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Train trip-up on Trip Two

By Trevor Greenway

Only its second day back on track, and the Wakefield steam train is once again off the rails – literally this time.

Tourists were enjoying an otherwise relaxing Mother's

Day ride along the Gatineau River when one of the Hull-Chelsea-Wakefield Steam Train cars derailed on the way back to Gatineau May 10.

At about 2 p.m. at the Larrimac Golf Course crossing, a few railway ties gave way, sending

the second last car off-track. The car then skidded another 100 feet forward until it came to a halt in a nearby bush, pulling the last car behind it.

It made for some exciting viewing for ten-year-old Joseph Flood.

He was outside watching the train go past his house when he heard his brother scream, "Oh no!"

"My brother said that the train was falling, so I turned around and the train was just in the trees," said Flood.

Flood quickly ran into his house and told his parents that there had been an accident. Flood's mother said she was worried about her children's safety as they were only feet away from the train when it derailed.

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Rare bean man W'field's chocolatier

By Cynthia Yukets

A former Nabisco food manufacturing engineer has changed gears and is now making fair trade, organic chocolate in Wakefield.

Dave McDonald, owner of Olivia Chocolat, has a background in packaging automation.

He says "the packaging is a big component of food in terms of being able to get it out to the

customer."

He didn't go to chef school to learn the art of chocolate making. Instead, he researched the history of chocolate and now turns rare Criollo and Trinitario cocoa beans into chocolate bars with equipment he modeled off that used in 18th century France.

"We're a bean-to-bar chocolate maker," he says.

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WORST JOKE OF THE WEEK

One day Jimmy went up to his father and asked him a question that had been on his mind for quite some time.

"Daddy, what's the highest number in the entire world?"

His daddy replied:

"Well, I'm not exactly sure what the highest number is, but i think it's in the stimulus package."

Cannon to push 'national' park

Pontiac MP and Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon has come out in support of changes to the Gatineau Park that would see it protected by the federal government.

On May 6, the Senate stopped debating Independent Senator Mira Spivak's park bill because the Conservative Party indicated it plans to bring forward legislation to the same effect.

Spivak's bill would give the

park the same protection as national parks across Canada. The bill would set out legal boundaries for the park to protect against development by amending the National Capital Act to include the park's boundaries, provide the NCC with a right of first refusal on private property sales in the park, and ensure its territory can only be reduced by an Act of Parliament.

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