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Lots to see at New Richmond Agricultural Fair

Cynthia Dow

A lot of the participants at the New Richmond Fair were youngsters who are obviously horse-crazy: the youngest cowboy in the ring was three years old! The gymkhanas were very popular events. The Fair took place from Thursday, August 22 to Sunday, August 25 and included evening performances by The Landsmen and Nash Stanley. Children's activities were offered as well, with a few bouncy castles to boot. The event closed with a horse

haul and washer tournament on Sunday afternoon. As SPEC went to press the attendance numbers were not yet available.



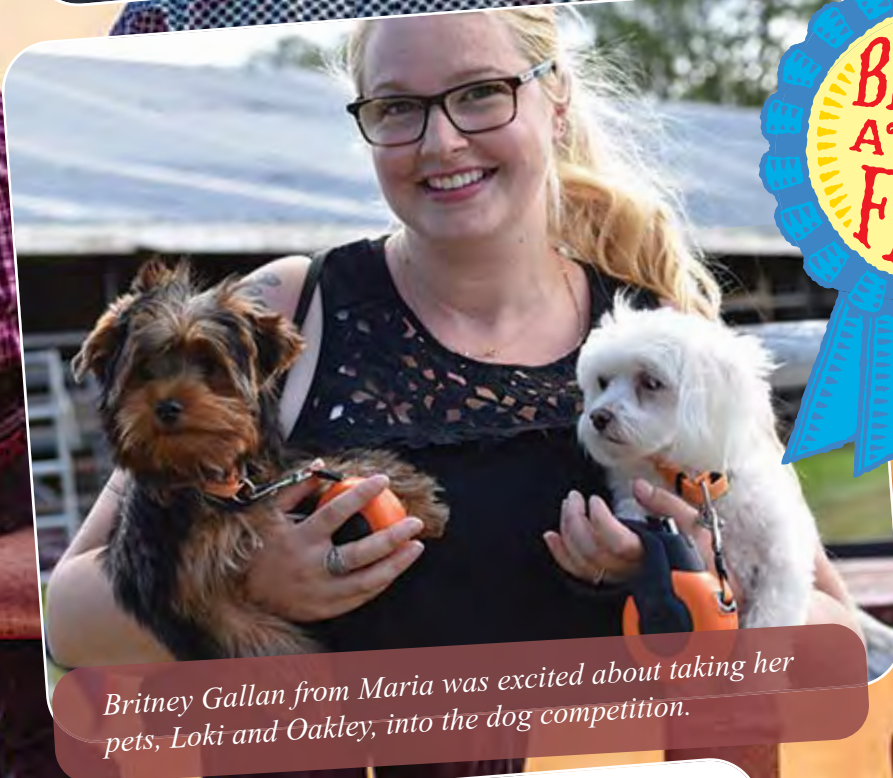
The youngest cowboy in the ring was three-year-old Killian Maltais from Pointe-à-la-Croix. He was accompanied by his grandfather.



Rosie and Ti-gars are checking out the competition! Owner Serge Landry from Val d'Amours, New Brunswick, participates in barrel-racing.



Two little piglets were the only porkers waiting to be judged at the fair.



Britney Gallan from Maria was excited about taking her pets, Loki and Oakley, into the dog competition.



Shawn Condo celebrated his 8th birthday by participating in the gymkhana for 5 to 12 year olds held Saturday morning, August 24.



Auntie Faith helps Theo Martin and his pony Hay-hay get ready for their time in the ring.

Photos: C. Dow

BACK TO SCHOOL



Diane Skinner

NEW CARLISLE: - The start of the new school year is just around the corner and the key to a successful start is being prepared. If there was ever a time to make a list, this is it. Make one for each of your children who is returning to school because each child, depending on their age, will have different needs.

Things to consider are school supplies, backpack, lunch box and refillable water bottle, clothing and accessories, gym clothing and footwear. Back to school time is a perfect time to make appointments with the hairdresser, dentist and eye doctor. Establish school day routines to make life flow more smoothly. Routines, if established early and followed, make for a much happier child and parents.

Your lists may look something like this:

Buy

- ___ school supplies (using list distributed by school)
- ___ shoes (running shoes, indoor shoes, rain boots)
- ___ gym clothes
- ___ bookbag
- ___ lunch box, ice pack and refillable water bottle
- ___ clothes, including waterproof jacket
- ___ accessories (hat, gloves or mittens)
- ___ stock up on healthy snacks

Routines

- ___ establish a spot for bookbags
- ___ who unpacks bookbags after school?
- ___ where does homework go?
- ___ where do school information/permission letters go?
- ___ set out clothes the night before (depending on age, child can do this)
- ___ bedtime routine (bath/shower etc., reading time, in bed by?)
- ___ bookbag ready (lunch made and in fridge)
- ___ establish a homework station (tip: Homework should be done as early as possible. This prevents the late-night homework fight.)

To Do

- ___ make appointment with eye doctor
- ___ make appointment with dentist
- ___ find immunization records/birth certificate if required
- ___ make appointment for immunizations if needed
- ___ set up a calendar to write down school trips, lunches, picture day etc.
- ___ haircut appointment
- ___ pack bookbag, include pair of dry socks
- ___ arrange before and after school care if needed

Preliminary results show a good year for tourism

Gilles Gagné

CARLETON: - The 2019 tourist season started strong and earlier than usual, as visitors were already numerous at the beginning of June. The construction holiday was very busy and August is yielding interesting results according to a report released by Tourisme Gaspésie, the tourist association of the Gaspé Peninsula.

Tourisme Gaspésie is able to provide that information based on the results from some

of the region's events, but will release overall numbers later on.

For instance, the Festival en chanson of Petite-Vallée experienced a 38% increase in ticket sales. The Festi-Plage in Cape Cove attracted a record crowd on its first night, Wednesday, while the other evenings were practically sold out.

Accommodation reservations have been very strong since the beginning of July and campgrounds are regularly filled, even the sections for tents.

People are increasingly using a wide array of technologies to obtain information, which leads to a decrease in most tourist information booths.

"The Gaspé Peninsula has been establishing attendance records for the last three years. It is undeniable that the region's performance will stabilize eventually. The interesting side of the information currently available is that travellers came earlier in the summer. Tourisme Gaspésie is counting on that early arrival to

improve our destination's performance while respecting our greeting capacity," explains Tourisme Gaspésie director general Joëlle Ross

In June, a CAA-Québec revealed that six Quebecers out

of 10 expected to spend their vacation time in Quebec. The Gaspé Peninsula was one of the top three of the targeted regions. Approximately 80% of those visiting the Gaspé Peninsula were Quebecers.

Absence of councillor Richard Duguay is disturbing

Nelson Sergerie

CHANDLER: - The case of Chandler's municipal councillor Richard Duguay, now General of the Town of Forestville on the North Shore, is disturbing to some citizens.

On social networks, some speak of shame. Others believe that citizens deserve an active and present councillor, calling for a change in operating rules.

Legally, the mandate of a municipal elected official ends if he is absent from council meetings for 90 days, according to the *Commission municipale du Québec*.

"Ethically speaking, it's unfortunate. We are paid to meet the needs of our citizens and to ensure that they receive the proper service. If we are not there to do it, we must be ethical enough and resign," says councillor Bruno-Pierre Godbout who sees a moral debate.

Spec reached Mr. Duguay at his job at the Forestville Town Hall. He refused to answer our questions, inviting citizens to raise their questions with the municipal council.

Rue de la reine was very busy during the FMBM

Nelson Sergerie

GASPÉ: - The popularity of the Festival musique du bout du monde continues with approximately 15,000 festival-goers taking part between August 8 to 11.

These figures reflect the maximum accommodation capacity in the region, in the eyes of the organization, which cannot predict the impact of the expansions announced by some hotel promoters.

"Will it have a direct impact on the absolute number of FMBM festival-goers? We do not know. On the other hand, what we do know is that people are coming back and we have more and more a loyal clientele," says festival director Stéphane Brochu.

The festival is ready to cope with increased traffic. "The vision of the organization was really to put a new business model that allowed that expansion for the next five to ten years. We are ready," says the director.

With the FMBM, cultural tourism is doing well on the tip of the Coast, according to the festival, which should end the 16th edition with a balanced budget.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A and R Decorations, in Cascapedia – Saint Jules, is hiring seasonal employees to start now and work until the beginning of December. It's 40 hours per week, Monday to Friday at minimum wage. A and R Decorations needs 4 labourers for the yard, like helping with saw mill, edging, and racking, and they'll need at least 30 people for the wreath season to make wreaths, kissing balls, and more.

Please apply to A and R Decorations in Cascapedia-Saint-Jules. 1-418-392-4686 emilie.ardecor@navigue.com



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GIVEN at Gaspé, July 10, 2019.

Isabelle Vézina,
Director of Legal Services and town clerk

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Government of Canada to invest \$45.6M to protect the railway against coastal erosion

Gilles Gagné

PABOS MILLS: – The Government of Canada will invest \$45.6 million over the next six years to protect the Gaspé Peninsula railway against coastal erosion. The money will be used between Port Daniel and Gaspé. The decision pertaining to where it will go will be made by Quebec's Department of Transport, which owns the line.

The announcement was made on August 26 by Member of Parliament for the riding of Gaspé Peninsula-Magdalen Islands and Canada Revenue minister Diane Lebouthillier. The money comes from an envelope earmarked to attenuate the impact of coastal erosion and help people adapt to climate change.

In certain spots, the line will be moved laterally in order to increase its distance from the sea and be better protected. In other locations, added protection will be given to the line.

Until now, Minister Lebouthillier had refused to consider the possibility of helping Transport Quebec in financing the line rehabilitation, based on the assumption that the federal government was not going to intervene in a railway owned by another jurisdiction, a provincial one.

"The provincial government solicited the help of the federal government," she explained, emphasizing that the collaboration between the two levels of government is frequent in infrastructure stakes. "For the federal government, it was important to be a partner in that project."

The context of an upcoming federal election is "not at all," related to the \$45.6 million announcement, she added.

During the 2015 electoral campaign, Ms. Lebouthillier affirmed that bus service would be prioritized, air transport would come next and then train service.

That year, Transport Quebec became the owner of the Matapédia to Gaspé line, after the Gaspésie Railway Society, a municipal entity that operates the freight train there, experienced financial difficulty, however, 60% of the line, the stretch between Caplan and Gaspé, was put in a dormant state by the ministry that year.

In May 2017, after intense pressure applied by the elected people and the users of the railway, the Quebec government contributed \$100 million



The administrators of the Gaspésie Railway Society are of the view that federal funding could accelerate the line rehabilitation between Port Daniel and Gaspé. Photo: G. Gagné

for the rehabilitation of the line, but the money was put under the responsibility of the *Bureau Québécois des infrastructures*, a body that is generally using a step-by-step and slow procedure in the realization of projects.

In April, Quebec premier François Legault affirmed that seven additional years would be needed to reopen the line to Gaspé, a period judged way too long by the region's stakeholders. An August 21 meeting between Mr. Legault and those stakeholders allowed for a one-year reduction in the realization of line repairs, which could now end in 2025.

The mayor of Gaspé, Daniel Côté, assures that more efforts will be made to shorten the time required to upgrade the line. The \$45.6 million amount announced by the fed-

eral government "is a forward step. (...) There are additional ways to accelerate that work."

Gaspésie Railway Society president Éric Dubé points out that "as soon as we will have in hand the reports on the studies that will accurately give us all the information pertaining to the work to be carried out on that (Port Daniel-Gaspé) stretch, we will be in a position to determine how long it will take. Before that, it will be difficult to predict."

LM Wind Power in Gaspé has to truck its production to New Richmond in order to export its windmill blades to Texas. McInnis Cement in Port Daniel must send its cement to New Richmond and Nouvelle where it is transferred to rail cars, because the line is not serviceable east of Caplan.

Police report

On August 20, Sûreté du Québec arrested a 35-year-old man and a 33-year-old woman in a house located on Cèdres Street in New Richmond. That drug bust led to the seizure of 45 cannabis plants, slightly more than two kilograms of cannabis, 255 methamphetamine pills, a certain quantity of cocaine and magic mushrooms. Some cash and tools used in drug distribution were also seized by the police officers who took part in the operation. Those officers came from the detachments of the Avignon and Bonaventure MRCs, as well as from the major crime squad in Chandler. The man and the woman were questioned and later released. They will be summoned to appear in court at a date that has not yet been determined. The drug bust was conducted following information relayed by the public.

On August 21 in Cap-Chat, Sûreté du Québec officers arrested nine people (three men and six women) aged between 20 and 38 following a break and enter perpetrated in a cottage located along the Cap-Chat River. Shortly after the break and enter, the nine people, who come from outside the Gaspé Peninsula, were arrested at the mouth of the river, as they were kayaking. They were in possession of objects previously stolen in the cottage. After their arrest, they were questioned and released. They will be summoned to appear in court at a date that has not yet been set.

NOTICE

Prenez avis qu'un inventaire des biens de la succession de Colette Roy, en son vivant résidant et domiciliée au 127, rue Gérard D. Lévesque, appartement 6, New Carlisle, province de Québec, G0C 1Z0, décédée le 6 juillet 2018, peut être consulté par les intéressés à l'étude de Me Matthias Béliveau, notaire, au 1081, rue Galt Ouest, Sherbrooke, province de Québec, J1H 2A2.

Take note that an inventory of the property of Colette Roy's estate, in her lifetime residing at 127, rue Gérard D. Lévesque, apartment 6, New Carlisle, province of Quebec, G0C 1Z0, who died on July 6th, 2018, can be consulted by those interested at the office of Me Matthias Béliveau, notary, at 1081, rue Galt Ouest, Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, J1H 2A2.

JOB OFFER

Family Ties is searching for a Coordinator to implement a Canadian Heritage Cultural Project entitled "Putting Pen to Paper"

The responsibility of the Coordinator is to increase the Official Language Minority Communities pride and sense of belonging in their community by inspiring English speakers of different ages from New Carlisle and surrounding area to develop or rediscover an interest in writing.

Qualifications:

- Strong communication skills: both oral and written
- Excellent writing and grammar skills required
- Dynamic, self-motivated, organized, self-reliant
- Must have a valid driver's license and have own means of transportation
- Computer skills necessary including the ability to create publications
- Ability and experience working with school-aged children
- Flexible hours – Evening and weekend work may be required
- Bilingualism will be considered an asset
- Successful applicants will be required to pass a police screening

Education / Work Experience

- Post-secondary education required
- Relevant work experience will be taken into consideration

Salary and Work Period:

- The salary of the Coordinator is \$20 per hour
- 35 hours of work per week
- The duration of the work is from September 9, 2019 until June 26, 2020

We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please forward resumes to Heather MacWhirter at familyties@globetrotter.net no later than September 3, 2019.

TIDE PREDICTIONS

Carleton	Paspebiac	Gaspé
Saturday, August 31	Saturday, August 31	Saturday, August 31
03:59 a.m. - 1.87m	03:29 a.m. - 2.11m	02:57 a.m. - 1.85m
09:17 a.m. - 0.54m	10:12 a.m. - 0.10m	09:35 a.m. - 0.34m
03:26 p.m. - 2.12m	04:00 p.m. - 1.65m	03:21 p.m. - 1.33m
10:02 p.m. - 0.03m	09:49 p.m. - 0.12m	09:13 p.m. - 0.30m
Sunday, Sept. 1	Sunday, Sept. 1	Sunday, Sept. 1
04:40 a.m. - 1.91m	04:19 a.m. - 2.05m	03:45 a.m. - 1.80m
10:08 a.m. - 0.42m	10:53 a.m. - 0.11m	10:15 a.m. - 0.33m
04:23 p.m. - 2.13m	04:48 p.m. - 1.76m	04:07 p.m. - 1.44m
10:48 p.m. - 0.02m	10:45 p.m. - 0.11m	10:10 p.m. - 0.29m
Monday, Sept. 2	Monday, Sept. 2	Monday, Sept. 3
05:19 a.m. - 1.94m	05:07 a.m. - 1.92m	04:31 a.m. - 1.70m
10:57 a.m. - 0.31m	11:32 a.m. - 0.17m	10:54 a.m. - 0.35m
05:20 p.m. - 2.10m	05:36 p.m. - 1.83m	04:53 p.m. - 1.52m
11:33 p.m. - 0.13m	11:42 p.m. - 0.15m	11:08 p.m. - 0.33m
Tuesday, Sept. 3	Tuesday, Sept. 3	Tuesday, Sept. 3
05:58 a.m. - 1.95m	05:55 a.m. - 1.74m	05:18 a.m. - 1.55m
11:47 a.m. - 0.23m	12:11 p.m. - 0.25m	11:33 a.m. - 0.40m
06:18 p.m. - 2.04m	06:24 p.m. - 1.84m	05:40 p.m. - 1.57m
Wednesday, Sept. 4	Wednesday, Sept. 4	Wednesday, Sept. 4
12:18 a.m. - 0.27m	12:41 a.m. - 0.22m	12:08 a.m. - 0.39m
06:36 a.m. - 1.94m	06:44 a.m. - 1.53m	06:05 a.m. - 1.38m
12:40 p.m. - 0.18m	12:50 p.m. - 0.36m	12:14 p.m. - 0.46m
07:17 p.m. - 1.94m	07:15 p.m. - 1.82m	06:31 p.m. - 1.57m
Thursday, Sept. 5	Thursday, Sept. 5	Thursday, Sept. 5
01:04 a.m. - 0.43m	01:44 a.m. - 0.32m	01:12 a.m. - 0.47m
07:16 a.m. - 1.91m	07:36 a.m. - 1.33m	06:56 a.m. - 1.21m
01:36 p.m. - 0.18m	01:30 p.m. - 0.48m	12:56 p.m. - 0.54m
08:19 p.m. - 1.83m	08:09 p.m. - 1.76m	07:27 p.m. - 1.55m
Friday, Sept. 6	Friday, Sept. 6	Friday, Sept. 6
01:53 a.m. - 0.59m	02:54 a.m. - 0.40m	02:22 a.m. - 0.55m
07:58 a.m. - 1.88m	08:35 a.m. - 1.16m	07:58 a.m. - 1.06m
02:37 p.m. - 0.20m	02:15 p.m. - 0.58m	01:44 p.m. - 0.61m
09:28 p.m. - 1.72m	09:07 p.m. - 1.69m	08:33 p.m. - 1.51m



Commentary

Cynthia Dow

Our own little Woodstock!

Is it just me, or is it kind of magical that exactly 50 years from the date of the Woodstock Music Festival, August 15 to 18, 1969, Shigawake held its 11th Music Festival, August 15 to 18, 2019?? I think the stars were kind of aligned!

To me, there are a lot of similarities between the two.

OK, so Woodstock attracted almost 500,000, and the Shigawake Festival maybe only 5,000, but there are interesting similarities.

One of those similarities is cows. Yes, cows! These peaceful creatures have their place at both festivals. Woodstock was held on a dairy farm in upper New York State. The Shigawake Music Festival is held in a cow pasture with cattle calmly grazing just behind the big top! Maybe there's some mystical connection between cows and music that we can only guess at!

Woodstock, of course, has gone down in history as the first huge and perhaps best music festival ever, with 62 acts that included many of the top artists of the day, but the Shigawake Music Festival is making history in its own way, turning tiny Shigawake into a happening place for the younger generation every August.

I think one of the things that is similar about the two events is the general sense of peace and well-being engendered. Maybe it's something about the way the organization of both festivals was kind of informal and relaxed and just come-what-may. You can really just hunker down and

listen for hours or get up and move about and take in all the different things both the musical event and the agricultural fair have to offer. It's that simple.

Another and perhaps more important similarity is the age range of festival goers. It's true that Woodstock attracted mostly a young crowd, but the way the local townspeople of Bethel, New York, accepted and embraced their young visitors was truly legendary.

At the time there was a lot of angst about the "wildness" of the hippy generation. Their long hair, colourful clothes and free-spirited way of living was widely condemned, in particular by religious communities.

The people of Upper New York State did not judge harshly the young people rolling into their area. In fact, they rallied to help the beleaguered festival goers when the event over-reached its limits, sending food and blankets and helping out in every way they could.

That's what I love about the Shigawake Festival. Married as it is to the long-standing agricultural fair, it attracts people from 9 months to 90! I always get a big kick out of going into the big top and seeing graying grandparents listening to progressive Indie rock – and seemingly getting a kick out of it!

Local homes also take in a lot of the musicians. Watching The Shigawake Movie gives one a great sense of how open-hearted the people of Shigawake have been in accommodating and supporting the musicians and their families. This kind of human love and connection in action should make us all proud.

Wandering around the fairgrounds this year, I had to admire the way the event attracts so many different types of people and linguistic groups. Often, I'd be chatting to someone English and a French person would come up and give them a big hug and ask how they were doing or vice

versa. Bringing old friends and acquaintances together to reminisce is one of the great features of the fair, and it's been magnified over the last 11 years by bringing a whole new audience into the picture.

So yes, this year, 50 years on from Woodstock, Shigawake did not have the same level of crowds, didn't have the same level of mud, didn't create the same kind of traffic jams, but it sure spread around the same kind of love! And that's something to celebrate!

Letters to the Editor

Recently my wife and I spent a few days touring the Gaspé Coast. What a beautiful time we had.

Our favourite time was the two nights we stayed at the Riotel in Percé. The manager and his staff made us feel at home and treated us like royalty.

We had, without question, the best seafood meal ever and the service was second to none.

I would recommend this place to anyone. Our view of The Rock was also breath taking.

I must also mention our great chat with Walter Jerome Tourism Advisor at Gesgapegiag First Nations. He is a genuine ambassador for his people.

A sincere thank-you to these people. We will be back.

I hope this letter makes its way to the editorial page in your paper. I so much enjoy my subscription and it was nice to visit different places that I recognized thru reading the Spec. Thanks one and all.

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Riverview, New Brunswick

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Correction:

On page 8 in the August 21 issue of The Gaspé Spec it was reported that Mitchell Syvret-Caplin received 233 votes, when he actually received 203 and Dorothy Martin should have read as Dorothy Gedeon.

Correction

There was an error in the August 21 issue On the Lighter Side page. The Poem - The King of Vimy - anonymous was actually written by the late Everard Coull of New Carlisle. The title is: The New Auto published in Rhymes from the Gaspé - 1991.

Spec apologizes for these errors.

Reflections

by

Diane Skinner Flowers



Hanging Out

It is a warm and slightly breezy day and that means perfect conditions for hanging out our washing. When I was little I loved to help my grandmother with the laundry. I liked pulling the clothes from the wringer though she would never allow me to feed the wet clothes into the roller. Too risky! I would place them into the large galvanized tub sitting on the floor of the porch. Then I would hand her the clothespins as she hung the clothes on the line. I probably was not as useful as I imagined but my happy, loving grandmother never minded that one bit.

When you live in the city you rarely have the luxury of having a clothesline and some municipalities do not allow them. Why? Some councillors feel they look tacky. Forgive us if we disagree, dear councillors. Are these government types aware of the cost of hydro? A line of freshly washed laundry blowing in the wind is a beautiful thing to behold. It is colourful and unique. No two lines are alike.

Every person has their own style of hanging out. Most people hang out the big things first. This is to allow for the length of sheets, blankets or quilts. Next come towels, then pants, shirts and t-shirts, followed by socks and other assorted smaller items. There is some differing of opinion when it comes to unmentionables. Undergarments. Some people dry those inside, discreet and unobserved by the neighbours. Others put those undies on the line and allow them to flap freely in the breezes of the Gaspé, but be prepared for those neighbours will know whether you wear black, white or colours, briefs or boxers, high-cut or comfy. It takes confidence to hang those items on the line.

Early morning is the very best time to hang out the laundry. Then you can bring it in by dinnertime. An important note for people from away - dinner is at noon and supper is at five. Never use these two words interchangeably on the Gaspé. It can cause great confusion.

Never, ever leave your laundry out all night. People may think you are a poor housekeeper who cares not at all for your laundry. Never hang out something that is tattered or torn. It invites criticism. This is a matter of pride. It is perfectly acceptable to hang out laundry in the winter and take it into the house, dried but frozen. In fact, it is fun to do because the jeans can stand up by themselves.

The smell of the laundry off the line is wonderful. Yes, it smells clean, but more than that, it smells like outdoors and salt water and nature and fresh air. It is perfectly acceptable to sniff your laundry. Don't hold back. Close your eyes and sniff. I recently bought a candle and the scent is called Fresh Laundry. It doesn't measure up; I am sorry to report.

Now, let's discuss clothespins. Plastic or wooden? If you love tradition, then it's got to be wooden. Besides, I believe that they last longer and are more environmentally friendly. The Earth has more plastic on it than it should. What do you store your clothespins in? You might be lucky and have the container that belonged to your mother or grandmother.

Anyway, Gaspésians take great pride in our clotheslines and the beautiful laundry blowing in the breeze. Have a great week of seeing the beauty in our Gaspé and in ordinary, everyday things.

MNA Sylvain Roy accepts stuffed animal token

Gilles Gagné

CARLETON: – Bonaventure riding Member of the National Assembly Sylvain Roy received a stuffed animal from the *Alliance du personnel technique et professionnel de la santé et des services sociaux*, a symbolic gesture meaning that he supports that union in its campaign to land improved services for children in difficulty.

The *Alliance du personnel technique et professionnel de la santé et des services sociaux (APTS)* represents technicians and professionals working with those children, whether they need a diagnosis, psychosocial intervention, clinical care, prevention and various forms of treatment like physiotherapy.

Since the death of a seven-year-old girl in Granby in April, the APTS has asked all the 125 members of the National Assembly to symbolically adopt a stuffed animal, through a campaign called *Toutou (Teddy bear) cherche député d'accueil*. That adoption is proof that they will commit to cease the precarity of services provided to children in difficulty.

That precarity mainly stems from the budget cuts carried out by the previous government between 2014 and 2017.

Sylvain Roy is the 21st Member of the National Assembly to accept a stuffed animal. His is called Maélie and could be a six-year girl who was victim of physical abuse and negligence. She has been living in a foster home for the last three-and-a-half years. She has significant development delays and is on a waiting list to consult a speech therapist. She constantly repeats that she is about to go back to her mother's place.

"The Granby tragedy was the third such event in two years. I am sure that if we asked the people working with children in difficulty, they would find more cases," says Guylaine Michel, the national representative of APTS in the Gaspé Peninsula.

Since the Granby incident, the Quebec government came up with an additional envelope of \$65 million for children in difficulty. In the Gaspé Peninsula, between \$600,000 and \$650,000 of that envelope will be added to the regional budget.

"Five new positions were created but it will not be enough. The programs are not



MNA Sylvain Roy accepts putting children in difficulty among his priorities of intervention, as suggested by APTS' national representative for the Gaspé Peninsula Guylaine Michel.

adapted to the regions' reality," states Guylaine Michel, referring to the distance factor that adds time to the interventions in an area like the Gaspé Peninsula.

"We hire young workers to replace people that have left but those new employees are ill-supported because of the shortage of staff. Sometimes they leave after a week because they are scared by the workload and the lack of support. We lose people to the private sector or to the school system," adds Ms. Michel.

Normally, a social worker should have the responsibility of dealing with about 18 youth experiencing problems in a preliminary stage before the youth reaches the stage of being taken charge of by a youth centre, however, a social worker is often asked to deal with 28 to 30 youths.

"It is too many cases for a social worker. Officially, the youth is taken care of but he or she doesn't receive enough attention and ends up in a youth centre. (...) We need more resources in youth centres but we need more first line interveners in order to avoid youth centre's admissions," explains Guylaine Michel.

"The mega-amalgamations of health centres generated service lapses," she adds.

"They (the administrators of

health centres) impose quotas to social workers and that doesn't fit with dealing with kids' problems," points out Sylvain Roy.

"That is reducing the waiting list but it is like dealing only with the tip of the iceberg. The problematic cases are distributed in the network but it doesn't guarantee that the youth will get appropriate services," states Ms. Michel.

Provincially, the envelope earmarked for additional youth services should be \$270 million instead of \$65 million, according to an assessment made recently by the APTS and other bodies involved in youth services.

Sylvain Roy has already placed the stuffed animal in a visible spot at his riding office in Carleton. He intends to talk about the fate of children in difficulty as often as necessary in order to improve the service they need.

"I already did a speech on that issue at the National Assembly. The well-being of children should be priorities in our society but it is unfortunately not the case, it seems. Our government must put in place the strategies and the measures to adequately support the children experiencing unspeakable tragedies (...) The Teddy bear is the last confidant of a child experiencing distress," he says.



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Foraging: Eating Wildly

"Foraging for your own food and medicine is a great way to get outside and reap the benefits of being out in wild areas. It gives you access to some of the most nutrient rich and healing plants, all while getting some much-needed exercise and fresh air. Foraging is good for your body as well as your mind and soul!" Colleen Codekas

Diane Skinner

If you have lived, or are living, on the Gaspé, chances are that you have foraged. Perhaps you have a garden, but also enjoy traipsing through forest and field to find edibles. There is satisfaction with gathering your own food. You develop a keen sense for scanning grasses, bushes and even the beaches for plants that you can use.

Foraging is simply searching for wild food resources. How do you think your Gaspesian ancestors survived here? They foraged. It is a survival skill. Humans are by nature hunter-gatherers. Foraging takes time and energy and to be a successful forager you must be ready and organized to go hunting for edibles.

There are some guidelines you should follow if you forage. First and foremost, do not forage on private property, without permission. Be respectful. A friend had his apple tree stripped almost bare of apples when he went out for the day. The tree was clearly on private property and close to his house at that - very disrespectful and illegal. Technically it is trespassing and theft. "Don't be that kind of person."

The next guideline is to be knowledgeable. Know what you are gathering. Is it safe to eat? A basic forager's rule is "Don't eat what you don't know." This applies not just to the taste of the food, but to safety. Do not go out gathering mushrooms willy nilly. Only some wild mushrooms are edible. Others can kill you.

You can purchase books on edible wild plants. You can download apps on your phone that identify plants, such as wild berries and mushrooms. Some of these include: Mushroom Identifier, Forage Diary (keep track of where you have found wild edibles) and Wild Berries and Herbs Lite. These apps are all free for iPhone.

Another foraging rule is to be safe and comfortable. Wear comfortable shoes, preferably not flip flops. Hiking boots are the best choice. They protect you from thistles and prevent a turned ankle if you are going through the woods. Take bug spray. If you are picking berries or venturing into the woods, long sleeves and long pants are best. Wear a hat, especially if picking in an open field. If you are venturing out for a while, take a bottle of water.

Be respectful of other living creatures. You can

clean out that wild strawberry patch, but it would be more ecologically friendly to leave a few berries for other creatures. Never, ever pick until an area is bare.

It is often best to go with a friend, perhaps an experienced forager, or at least tell people where you are going, so that if you should be injured or lost, someone can come looking for you. Of course, bring a container to put your findings in.

Why forage at all? It is a very rewarding activity. Wild plants can be very nutritious. They have higher levels of Omega 3 and antioxidants. People who eat wild plants may be healthier because they are not eating as much processed food. Foraging cuts down on food costs. Foraging gets you outside and in touch with nature. Foraging is a historical connection with your Gaspesian ancestors.

Wild Strawberries

Picking wild strawberries used to be a family affair on the Gaspé. Many of us have strong memories of picking with their multi-generational family. The window for picking most berries is limited. Wild strawberries, those tiny bits of intense flavor, come into season normally around the first of July.

The strawberries will be in season for only two to three weeks. Wear long sleeves to pick and use bug spray, not lotion. This is because you do not want this on your hands which will then transfer onto your berries. To pick wild strawberries, which are found right on the ground, there are a few different methods. The hardest among us will bend over and pick. After a while this takes its toll on the back.

There are some pickers who use the belly method. They lie flat on the ground and pick away. Others prefer the scoot method. They sit on their bottoms and pick and move to a new area by scooting along. Do you pick clean or dirty? Some swear by picking clean, which means no stems. Others pick more quickly and clean the berries at home. Holly Smith-Couture says she prefers the second approach. "I prefer to pick dirty so that I can get out of the field and away from the bugs and heat." There are some pickers who pick to sell, and a gal-

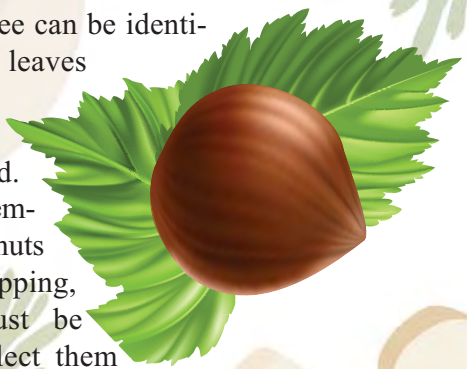


lon of wild strawberries goes for \$100.

One of the little pleasures of living on the Gaspé is a bottle of homemade wild strawberry jam enjoyed on the cold days of winter. It tastes like summer.

Hazelnuts

A hazelnut tree can be identified by its leaves which are oval, hairy and pointed. Early in September, the hazelnuts will start dropping, but you must be quick to collect them because squirrels love hazelnuts too. You can pick them from the ground or from the tree. If you do pick from the tree, pick the hazelnut clusters by twisting them. Do not break off the twigs or branches. You should wear gloves when you gather or pick them because the outer green shell will stain your fingers black. No amount of soap will remove that - it will wear off in time. After you gather them put them in an old pillowcase or a burlap bag and hang them in a shed or barn. When they turn brown, normally in a couple of weeks, they will be easy to open. You can cut off the ends with a knife and then pull off the top piece. You can roast them or eat them raw. You may eat them as is or in recipes. Hazelnuts have a flavour like no other nut. A side note: Nutella is made using hazelnuts



Evergreen Needles

Evergreen trees, the ones with needles instead of leaves, are full of vitamins and flavour and are simple to forage. These trees are sometimes referred to as coniferous or cone-bearing trees. These include firs, pines, junipers, and cedars. The needles can be used for medicine and food. Evergreen needles are packed with Vitamin C and can be used to make pine needle cough syrup. They can add a tangy spiciness to drinks, cookies and meat and can be foraged year-round.

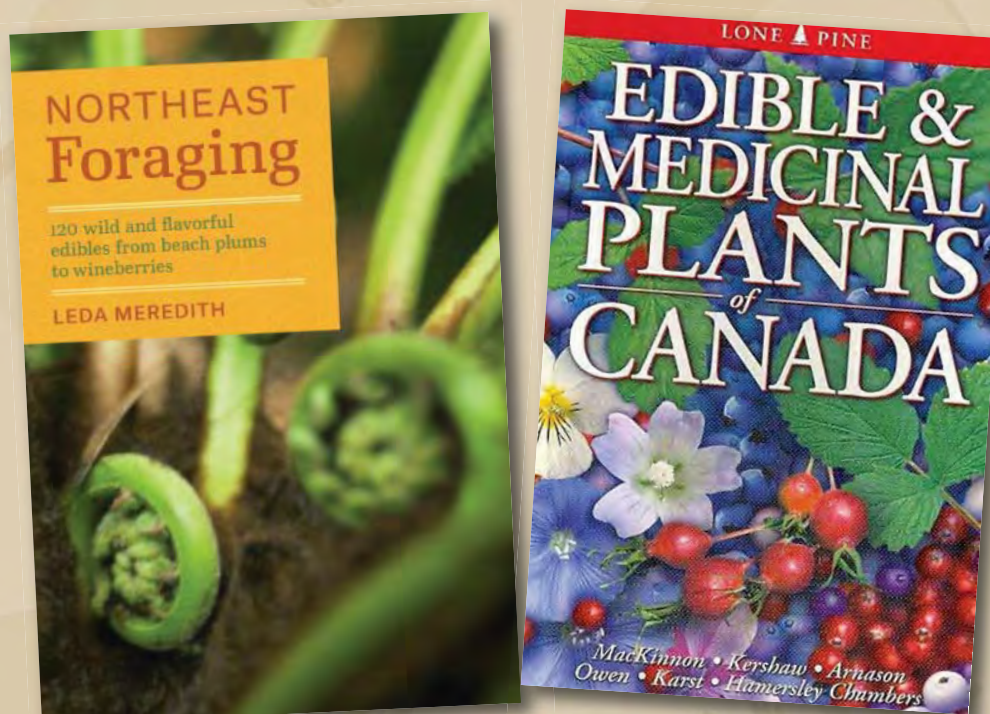
Pine Needle Cough Syrup

1 1/2 cups water
1/2 cup raw local honey
1 cup fresh pine needles

1. Place the pine needles into a large Mason jar.
2. Boil the water and pour into Mason jar.
3. When the water has cooled add the honey. Stir.
4. Place cover tightly and refrigerate for up to a month.



There are numerous guidebooks to help you identify plants for foraging.



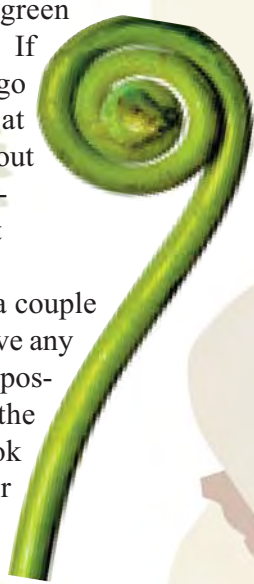
Chaga mushrooms

The chaga mushroom grows on yellow and white birch trees and resembles a dark clump of dirt or a piece of charcoal. Inside it is a golden yellow colour. It has a woody taste. They can be quite large - up to 15 or 20 inches. The chaga must be dried before being consumed. This can be done naturally by the sun and will remove excess moisture. You can cut the chaga into chunks of about 1 to 1.5 inches. The pieces can be reused up to four times and will most likely be used as tea. You may also grind the chaga into powder and use it for tea and in smoothies. There are potential health benefits associated with the chaga and studies have produced some positive results. Chaga is full of nutrition and packed with vitamins and minerals. It is reputed to slow the aging process, lower cholesterol, prevent and fight cancer, and lower blood pressure. You can buy chaga in health food and other specialty stores but picking it wild is certainly cheaper and then you can be sure that it was ethically sourced.



Fiddleheads

Fiddleheads, the curled-up fronds of a young fern, can be easily foraged in the early spring. They are available for a short period and if you wait too long, they will unfurl and become ferns. Then they are not edible. Fiddleheads have a distinct flavor, and taste like a marriage between spinach and artichoke. Sautéed with butter, salt, pepper and a squeeze of lemon they are a delightful treat. When foraging, look for bright green plants with tightly coiled tops. If you are new to foraging, go with an experienced forager at first. Pick so that you get about one or two inches of stem attached to the coiled bit. If it is longer, just snap it off. Rinse your fiddleheads well a couple of times in cold water. Remove any brown bits. Serve as soon as possible as this will give you the best texture and taste. Cook them by steaming, boiling or sautéing.



Dandelions

There is an old saying, "A weed is a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered." Foraging for dandelions is not very common on the Gaspé but is increasing in popularity. Dandelions were brought to North America by European settlers who used them as a salad ingredient, to make wine and more. Some specialty supermarkets sell dandelions, but you can forage your own. Do not pick where a field or lawn has been chemically treated. Do not pick close to a road. The benefits are many because dandelions contain high amounts of minerals, vitamins and antioxidants. You can eat them after washing in cold water and they can be kept in the fridge for a couple of days. When you pick, separate the flower from the stem and leaves. Flowers are edible. Sometimes the greens can be bitter but are edible also. You may wish to make dandelion jelly from dandelion blossoms. It tastes like honey and is a beautiful golden yellow colour. There are recipes readily available online. The dandelion is more than a weed.



Daisies and Daisy Buds

Posh restaurants located in Montreal have foragers pick Gaspesian daisies and daisy buds to serve to their diners. They may be eaten raw, added to salads and the buds can be pickled, like capers. The flower can also be dipped in a tempura batter and deep fried. The flavour is somewhat akin to pineapple. Note: If you want just the flowers or buds, do not rip the plant out of the ground by the roots



There are many other plants that can be foraged on the Gaspé. These include raspberries, blueberries, currants, gooseberries, apples, wild garlic, edible seaweed, plums, sweetgrass and more. The guidelines apply to all foraging: respect private property, know what you are gathering and prepare for your outing. Mother Nature is bountiful. She provides for its inhabitants and we ought to be grateful.

Tapping maple trees - but not just maples

This is quite daunting to do the first time. A suggestion: work with an experienced tapper/ boiler the first time. In fact, absolutely do that as it will make your tapping/boiling safer and easier. Like many, seeing and doing teach us better than reading how. Maple trees are most commonly tapped, but birch tree tapping is gaining in popularity, however, maples are easier to tap and have a higher sugar content. The optimal time to tap your trees is at the end of winter, just before the weather changes to spring. This will be when the temperature in the day is above freezing and is below freezing at night. The trees you tap ought to be a minimum of 12 inches in diameter. Normally only one tap is placed in a tree. If the tree is very large, 30 inches plus, you may place up to 3 taps. You can buy a kit for tapping or assemble the following: hammer or mallet, small wooden spigot, hooks, cordless drill, drill bits, and buckets with lids. Remember the first one is more difficult because you are going up the learning curve. Measure your drill bit and place a piece of heavy tape 3 inches from the end. This will guide you for how far to drill. Drill about 3 feet from the ground. When you drill, do it at a slightly upward angle. If the sap has started to run, you may even see some sap trickling out of the hole. Insert the spigot and tap gently until it feels tight. Hang your bucket and cover with a lid or even a piece of foil. Check your buckets 2 - 3 times per day. Gather your sap into a very large container, approximately 5-gallon size. Keep it in a cool place outside, maybe sitting in snow, and boil within a week. Now the part that is a little discouraging. For every 20 gallons of sap you will get 1/2 gallon of syrup. Do not boil the sap inside. Never. Doing this part outside with a wood fire is optimal. This is the labour intensive part: Keep adding the sap to your big pot slowly but keep it on the boil. When the sap boils down and turns golden brown you may now move your sap indoors. Stir frequently while boiling. You will know it is done when you scoop some out with a spoon, tip it off into the pot and it falls off in a sheet. Now you see why it is so expensive to buy.



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Obituaries



HARRISON: Joey

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Joey Harrison on August 7, 2019, at the age of 55. He leaves behind his wife Barbara Alexander and her son Adam, his daughter Vanessa, his parents John Harrison and Gloria Willet, his brother Glenn, his sister Kim, his nephews Derek, Dylan and Mason and many other family members and friends.

After a tireless search, the Sûreté du Québec brought Joey home. Cousin Shawn Harrison, Sergeant LaGrange and the search team thank you for giving the family the chance to say goodbye. To the volunteers from Gesgapegiag and Cascapedia St. Jules who assisted in the search. Thank you.

To those who dropped by the house to offer comfort, bring food, or just to sit and remember Joey, and to those who sent their condolences, thank you with all our hearts.

Thank you, William Jerome, for giving Joey the farewell he would have wanted. Your words brought the family comfort. Finally, thank you to the many people who have donated to the education fund for Joey's grandson.

IN MEMORY OF JOEY

By: Everly Van der Vaart
As a child, love for the river

*Grows and grows, never mind the shiver.
It's safe, it's home, it's fun, it's thrilling,
To swim and fish, kids always willing.
As we get older, and things aren't the same,
The love for the river will always remain,
A place you can go and feel like a kid,
You don't want to leave. It's like you never did.
Sometimes we realize the things that we love
Can cause us pain we can't make sense of.
The river is no exception. It gives and it takes.
It's hard to understand the sadness it creates.
The river runs deep, as do emotions we feel,
Somehow reality still doesn't seem real.
With broken hearts not sure what to do,
As the river goes on, we must go on too;
But a heart that is broken is one that knows love,
That love is for Joey, our angel above.*

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STARNES: Judy

1959 - 2019

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother, Judy, who passed away on August 11, 2019.

*Our family chain was broken that day.
It left a wound that will not heal,
No matter what people say.
We carry on without you,
But it is very hard to do,
For nothing will be the same since you left us,
For we are lonely.
Through the laughter, no one sees our pain.
What we wouldn't give to say,
Hi Judy, Mom or Nanny and have you answer back.
Rest in peace.*

You will always be loved and missed by your husband Alfred; sons Stephen (Vanessa) and Christopher (Stephanie); sister Connie; brother Lionel; stepchildren; grandchildren; nieces and nephews.



In Memory



BEAULIEU: Richard

January 29, 1954 - August 2, 2011

Eighth year anniversary

*In fond memory of my beautiful son, Richie.
Always remembered and loved for
his wonderful smile and winning personality.
Rest now, God speed.*

Mommy and family, xxx.



BEEBE: Carol Marsh

August 30, 2018

*Through tears we saw you sinking
We watched you fade away.
You faced your task with courage,
Each and every day.
This time He gave you a mountain,
Yet your spirit did not bend.
Your faith it did not falter.
You fought until the end.
When we saw you sleeping,
So peaceful and free from pain,
We could not wish you back
To suffer through all that again.*

Lovingly remembered, Dan, Adam and girls.

BOURGAIZE: Ada

In loving memory of a dear mum, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother who passed away August 16, 2012.

*May the winds of love blow softly,
And whisper for you to hear,
That we'll always love and miss you,
And wish that you were here.*

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One last battle you could not fight.
The day was long, then night, then morn,
I knew that soon you would be gone.
I clasped your hand so warm in mine.
Soon we would be out of time.
To stay with us, you fight so hard,
A million pieces went my heart.
Remembering you is easy. I do it everyday,
But missing you is a heartache that never goes away.*

Always loved and never forgotten, your baby girl Roxanne.

St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us.

Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days, on the eighth day your prayer will be answered.

M.B.



WILLIAMS: John Randy

In loving memory of husband, father, son, brother and friend who passed August 30, 2018.

*We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you will remain
To walk with us throughout our lives.*

Your absence is felt everyday, never more than a thought away. Ona, Nicholas, Ryan, the Williams family and friends.



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Happy Birthday to someone special on September 1.

*Love: Leslie, your "kids"
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and their families.*

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Mona Leblanc-Parker would like to thank everyone who helped celebrate her 90th birthday at a party held August 9 at the Cascapedia Museum Tearoom, Lady Amhearst, while she was home visiting from Burlington, Vermont.

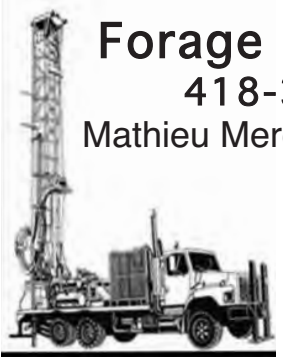


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GASPE:

Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Run for cancer research in the Gaspé district will be held on **Sunday, September 15**, at 1 p.m., on the bicycle path in Sandy Beach, Gaspé. We will have sweaters, stickers and refreshments. Come and support this worthy cause for cancer research. Your donations are very important. For information call: Nellis Rehel at 418-368-5901 or Clarence Lemieux at 418-645-2846.

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September 2: Annual Corn Boil at le Berceau du Canada

September 6: Annual 5 to 7 Club Sandwich evening at the Gaspé Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 59. Please note proceeds are going to the Royal Canadian Legion. Please come out and join us in this activity. \$10 per person.

September 29: Meet 'n Greet at York Community Hall.

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Recreation Centre 1062 Rte 132

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.

August 30: Money Bingo at 7 p.m.

PORT DANIEL:

Three Star Golden Age Club

Every Wednesday: Pé-tanque from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost \$3. Come and join the fun and learn a new game!

September 6: Bingo.

September 7: 500 card game.

September 28: Military Whist.

SHIGAWAKE:

Harvest Supper

September 7: St. Paul's Anglican Church Women and Shigawake Community Centre will be holding their annual Harvest Supper beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Shigawake

Community Centre (Across the road from St. Paul's Anglican Church). Adults \$15, Children 6 to 12 \$7, and under 6 free. Takeouts available. Everyone welcome.

SHIGAWAKE:

Advance Notice

A dedication ceremony for the installation of a commemorative monument will take place at St. John's United Cemetery in Shigawake on **Sunday, September 15**. A luncheon and reception will follow. More details to come in next week's Spec.

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

September 14: Military Whist beginning at 8 p.m.

September 15: Terry Fox Walk registration from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Community Centre. Walk starts at 1:30 p.m.

September 21: Gift bingo beginning at 7 p.m.

October 18: Hayes Bursary gift bingo beginning at 7 p.m. All proceeds are for the Hayes Bursary Fund for continuing education.

November 23: Christmas gift bingo beginning at 7 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. Hope to see you there.

NEW CARLISLE:

Good Samaritan Masonic Lodge

August 31: The Masonic Lodge will be holding its Mussels and Rib Night beginning at 5 p.m. at the Municipal Hall in New Carlisle. \$20 per person (two servings). Tickets can be obtained from Masonic members.

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.

August 31: New and almost new yard sale. Doors open at 8 a.m. Everything and anything but the kitchen sink.

September 13: Music night with Tammy Adams from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. \$10 per person. If you want tickets, call 418-752-6799. (Limited number of tickets available).

NEW CARLISLE:

Dart Club

September 21: Gift bingo beginning at 7 p.m. at the New Carlisle Legion.

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:

Fifty Plus

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.

September 8: Annual BBQ and Corn Roast from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$10 per adult and \$8 per child. A washer tournament will follow at 1 p.m. at the cost of \$5 per person.

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.

GESGAPEGIAG:

Important Meeting

This is to inform the community members of Gesgapegiag and the surrounding area that Gesgapegiag Healing Lodge (NNADAP) hosts AA meetings and is open to everyone. If you are interested in a lifestyle free of alcohol and substance abuse and have the desire to change, you are invited to attend meetings every **Monday** at 7 p.m.

GESGAPEGIAG:

N.A. Meetings

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

ROTARY CLUB WINNERS

The winners for the week of August 11 are: Martine Robertson, Alma Cyr, Cullie Hardy, Yvan Dufour, Dial Lepage, Ken Duguay and Francis Barriault.

The winners for the week of August 18 are: Mona Leblanc, Hélène Thériault, Claude Lévesque, Claudine Boudreau, Casey Campbell and grandkids, Mélanie Goulet and Amélie Sylvestre.

PURCHASE YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT ONLINE AT THEGASPEPEC.COM

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, September 1
2 p.m. New Carlisle

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.**

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Sunday, September 1

New Richmond

3 p.m. Holy Eucharist

New Carlisle

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Hope Town

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Shigawake

7 p.m. Evening Prayer

Port Daniel

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

PARISH OF GASPÉ

Sunday, September 1

St. Paul's - Gaspé

9 a.m. Morning Prayer

On the lighter side...



Driftwood treasures...

On the Gaspé we have an abundance of driftwood. Why not take something that has no use and make something artistic and beautiful for our homes...



SCHOOL DAYS

We urge all teachers on the Coast to please send or email their old class pictures to share with our readers.



**New Carlisle High School
1960 - 1961**

Left to Right: Betty A. Smollett, Ila Munro, Margie Astles, Enid LeGros, Judy Renouf, Elaine Beebe, Diane Munro, Pat Flowers, Thelma Flowers, Jean Flowers, Peggy Imhoff and Donald Ward.



Congratulations to Dorothy Walker of New Carlisle who is the winner of Spec's \$600 Gaspesian Adventure Summer Package.

MOTORCYCLE WORD SEARCH

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WORDS

- AFTERMARKET
- APEX
- BAGGER
- CAM
- CARBURETOR
- CHOPPER
- COUNTERBALANCER
- CRUISE
- CRUISER
- DISPLACEMENT
- DRESSER
- ENGINE
- FAIRING
- FORKS
- FUEL INJECTION
- GAUGE
- HANDLEBAR
- HORSEPOWER
- HUB
- MOTOCROSS
- MOTORCYCLE
- PASSENGER
- PILLION
- PISTONS
- ROAD
- ROOST
- SPOKE
- SPROCKET
- STROKE
- TACHOMETER
- TORQUE
- TOUR
- TRACTION
- TRAIL
- TRANSMISSION
- VINTAGE

HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you may be feeling sociable this week. Make the most of opportunities to hang out with those people you prefer to spend time with regularly.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Your work will be a labor of love for someone special, Taurus. Even though you are doing it for generous reasons, give yourself ample time to breathe and unwind.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, your routine offers you com-

fort this week, but you may want to find some way to veer off course for a little bit. Who knows what waits around the bend?

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you may be worrying about things that are troubling you instead of enjoying time spent with friends. Enjoy time with loved ones and your troubles will subside.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Surround yourself with loved ones this week, Leo. You will take away much joy from these interactions. Do something fun and playful with siblings or cousins.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you may feel the need to be responsible for others over the

course of the next few days. They can probably handle themselves, but a little help never hurt.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, if you have put a high level of trust into other people, you won't be disappointed when they live up to all of your expectations. Take some time to thank them.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you may feel a desire to be fully understood by others this week. But they can only understand you if you're open and honest with them. Be more forthcoming.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you are alert and inspired this week, and you may be on a quest to expand your social circle. Go to

community events or other social activities in your area.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, little financial uncertainty should compel you to take inventory or even revise spending habits. Unforeseen circumstances can pop up.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

You may feel confused about your current situation in life, Aquarius. This may be the case if you're comparing yourself to others. You're actually doing quite well.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, innovative solutions are on the tip of your tongue. You just need to organize your ideas to present them to others.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 25

Tim Burton, Director (61)

AUGUST 26

Macaulay Culkin, Actor (39)

AUGUST 27

Tom Ford, Designer (58)

AUGUST 28

Florence Welch, Singer (33)

AUGUST 29

Liam Payne, Singer (26)

AUGUST 30

Cameron Diaz, Actress (47)

AUGUST 31

Jeff Hardy, Wrestler (42)

Nautical Archaeology in Gaspé Bay

Carolyn Kennedy

GASPÉ: - When you think of Gaspé, you think of fishing. The iconic Gaspésienne fishing vessels designed by Howard Chappelle in the 1950s may come to mind. While these boats may seem historic, they are relatively new to Gaspé's extensive maritime history. For millennia, maritime indigenous people such as the Mi'kmaq lived along Gaspé's shores and used the surrounding ocean for fishing, whaling, and trade. More recently, centuries of European fishing, whaling, and trading have taken place in and around the waters of the Gaspé Peninsula. Famously, Jacques Cartier took his first steps on the shores of Gaspé in 1534, claiming the land for France. Even before Cartier, Basque whalers and fisherman were frequenting Gaspé's waters. Portuguese and Spanish sailors spent some time in the area. It is possible that even Vikings, the intrepid explorers who are known to have settled in L'Anse aux Meadows in Newfoundland in 1000 AD, found their way 400 miles southwest to the shores of the Gaspé Coast.

As the old adage goes, "where there are ships there are shipwrecks." Due to the centuries of large ships employed in the region's fishing industry, the potential for shipwrecks beneath Gaspé's waters is extremely high. In 2019, nautical archaeologists Carolyn Kennedy and Christopher Dostal of Texas A&M University and the Institute of Nautical Archaeology launched what they hope will be a long-term project that will reveal more of Gaspé's fascinating history through the study of its shipwrecks. Kennedy, a native of Montreal, has family ties to

Gaspé, namely Barachois, which sparked her interest in the area's history. Kennedy's maternal grandfather, Stan Roussel, was born in Barachois in 1930, but moved to Montreal in 1946 where he married and started his family. Stan's older brother, Gerald Roussel, was a renowned fisherman in the area and his name is well known to this day.

Kennedy and Dostal have a fair amount of experience working with shipwrecks all over the world, but specialize in North American history and archaeology. Kennedy has worked on shipwrecks in Lake Champlain, the Great Lakes, and the Red River, while Dostal has worked in Croatia, and on shipwrecks from the Gulf of Mexico, New York City, and Virginia. Kennedy's research focuses mostly on North American ships from the early 19th century, such as the Phoenix (II), a steamboat built in 1820 for Lake Champlain passenger transportation. Dostal's research is a little earlier, focusing on wrecks from the late 1700s such as the World Trade Center Wreck, a shipwreck found beneath the rubble of the Twin Towers in Manhattan during the excavation for the new One World Trade Center.

Kennedy and Dostal began planning the Gaspé Bay Survey Project in 2018, with the intent of locating cultural heritage materials in Gaspé Bay deserving of further study. The goal of this project is not to raise a shipwreck or to pillage it for treasure, but rather to learn a little bit more of Gaspé's history from the structure of the wood and any associated artifacts. The first stage of fieldwork took place from August 5 to August 16, 2019. With the help of local fisherman Rocky Annett,

Kennedy and Dostal towed remote sensing equipment (a magnetometer) off Annett's personal boat to identify anomalies on the floor of the bay, SCUBA diving to investigate potential targets. Kennedy and Dostal are leaving this year having identified several promising sites, as well as one unidentified wooden shipwreck with iron nails. Based on these finds, the potential of the bay is extremely promising, and the team hopes to return in 2020 to continue their research.

Though Kennedy and

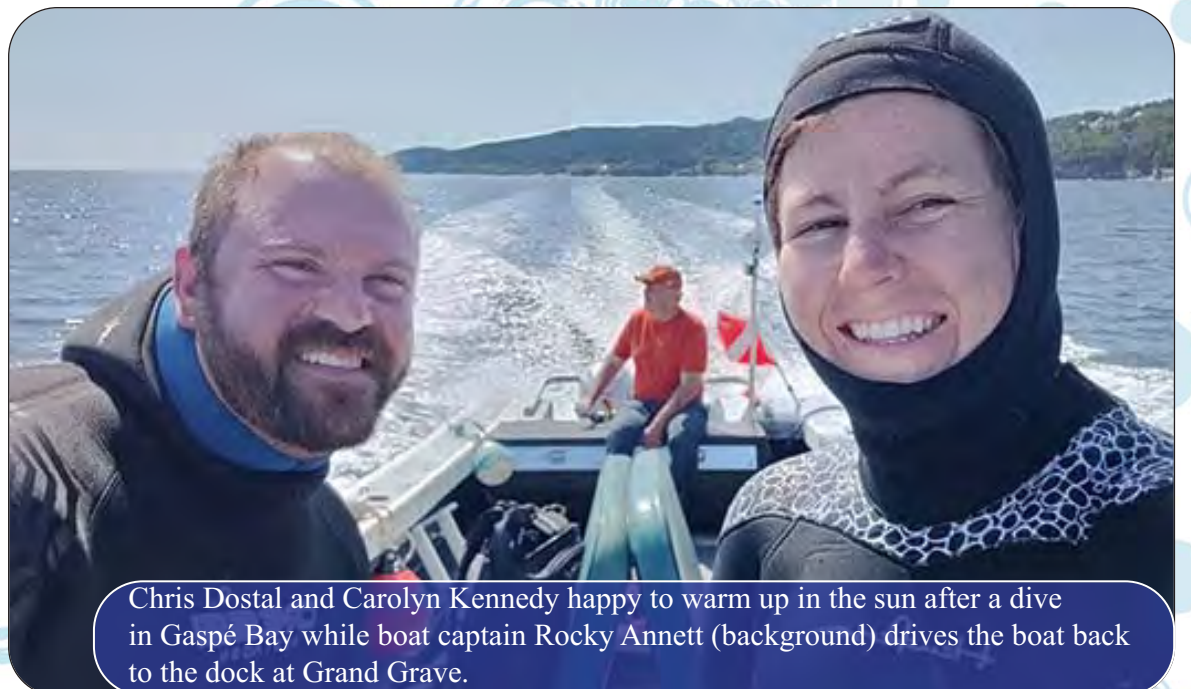
Dostal have done a fair amount of research on the area's history from their home in Texas, they are well aware that many stories of fishing, ships, and shipwrecks are not available online or in books, but rather can only be found in the hearts and minds of the people who live here, passed down generation to generation.

They have requested that the SPEC reach out to its readers and ask that if they have information or stories of any part of the maritime history of the area that they are willing

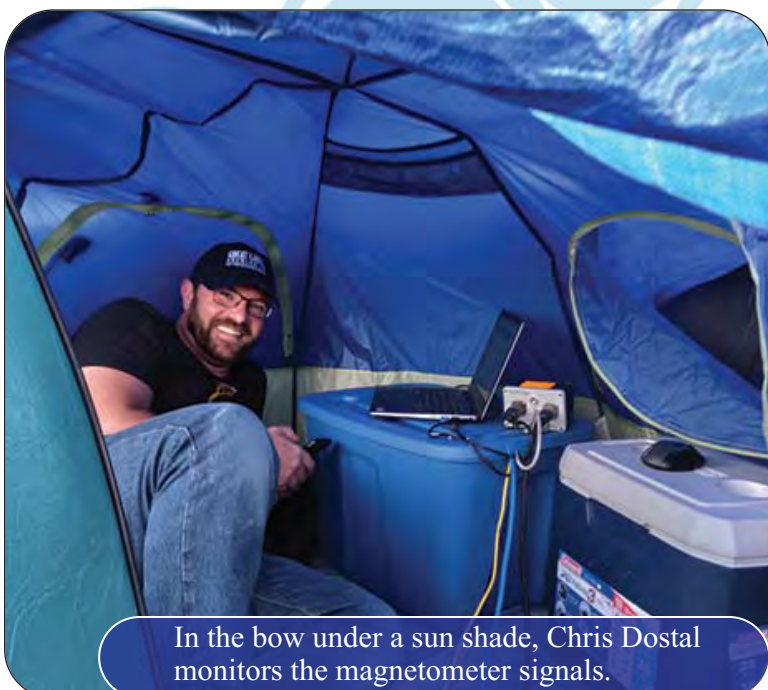
to share to contact them. They hope that over time, accumulating these stories, whether or not they can help locate shipwrecks, will begin to fill in and flesh out the elaborate and fascinating maritime history of this incredible region. If you would like to reach out to Kennedy or Dostal, you can reach them by email at dostalc@tamu.edu. If you would like to learn more about the project, please refer to their project's webpage at <https://nauticalarch.org/projects/gaspe-bay-historic-shipwreck-survey/>.



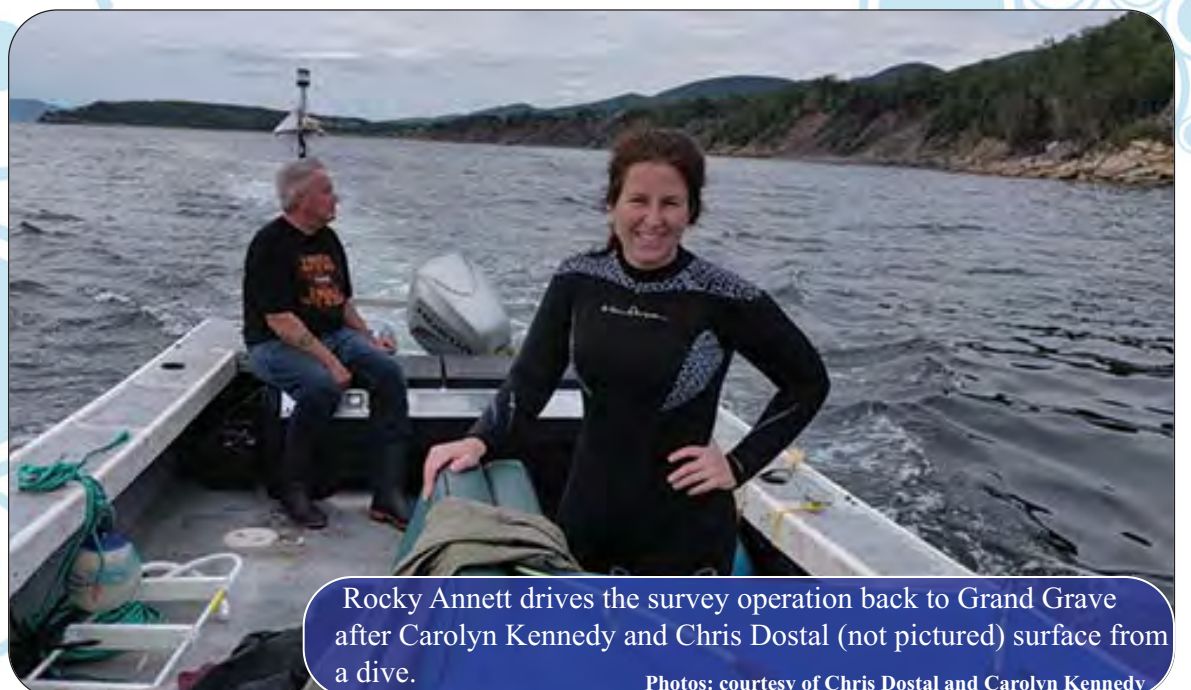
Carolyn Kennedy scuba diving above a shipwreck found by the team. It was hidden by the kelp.



Chris Dostal and Carolyn Kennedy happy to warm up in the sun after a dive in Gaspé Bay while boat captain Rocky Annett (background) drives the boat back to the dock at Grand Grave.



In the bow under a sun shade, Chris Dostal monitors the magnetometer signals.



Rocky Annett drives the survey operation back to Grand Grave after Carolyn Kennedy and Chris Dostal (not pictured) surface from a dive.

Photos: courtesy of Chris Dostal and Carolyn Kennedy