), Vivian, Marilyn (Ed); nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, Cyril; and many relatives.

A graveside ceremony was held at the Malbay Cemetery (St. Peter's) on Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

The Valère Fortin Funeral Home was entrusted with organizing the above mentioned services.



ROBERTS: Josie (née Patterson) - 1945 - 2018

Josie passed away peacefully on Monday, December 31, 2018, at the age of 73. Beloved wife of Alfred Roberts, loving mother of Glenn Roberts and Mike Roberts (Heather Pezzola), all of Timmins. Cherished and loved grandmother of Mikhayla and Mackenzie Roberts. Dear sister of Gracie Seamer, Roland Patterson (Linda), Sharon Devouge (Orley), and Ronnie Patterson (Linda). Predeceased by her parents Hubert Patterson and Kathleen (nee Seamer), by her brothers Ross and Robert, and her sister Doreen. Josie's favourite pastime was being a "Nanny" and spending time with her beautiful granddaughters.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2019, at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church in Peninsula. After the service the family would like to invite family and friends to gather at the Old Wakeham School, 584 Mtée Wakeham, Gaspé, in a celebration of Josie's life.

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SYNNOTT: Lucienne

January 19, 1929 - June 4, 2019

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our dear mother at the age of 90 at the Pierre Boucher Hospital in Longueuil, Quebec, on June 4, 2019, with her family by her side.

She was predeceased by her husband Mathias Sinnett (1978); two sons: Jean-Pierre (1976), Bernard (2006) and a grandson Matthew Howell (2002).

She leaves behind to mourn: Mireille (Cleve), Richard (Penny), Marcel, Marie-France, Raynald (Darlene), Micheline (Jean) and Ghislain (Renee Claude); her grandchildren: Ryan, Chris, Derek, Jennifer, Tanya, Lori, Gabriel, Alex and Charles; and eight great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind one brother Anselme; three sisters: Aurélie, Yvonne and Adrienne; her brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law; nephews; nieces; other family members and friends.

A celebration of her life was held at the Valère Fortin Funeral Residence in Gaspé, Quebec on June 14, 2019.

The family wishes to thank all their family and friends and those who travelled from out of town to support them throughout these sad times. Thank you for your generous gifts of donations, masses, flowers, cards and the many messages and phone calls we received. Many thanks to the Gaspé Legion for their help for the reception, also thank you to the Valère Fortin funeral residence and their staff for their support. Special thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at the Pierre Boucher Hospital on the 6th and 8th floors for the care our mother received.

Mom was a loving and caring mother who lived her life to the fullest. She always enjoyed music and dancing. She will be missed by all who knew her. Rest in peace, Mom, until we meet again. With all our love. Your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Funeral and Celebration of Life

BUCKINGHAM: Forrest Morgan

The interment of ashes of the late Forrest Buckingham will take place at St. Peter's Anglican Cemetery in Paspebiac on Saturday, August 3, at 2 p.m. All are welcome.

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Card of Thanks



The family of the late Benjamin R. Annett wishes to express heartfelt appreciation and sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for the many acts of kindness during our recent bereavement.

A special thank-you to Rev. Cynthia Patterson, Rev. Doug Johnson and Rev. Curtis Patterson for visits to the hospital, prayers at the church and the funeral. A special thank-you to those who sat at the hospital during Ben's last hours. Thank you for the generous donations, food and reception by the York ACW.

Gracie and family

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank each person who sympathized with us by offering masses, flowers, emails, cards and donations to Diabetes Canada, as well as visits and participation at the funeral celebration of Mrs. Bertha Fournier who passed away on May 2, 2019.

A special thanks to the CLSC (home care team), all the personnel of the 7th floor of the Hôtel Dieu Hospital of Gaspé, Dr. Mylène Therrien, Dr. Géraldine Lachance-Fortin and the nurses Josianne Letourneau and Pamela Adams. Your thoughtfulness and professional care were much appreciated.

We also wish to thank the personnel of the funeral home HG Division, Mrs. Beatrice Roberts and her team, the Saint-Majorique choir as well as Xavier, Camille Alexia, Jason, Myranie, Pierre and Sarah Maude. Thanks to Jean Pierre Mainville for his contribution.

The Fournier family



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COAST ROUND-UP

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.

GASPE:

Pioneer Days

Pioneer Days will run from July 24 to July 27 at Camp Fort Haldimand.

July 24: Official Opening wine and cheese at 7 p.m. Opening of silent auction beginning at 7:30 p.m.

July 25: Potluck supper (advance tickets available) beginning at 5 p.m. Gospel hour at 7 p.m.

July 26: Senior's Day at York Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m.

July 27: Breakfast at 7 a.m. Children's activities beginning at 10 a.m. Closing of silent auction at 4 p.m.

July 27: Pioneer Days will be hosting its annual crafter's market from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. If you are a crafter or vendor (Tupperware, Avon, etc.) and would like to rent a table (\$12), please contact Rhonda Stewart at rhondals@hotmail.com or 418-368-7238.

July 27: Pioneer Days will host an afternoon event focusing on the Béchervaise family history at 1:30 p.m. at Fort Haldimand Camp. All are welcome. Bring your family information and help us fill in the blanks on the family tree, etc. There will be a display of wonderful family artifacts.

YORK:

York River FADOQ

July 26: In conjunction with Pioneer Days, the York River FADOQ Seniors' Club will be hosting their Annual Seniors' Day at the York River Commu-

nity Hall, 702 York Blvd. West. All visitors and residents of the Greater Gaspé community 50 years of age and over are welcome to attend this event which includes live music, an information session, lunch, door prizes and other activities. Free entry. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE from past years. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and muffins.

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:

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.

August 7: Money bingo at 7 p.m. Jackpot is \$300.

August 11: Fish and Chip Supper. Takeouts beginning at 4:30 p.m. Sit down beginning at 5 p.m. \$12 Adults, \$6 for ages 6 to 11 and under 6 years old free.

BARACHOIS:

Recreation Centre

Fitness Room: Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday and Wednesday 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Allison Aubut Library: Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

July 27: Tea, craft and bake memorial sale at Malbay Hall at 11 a.m.; followed by a beach party at 8:30 p.m. at Belle Anse Beach.

July 28: In memory service at St. Peter's Church Malbay at 11 a.m.; Western Hoedown at 1:30 p.m. \$5. Gift bingo at 7 p.m. at St. George Hall.

July 29: Golf tournament at 11 a.m. To sign up contact Lawrence 418-645-2300, Gerry 418-645-2310 or Manny 418-645-2329.

July 29: Money bingo at 7 p.m. at the Barachois Legion.

July 30: Denis Element and Dale Boyle at 9 p.m. at the Barachois Rec. Centre. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Contact Patricia at 418-645-3779.

July 31: Children's Bingo at 6:30 p.m. Ages 5-12. Free activity followed by a music night at 8 p.m. Alex, Jack Gaul &

friends MVGA 50+ Club.

August 1: Sand sculptures at Barachois beach from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Intergenerational Yoga at Barachois Wharf at 2 p.m. followed by a community BBQ at 4 p.m.

August 1: Presentation by historian Jean Marie Thibeault on the history of Barachois, Belle Anse and Point St. Pierre at 7 p.m. \$5.

BARACHOIS:

Mountain View Golden Age

September 29: Harvest Supper at the Mountain View Golden Age building, 5 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 27: Military Whist.

August 3: 500 card game.

PORT DANIEL:

St. James Anglican Church

July 27: Annual Bazaar from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Three Star Golden Age Club. Everyone welcome.

SHIGAWAKE:

Agricultural Society

Live music every Thursday at the Shigawake Fairgrounds in the Trough. From 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. \$5 entry fee.

August 1: Rob and George with special guest Nathan Hayes.

August 8: Pouding Chomeur with special guest Jonathan MacKenzie.

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

August 3: Gift bingo beginning at 7 p.m. organized by the Hope Town Sports Club. All proceeds for St. Andrew's United Church Hope Town building fund. If anyone would like to donate a gift please contact Linda at 418-752-2015.

August 10: Military Whist beginning at 8 p.m.

NEW CARLISLE:

Local Market

The New Carlisle local market has started its fifth season. It will be **every Saturday** with the last one being **September 21** which is also the garlic festival. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come join us as a vendor or a buyer. Follow us or contact us on our facebook page.

NEW CARLISLE:

Heritage New Carlisle

July 27: Kitchen Party at the Kempffer Centre from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Celebration with local musicians. Beer, wine, pop and water for sale. Outside in the backyard, rain or shine. For information call 418-752-1334, email heritagenc@globetrotter.net or facebook.

Every Wednesday in July and August: Julia's Tea Corner. Biscuits, scones and homemade jam 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. \$10 Adults, \$8 children under age twelve. Come and enjoy the experience with us! Reservation required. 418-752-1334, heritagenc@globetrotter.net or facebook.

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:

Royal Canadian Legion

Saturdays: Legion opens at 1 p.m.

NEW CARLISLE:

Good Samaritan Masonic Lodge

Mussels & Rib Night

August 31: The Masonic Lodge will be holding its Mussels and Rib Night at 5 p.m. at the Municipal Hall in New Carlisle. Additional information to follow.

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

August 9 and 23: 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.

August 11: Barbecue from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults \$12 and \$10 children 12 and under. We will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs and salads.

Every Tuesday: Bingo at 7 p.m. (Beginning September 3)

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 attend meetings every **Monday** at 7 p.m.

GESGAPEGIAG:

N.A. Meetings

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

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, July 28

10:30 a.m. New Carlisle

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Sunday, July 28

New Richmond

No Service

New Carlisle

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Hope Town

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Shigawake

7 p.m. Evening Prayer

Port Daniel

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

PARISH OF GASPÉ

Sunday, July 28

St. Paul's - Gaspé

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Celebration of

200th Anniversary of

Anglican Church.

Reception to follow.

Don't miss our deadlines!

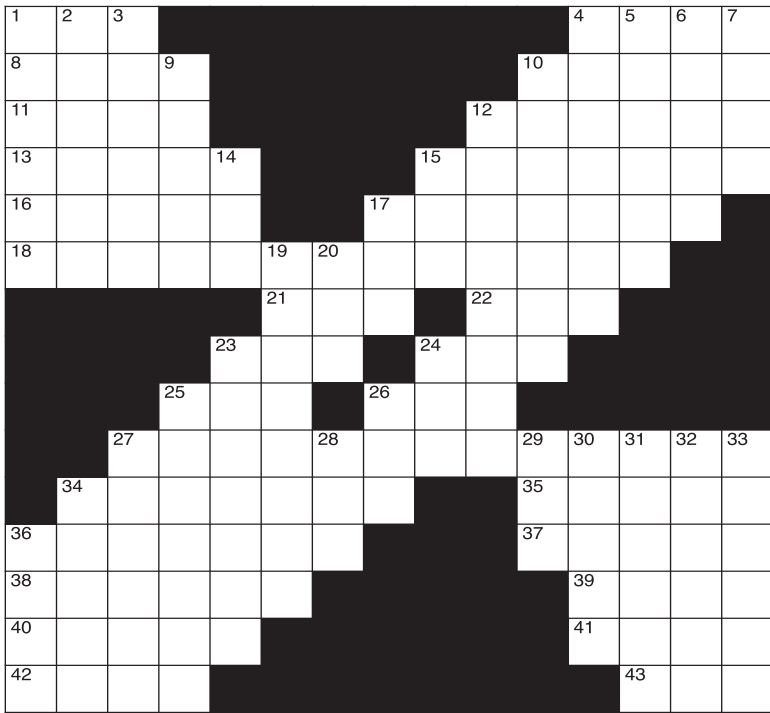
To avoid disappointment, have your ads, notices, classifieds, cards of thanks, etc., at our office by **Thursday at 4 p.m.** for the next week's paper.



On the lighter side...



CROSSWORDS

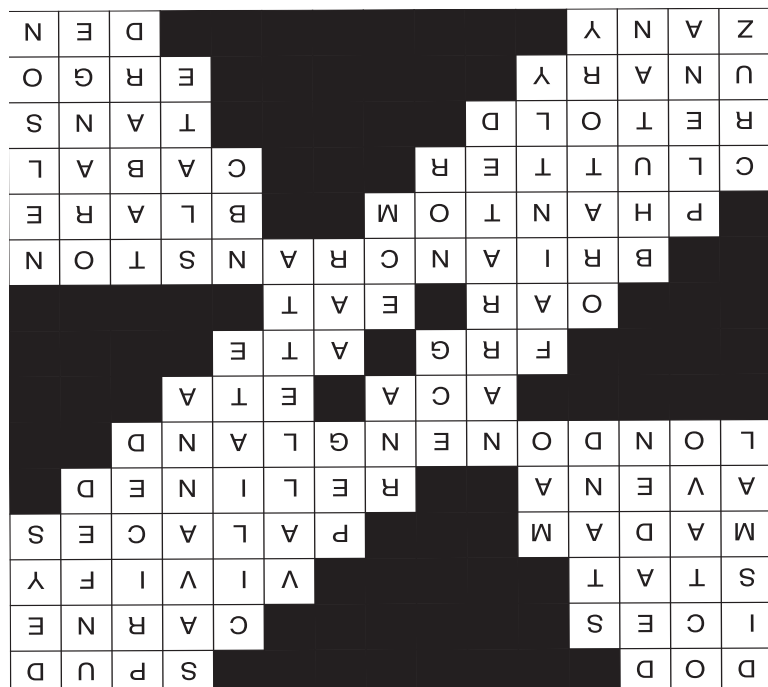


CLUES ACROSS

1. Defense Department
4. Diminutive hoopster Webb
8. Cools
10. Chili con ___
11. Quantitative fact
12. Enliven
13. A woman of refinement
15. Where royalty live
16. Beverage made of oatmeal
17. Replaced
18. UK's largest city
21. Obamacare
22. When you expect to get there
23. Deutschland
24. Consumed
25. Paddle
26. A way to consume
27. "Walter White"
34. The opera has one
35. Honk
36. Disorganization
37. Secret political clique
38. Recounted again
39. Converts to leather
40. Consisting of a single element or component
41. Therefore
42. Clownish
43. The habitat of wild animals

CLUES DOWN

1. Dreary
2. Book page size
3. Become less lively
4. Grassy plain
5. Attached a figure to
6. Hungry
7. NY-based department store
9. Pedestal
10. Single-celled animal
12. National capital
14. China's chairman
15. Al Bundy's wife
17. Acid in all living cells
19. Told
20. Displays heartbeat
23. Softly
24. Swiss river
25. Small chapel
26. Electronic countermeasures
27. Asian nation
28. Neither
29. Peacock network
30. List of candidates
31. Medieval garment
32. Type of juice
33. "Coach" actor
34. Puerto Rican dance music La ___
36. Texas politician Ted
41. Ergo
42. Zany
43. Den

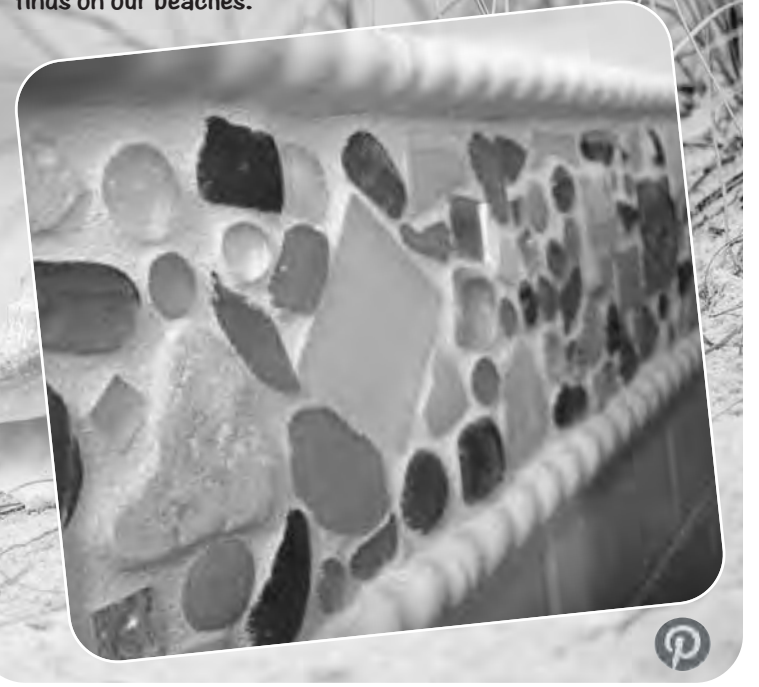


I am a ship that can be made to ride the greatest waves. I am not built by tool, but built by hearts and minds. What am I?

friendship

Beach treasures...

On the Gaspé we have an abundance of beach glass. Check out some of the beautiful treasures that can be made from these wonderful finds on our beaches.



Why do we say ... by Gary Briand

First of Series A

There comes a time when the question posed requires a going back to origins. For that very reason I leave readers with the following and ask them to contact me through The Gaspé SPEC if they can identify the following excerpt.

Fæder ure þu þe eart on heofonum,
 si þin nama gehalgod.
 to becume þin rice,
 gewurþe ðin willa,
 on eorðan swa swa on heofonum.
 urne gedæghwamlican hlaf syle us todæg
 and forgyf us ure gyltas,
 swa swa we forgyfað urum gyltendum.
 and ne gelæd þu us on costnunge,
 ac alys us of yfele soþlice.

Don't be frustrated. You are very familiar with the modern version!

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you have the gumption to complete projects that others may never even attempt. Put your best foot forward and get to work so you can start producing some results.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, a friend or family member looks to you for advice this week. Do your best to put yourself in this person's shoes and let him or her know that your support is unwavering.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, a great opportunity to express yourself comes along this week. Make the most of this chance to let others see your creative side. You won't be sorry you did.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

A goal that seems unlikely is still worth working toward, Cancer. Others will be there to offer support and guidance as you pursue this very rewarding goal.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Your financial savvy comes into play this week, Leo. Put your skill for finding deals to work and you will see your balances grow as much as possible.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Give yourself time to form an opinion on an important issue in your life, Virgo. The more time you take, the more clearly you will see the issue at hand.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

A budding friendship commands your attention this week, Libra. Give this relationship the attention it deserves and you just may establish a bond as strong as steel.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Think before you speak this week, Scorpio. Quick wit may lead to some easy laughs, but it's best to consider how your words affect those around you before you speak.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, criticism is coming your way and is intended to be constructive. Recognize others are trying to help and take their opinions to heart.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Give yourself a little more time to solve a puzzling problem, Capricorn.

Within a few days, you might have the fresh perspective you need to find a solution.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Not everyone moves at high speeds, Aquarius. Just because others can't seem to keep up with you, doesn't mean they do not have anything to offer.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, focus on doing an activity that brings you joy. This activity is a great way to spend some free time each day being productive.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS JULY 21

Damian Marley, Singer (41)

JULY 22

AJ Cook, Actress (41)

JULY 23

Daniel Radcliffe, Actor (30)

JULY 24

Jennifer Lopez, Performer (50)

JULY 25

Meg Donnelly, Actress (19)

JULY 26

Jason Statham, Actor (52)

JULY 27

Alex Rodriguez, Athlete (44)

Peace Park to commemorate Afghanistan veterans is almost ready in Rivière-à-Claude

Gilles Gagné

RIVIÈRE-À-CLAUDE: – The Peace Park located along Highway 132 in Rivière-à-Claude is almost ready. The park will pay tribute to the Canadian soldiers who served in Afghanistan.

Rivière-à-Claude is located about 45 kilometres east of Sainte-Anne-des-Monts. The Ministry of Veterans Affairs contributed \$25,000 to the project initiated by a veteran from Grande-Vallée, Jacques Bouschard, who wanted to honour the 40,000 Canadians who served between 2001 and 2014 in Afghanistan. 162 of them died during their duty there, including two Gaspesians.

The LAV III light tank was brought in at the end of June. That type of vehicle was frequently used in Afghanistan.

A monument bearing the names of the Canadian soldiers who lost their lives in Afghanistan will soon be added to the Peace Park. Landscaping will also be done. Work on that



property began in October 2018.



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