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# Rivière-des-Mille-Îles MP Linda Lapointe announces community subsidy

*Deux-Montagnes Lions Club to renovate  
facilities with \$25,000 grant*

(NSN) Rivière-des-Mille-Îles Libeal MP Linda Lapointe has announced a \$25,000 grant to the Lions Club of Deux-Montagnes under the government’s 2017 New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP). According to Lapointe’s office, the New Horizons for Seniors Program supports projects that help empower seniors to share their knowledge, skills and experiences with others, while supporting communities by increasing their capacity to address local issues.

### Helping support community

The investment will help finance the renovation of the Lions Club of Deux-Montagnes, located on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The renovation of their facilities will allow the club to continue to help and support the community. “I am very proud today to be able to give a hand to local organizations that work hard every day to make our community more vibrant and welcoming,” Lapointe said in a statement. Lapointe added that community-based project funding supports activities that engage seniors and address one or more of the program’s five objectives: volunteering, mentoring, expanding awareness of elder abuse, social participation and capital assistance.





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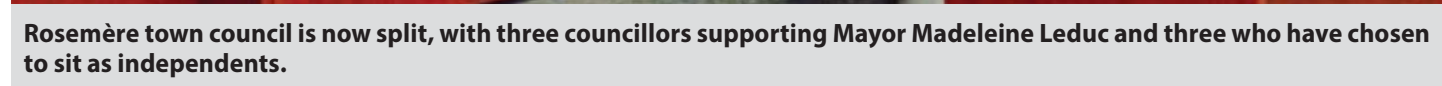
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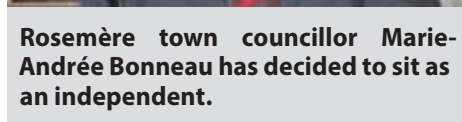
*Marie-Andrée Bonneau and Daniel Simoneau become independents*



Councillor Eric Westram had previously announced he was no longer willing to follow the leadership of Leduc. As well, Westram announced last fall that he will be a candidate for mayor in the municipal election in November. In the meantime, councillors Guylaine Richer, Normand Corriveau and Kateri Lesage are still on side with Mayor Leduc.

While neither he nor Bonneau directly criticized Leduc, Bonneau hinted. “Often the people who approach me do not understand the deadlines for communications, the incomplete answers or the lack of transparency,” she said.

Leduc added, "I wish to assure our residents



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Opinion & Editorial

Hasty change to Canada’s electoral system never made sense



Before any changes are made or any referendums held, Canadians must understand that many of the proposed alternatives come with drawbacks

The federal government is walking away from its campaign promise to change the way Canadians vote in federal elections. Given that the task was always going to be complicated and the results messy, the decision is understandable.

In his recently-released mandate letter to Karina Gould, the newly-appointed minister of Democratic Institutions, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said that “changing the electoral system will not be in your mandate.”

Trudeau justified his change in intention by saying that “a clear preference for a new electoral system, let alone a consensus, has not emerged. Furthermore, without a clear

preference or a clear question, a referendum would not be in Canada’s interest.”

Had a referendum taken place - and it should have - Canadians needed to fully understand that while there may be benefits to other electoral systems, there are also drawbacks.

Consider a proportional representation (PR) system, which the special parliamentary committee recommended in December. While

many may know about the potential benefit of distributing seats in Parliament more closely to vote shares, there are also costs.

For example, a recent study found that a move to PR would likely lead to higher government spending and larger federal deficits. The study found that the average size of central governments from 2000 to 2014 in countries with PR was almost 25 per cent larger than in countries with majoritarian/plurality election rules similar to what Canada now uses. The study also found that PR countries tend to finance this extra spending by running larger deficits.

The reason? PR systems tend to elect more parties to the legislature, increasing the likelihood for coalition governments. In order to form coalitions, larger parties must gain the support of smaller parties, often by capitulating on their main issues, which leads to higher levels of government spending.

Moreover, smaller parties in PR systems are able to exert a disproportionate amount of power at the expense of the preferences of the majority of voters who didn’t vote for such parties.

We should also consider the drawbacks of the alternative vote (AV) or ranked ballots system, another reform option. This system has the potential to reduce competition in our elections, a key attribute of a healthy democratic system.

For example, another study examined the impact adopting AV rules would have had on Canada’s seven federal elections between 1997 and 2015.

The study found that just one party - the Liberals - would have gained seats in every election. In fact, they would have gained an average of 19 seats per election. To a lesser extent, the NDP would have increased their seat totals in more recent elections. Only the Conservatives would have lost seats every election.

The study also found that AV rules would have changed the outcomes in a number of elections, including in 2006, when instead of a Conservative minority government, the Liberals would have won a minority.

Before any changes are made or any referendums held, Canadians must understand that many of the proposed alternatives come with drawbacks. Changing the electoral system in a hasty manner was never going to be in the interest of Canadians.

The government should be congratulated for its willingness to make a tough political decision that’s in the best interests of all Canadians.

Lydia Miljan

Gwyn Morgan

Trudeau’s economic policies suicidal in wake of Trump quake

Clinging to his current policies could prove to be the biggest mistake made by any Prime Minister in Canadian history

Troy Media/ - Donald Trump’s election victory set off a political earthquake that has deeply shaken Americans. Earthquakes are often followed by devastating tsunamis generating huge waves travelling far beyond the quake epi-centre. Yet, even as those “Trump-quake” waves threaten to sink our economic ship, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau seems determined to maintain his pre-quake course.

Here are some of the dangerous shoals that lurk along that perilous route:

•Trump is anti-free trade. His advisors have said that Canada isn’t their target. Even if that’s true, the recent decision by General Motors to move 600 jobs to Mexico demonstrates that Trump’s protectionist bullets can ricochet across our border. Given his bombastic threats, there’s no way auto makers will move jobs from the U.S. to Mexico, so their only option is to move those jobs from Canada. Making matters worse is the new administration’s plan to exempt export revenues from income tax, while disallowing imported goods as a tax expense. These damaging actions are occurring even before NAFTA comes up for reconsideration. Trudeau is pivoting towards China as an offset to Trump protectionism. But a free trade agreement with corrupt and opportunistic China would be strategically and ethically unwise. Canadians keep their word, while the Chinese are notorious for saying one thing and doing another. And given Trump’s animosity towards China, free trade discussions with China are sure to damage Canada’s negotiations with his administration. One can easily envision him exclaiming, “We will not allow NAFTA to be used to give China free access to America”.

•Trump plans to slash corporate tax rates to 15 per cent, erasing Canada’s previous advantage that saw U.S. companies changing

domicile through reverse takeovers. Adding Trudeau’s carbon tax tips the tax scales in America’s favour. Moreover, Trump’s “Buy America First” policies will be a strong deterrent to creating or expanding operations in Canada that target U.S. markets. All this bad news comes when Canadian business investment has already been dropping for eight consecutive quarters.

•Trump plans to reduce the top federal personal income tax rate to 33 per cent, while Trudeau’s increases on higher income earners raised the top rate to 33 per cent. Sounds like a tie, until state and provincial taxes are considered. Seven U.S. states have no income tax and, with the exception of California, taxes in those that do are much lower resulting in combined rates of between 33 and 42 per cent, compared with Canada’s 49 to 54 per cent. This presents a serious impediment to attracting and retaining skilled, highly mobile workers.

•Trump wants to encourage more oil production to create jobs and reduce imports. Trudeau recently told Albertans he wants to “phase out” oil production. Perhaps he’s unaware of oil’s crucial importance to Canada’s balance of trade, generating as much net export revenue as the next nine of our top 10 exports combined.

•Trump wants to streamline the regulatory process for new oil pipelines. Trudeau is contemplating a new regulatory process featuring even more extensive “social licence” consultations that have already seen economically important projects stymied for many years.

•Trump wants more natural gas hydraulic fracturing, a key contributor to jobs in some of the country’s poorest states. Meanwhile, the Federal Government continues to hand some \$18 billion per year in equalization payments to the four so-called “have not” provinces that

have banned fracking. Perversely, the funding of those payments has come almost entirely from tax revenues of oil and gas producing provinces. But now the economies of those provinces, and the federal tax revenues from them, have collapsed. Under the three-year rolling average calculation of the equalization formula, payments to the four frack-shunning provinces will start a precipitous drop at the same time as Trump-quake takes its toll on Canada’s economy.

•Trump supports coal-fired power generation. Trudeau wants to replace coal-fired power with much more costly “green” alternatives. That will add more challenges to the struggling economies of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick which don’t have hydro-power alternatives.

The federal government recently released a study projecting three decades of continuous budget deficits that would double national debt to an incredible \$1.5 trillion. That’s an unconscionable legacy to leave on the shoulders of young Canadians and their offspring. And the federal study didn’t consider the above Trump-quake impacts that are certain to make that terrifying debt scenario even worse.

I’m one of many Canadians who detest Donald Trump as an uber-egotistical, narcissistic, lying bully with ethical values vastly below those of our Prime Minister. But the stark reality is that virtually all of Justin Trudeau’s policies, from energy regulation to tax rates to income and carbon taxes to deficit spending, are economically suicidal in the face of Trump’s avowed actions. Clinging to those policies in the face of Trump-quake could prove to be the biggest mistake made by any Prime Minister in Canadian history.

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# Rosemère reaches agreement with CUPE blue and white collars

*Details worked out in ‘climate of collaboration,’ says Mayor Leduc*



Among the town and union officials seen here are Guy Benedetti, General Manager Town of Rosemère, Nancy Clermont, member of the union executive, Isabelle Rivest, Human Resources Director Town of Rosemère, Madeleine Leduc mayor, Vicky Paquette, member of the union executive, Karine Paquette, president the union executive and Martin Gagnon, member of the union executive.

MARTIN C. BARRY

On Feb. 15, the Town of Rosemère and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) local 4756 white and blue collar workers announced they had signed a collective agreement.

## 2 and 2.3 per cent hikes

At the union’s general meeting held on Jan. 9, the majority of salaried employees in attendance voted in favor of the agreement. The renewed collective agreement, which runs until 2019, calls for a 2 per cent increase in salaries for the years 2015 and 2016, and 2.3 per cent for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Modifications were also made to certain clauses, notably those relating to work bonuses and the establishment of a group insurance study committee. Rosemère mayor Madeleine Leduc said she was highly pleased with the renewal of the collective agreement covering the town’s blue and white-collar workers.

## An equitable agreement: mayor

“Negotiations with the parties involved made it possible to come to an equitable agreement in a climate of collaboration,” she said during a press conference held at the public library for the announcement.

“My thanks to all who joined forces to come to an agreement that takes into account the interests of all the parties involved, in a spirit of sound management of the public purse for the benefit of our taxpayers,” she added.

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# CatChat mandated to help control Rosemère's feral cats

## Town grants new organization \$10,000 to carry out task

MARTIN C. BARRY

At Rosemère's Feb. 13 town council meeting, the mayor and councillors announced the establishment of Catchat (Cohabiting with your Cat), a new organization whose mission will be to ethically control the town's overpopulation of stray cats.

In support of the initiative, the town has given the organization a \$10,000 grant. This money will cover CatChat's start-up costs as well as the cost of sterilizing cats identified on its territory.

### A respectful approach

"I am very pleased to announce the Town of Rosemère's involvement in this project, which constitutes a concrete solution for controlling the feline population on our territory, thanks to an approach that is respectful of the animal," Mayor Madeleine Leduc said during a briefing for the media held at Rosemère's public library.

"As the problem of stray cats has become a general concern, even for neighbouring town, it was necessary for an organization of this type to be established in Rosemère," she added. The Town of Rosemère and a group of citizens worked together to implement a process for the management of feral cats. This citizen-driven initiative gave rise to CatChat.

The organization proposes the TNR (Trap – Neuter – Return to their original location) solution for ensuring the effective management of the feline overpopulation. Cats, once neutered, will be released in their original location to ensure the maintenance of their colonies rather than allow other unsterilized cats to move in.

Ear markings will identify neutered cats to avoid trapping them anew.

### A mandate to protect cats

"We are committed to doing whatever is needed to ensure the well-being of the animal, from his trapping to his release, or his adoption when possible," said CatChat's president, Patrick De Geyter. To this end, CatChat signed an agreement with Rosemère's two veterinary clinics, Vraiment bêtes! and Clinique vétérinaire Rosemère. These clinics will work closely with the organization on the sterilization of the trapped cats.

Over the coming months, CatChat will carry out a cat census in order to assess the scope of the situation and plan the resources required for its proper operation. Various communication tools will be used to involve residents in this census of the feline population. In a release to the media, CatChat says its mission is "to help residents control the overpopulation of feral cats in an ethical manner."

### A community effort

They say the success of the undertaking rests on the commitment and collaboration of the community, including Rosemère, which provides financial support (neutering of the cats, purchase of equipment, etc.); the Rosemère veterinary partners, which will carry out the neutering; the community, which they hope can help with the trapping of stray cats and their post-operative care; and the expertise of neighboring organizations such as RAA Saint-



'As the problem of stray cats has become a general concern, even for neighbouring town, it was necessary for an organization of this type to be established in Rosemère,' says Mayor Madeleine Leduc

Eustache, Boisbriand's Félics parmi nous and Lorraine's Un chat dans ma cour.

An official launch for CatCat will be held on March 13 and operations will start in April. In the interim, they are asking for the help of residents. To obtain an estimate of the feral cat population, they want residents to let them know how many cats there are and where they can be found.

### CatChat needs volunteers

In the meantime, they are also seeking

volunteers to help with the following: transport cages to the trapping sites and, subsequently, to the clinics; to ensure post-operative care of neutered cats (changing the litter, feeding, etc.) before they are released; and eventually finding foster families for cats that could possibly be adopted (kittens). In April, CatChat will hold an information evening for residents. You can contact CatChat about the census, volunteering, or any other question at (450) 435-7336 or by e-mail at [info@cat-chat.org](mailto:info@cat-chat.org).

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(NSN) From Feb. 27 to March 3, the Town of Rosemère will be offering a number of indoor and outdoor family activities during students' spring break. "I hope a large number of youngsters and their families will take part in these activities during this well-deserved break," said Rosemère mayor Madeleine Leduc.

During the week of Feb. 27, Rosemère residents can skate free of charge at the Rosemère arena, located at 155 Charbonneau Street, from Monday to Wednesday, 1 to 3 p.m.; Thursday, 4 to 5 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturday, 7 to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 1 p.m. Residents will also have the opportunity to play hockey at the arena according to the following schedule: Monday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Throughout the week, the outdoor skating rinks and slide at Charbonneau Park will be open, weather permitting, with expanded supervision of the skating rinks from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. for the slide.

Further to an agreement concluded with the Town of Sainte-Thérèse, Rosemère residents will also be able to skate, free of charge, at the arena located at 50 Saint-Louis Street in Sainte-Thérèse upon presentation of proof of residency.

### *Council expresses its support for education initiative*

(NSN) Rosemère town council has enacted a resolution stating that the third week in February of each year will be known as 'Hooked on School Days' from now on.

With the resolution, which was adopted unanimously at the February town council meeting, the town joins many other municipalities supporting this significant awareness-raising campaign.

According to Mayor Madeleine Leduc, “keeping students from dropping out of school is not a problem of concern to the academic world alone. It is a social issue that is of concern to us all, from early childhood to the issuance of a diploma qualifying the holder for a job, regard-

The free skating schedule at this arena is 3 to 4:30 p.m., Feb. 27 to March 5.

In partnership with the Town of Rosemère, the Parc de la Rivière-des-Mille-Îles is offering a winter day camp on ecology to youngsters 6 to 14 years of age who are on spring break from March 6 to 10. On the menu will be introduction to ice fishing, sliding, hikes and much more. For information or registration, call (450) 622-1020, ext. 227.

On Tuesday March 2 at 2 p.m., youngsters between the ages of 7 and 13 are invited to discover characters from the Smikee comic strip. They will be able to meet with the authors of this popular comic strip, take part in the creation of giant drawings and participate in a quiz game. On Saturday March 4 from 1 to 4 p.m., there will be a video game tournament hosted by JEUXJUBES. Youngsters from 8 to 14 years of age are invited to rediscover such classics as Super Smash Bros, Mario Kart and more!

These two activities will be held at the library located at 339 Grande-Côte and registration is necessary at (450) 621-3500 ext. 7221 or [biblio@ville.rosemere.qc.ca](mailto:biblio@ville.rosemere.qc.ca). For additional details on these activities, residents can contact the Recreation Department at (450) 621-3500 ext. 7380.

## Uncut trees blamed for local power blackouts in January

(NSN) On Feb. 16, the mayor of Blainville, several city councillors and representatives of the local business community and a citizens group met with senior officials of Hydro Quebec to find out what were the causes of power failures in the area this past January.

Hydro Quebec had been conducting work along certain lines to control the growth of vegetation (BLA248 Curé-Labelle) and GRX254 north of Fontainebleau, Sainte-Thérèse and Jardins de Blainville).

"We decided to stop the work that had started in the autumn along the BLA248 and GRX254 lines in order to measure the efficiency, which will be accomplished from now to spring," said Mayor Richard Perreault. "As for the other problem lines, we are waiting for a proposal from Hydro Quebec and we will evaluate the extent of the work and its impact on the citizens. One thing is certain: we are on the right track."

Five representatives from Hydro Quebec attended the meeting, including the vice-president of the distribution network. They gave an account of the work that could not be finished before Christmas as planned, since other work were added to the initial in order to lessen the burden on the network.

As for the power failures in January, they were caused by contact with vegetation along the network, most notably by trees that were scheduled to be cut and which ended up falling on the lines under the weight of ice from an ice storm. This was the case with one tree which impacted line GRX254 north of Sainte-Thérèse. This was a tree that was targeted, but the owner hadn't authorized Hydro Quebec to cut it.

"It's an example among many others, but it shows that just one refusal can cause power failures for millions of clients," added Perreault. "The cooperation of all citizens, including those from other municipalities, is thus to be hoped for. I am happy that the degree of acceptance in Blainville is regarded as among the highest in



*'Our administration is determined to reduce the number of power blackouts,' says Blainville mayor Richard Perreault*

Quebec, according to Hydro Quebec. I thank all Blainville residents who cooperated and also those who will be called upon to cooperate."

The City of Blainville says it continues to protect 40 per cent of its territory consisting of natural areas. Several thousand trees were planted in 2016 in order to maintain the forest covering. As well, a recuperation project to recycle and reuse residues from trees is currently underway.

“We will pursue our efforts to preserve and improve our natural spaces, just as we did with the forest at Plan Bouchard and the Fauvel lakes,” Perreault continued. “Nonetheless, the need for electricity potentially can impact health, public security and the economy. The work undertaken must lead in the long run to strengthening of the electric network in Blainville. Our administration is determined to reduce the number of power blackouts.”

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# Hundreds come out to enjoy Rosemère V

*Elected officials join residents for mid-winter activities and fun*



From the left, Councillor Normand Corriveau, Mayor Madeleine Leduc, Councillor Daniel Simoneau, Councillor Guylaine Richer and Councillor Kateri Lesage could be found at one point in the afternoon warming up around the fireplace.

**MARTIN C. BARRY**

One of the warmest places to gather during Rosemère's Winter Carnival on Saturday Feb. 11 was in front of the woodburning fireplace set up in Charbonneau Park where the festivities were taking place. Another thing you could do keep warm was to keep moving.

As it happens, Rosemère's municipal elected officials did both as they joined hundreds of residents for the annual celebration of the season. Although it wasn't as numbingly cold for the event as it was last year, it was just enough to make tasks like taking pictures difficult.

**Keeping warm was a chore**

Fortunately the town set up a heated shed just on the edge of the carnival area where anyone who wanted to get warm for a

few minutes could. Mayor Madeleine Leduc was on hand, along with town councillors Normand Corriveau, Daniel Simoneau, Guylaine Richer and Kateri Lesage to welcome residents to the winter wonderland of activities that was organized for everyone to enjoy.

Rivière-des-Mille-Îles MP Linda Lapointe also showed up and got into the swing of things. As in past years, an assortment of food and hot chocolate was made available at reasonable cost by the Lorraine-Rosemère Scouts. And what would Rosemère Winter Carnival be without maple taffy on snow? There was plenty of that.



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# Winter Carnival



After the Super Bowl, Rosemère's 'Snow Bowl' football challenge was among the more popular activities during the town's Winter Carnival.



Brave adults and children too took rides on the Mobile Zipline.



Back again this year were the horse-drawn sleigh rides on streets around Charbonneau Park during the Winter Carnival.



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**CHOMEDEY** Large duplex very well located near public transport, schools and parks. Well maintained consisting of 1 x 6 1/2 and 1 x 5 1/2 units and a bachelor unit. Double garage and good size lot. Occupancy available for main unit as of May 1 2017. Great investment!!!



Large 5 1/2 condo kitchen with dinette, cozy living room with wood fireplace, 3 good size bedrooms, storage room and outdoor parking. Beautiful location!!! Built in 1989 Call for a visit today!!!



**CHOMEDEY** Beautiful bungalow excellent location in a crescent of a quiet street. Main floor offers dining room, eat-in kitchen and extension as well as 3 good size bedrooms. 2 full baths, extra bedroom in basement. Renovations include: Roof 2014 with receipt, driveway and retaining wall in 2013 with receipt and all windows (no receipt) Must see home!!!



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## Record crowd of 5000 at the Blainville Winter Festival



Pictured above Blainville mayor Richard Perreault, accompanied by city councilors Serge Paquette, Guy Frigon, Nicole Ruel, Marie-Claude Collin and Alain Portelance, and two young soccer players Estella and Manuel Pineda-Benitez.



## BENEFIT CONCERT

Saint-Eustache's classical choir, Ensemble choral Saint-Eustache, is holding a benefit concert on Sunday March 12th 2017 at 3:00 pm in Centre d'Art la Petite Église, 271 rue St-Eustache, Saint-Eustache. Ticket price: a voluntary contribution!

Public is invited to listen to three young and talented musiciens, Mrs Agnès Langlois, cellist; Mr François Laurin Burgess, clarinetist and Mr Jean-Sébastien Lévesque, pianist.

This trio will present some romantic pieces of

compositors, Niels Gade (Danemark), Samuel Barber (U.S.A) and Max Bruch (Germany).

All the benefits will be given to the Ensemble choral Saint-Eustache to help this classical choir, a non-profit organization, to prepare its public concert next spring.

The Ensemble choral Saint-Eustache is a classical four-part harmony mixed choir that regroups some fourty choristers. It was founded nineteen years ago and had given many public concerts in the region to promote classical masterpieces.

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## HERITAGE SOCIAL CLUB

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**Feb 24th**– Spaghetti Supper – mix of Country & Rock & Roll Music - \$10.00

**Feb 25th**- Cribbage afternoon - games 1:00 pm - Registration 12:30 - Kitchen open 11:30 am Hot Dogs & Gilled Cheese Sandwiches on Sale.

**Mar 3rd** - Karaoke - 8:00 pm - Pot Luck 7:00 pm

**Mar 8th**- St. Pat's Lunch - Irish Stew etc. ...Time Noon - Ticket \$10.00 - we will be entertained by the Forever Young Theatre Group singing Irish Songs.

**Mar 11th**- Cribbage Afternoon - games 1:00 pm Registration 12:30 - Kitchen open 11:30 am Hot Dogs & Grilled Cheese sandwiches on Sale.

**Mar 15th**- Bingo afternoon - Time 1:00 pm doors open at 11:30 (bring your lunch) we do sell tea /coffee/ soft drinks/ chips/ chocolate bars. Price \$6.50

**Mar 17th**- Karaoke - 8:00 pm /Pot Luck 7:00 pm - REMEMBER THIS IS ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT - IT WOULD BE GREAT TO WEAR YOUR GREEN OUTFITS.

**Mar 31st**- Karaoke - 8:00 pm /Pot Luck 7:00 pm

REMINDER - Exercise classes - Tuesday & Thursday - 9:30 am  
Forever Young Theatre Group - Monday morning - 9:30 am  
Zumba classes - Tuesday & Wednesday night - 6:30 pm  
Monday night - Dart night - with the Kitchen open for Hamburgers & Hot dogs on sale.

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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**Sat., Feb. 25th 6:30 p.m.**

Fr. Lowe Memorial Hockey Night Habs vs Leafs & Spaghetti Supper Tickets:  
Adults = \$15.00, Children 13 & under = \$6.00

**Tues, Feb. 28th 6:00 p.m.**

CWL Pancake Tuesday at Holy Family Hall tickets needed before

**Wed, Mar. 1st**

Ash Wednesday TBA

Regular Children's Faith Education is held during the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday's.

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## CHRIST CHURCH UNITED

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Sunday services with Sunday school and nursery at 10:30 am

- 1st Sunday – Morning Prayer
- 2nd / 4th Sunday – Holy Communion
- 3rd Sunday – Family service (Morning Prayer)
- 5th Sunday- Church Cafe (whenever applicable)

10:00 – 10:30am: Time to connect (coffee, tea, juice, snacks and friends)

Two Mountains Community Youth Group

We meet at All Saints Church every Friday from 7:30 – 9:30, except for every 3rd Friday, which is SPAM (Sports night At Mountainview). For all high-school aged teens.

**Feb 25th** Popcorn and Movie night at All Saints. Come and enjoy the movie Shadowlands starting at 7:00 pm

**Feb 28th** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5pm

\$7 adults/\$4 children under 12

Feb 23rd Holy Communion service at Les Cascades 10:30 am

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Mass celebrations: Saturday 4:00pm at Parish Center located at 555 Lefrancois

Sunday 9:00am at Ste. Francoise Cabrini Church

Events at Parish Center Hall:

**Feb 28th** Shrove Tuesday Supper 7:00PM TBC

**Mar 1st** ASH Wednesday Service 7:00PM TBC

**Mar 17th** Irish coffee Night 7:00PM TBC

Please note call the office for confirmation of dates and times. Thank you, office management.

## DEUX-MONTAGNES FOOD BANK

This year, 210 Christmas food baskets had been prepared for distribution this past Friday (December 16) evening. The baskets were to be given out the following day.

It was with great sadness that, on the morning of Saturday, December 17, volunteers realized that the food bank had been broken into and that at least \$3,000.00 of food was stolen. The food baskets were distributed to families in need that afternoon as scheduled, but were lighter than was planned.

Dépannage Saint-Agapit serves the City of Deux-Montagnes since 1995.

Its mission is to help families and individuals in need. This support is mainly Christmas baskets form and we allocate food vouchers throughout the year.

Please consider making a donation to Dépannage Saint-Agapit in the wake of this unfortunate event. AT THIS TIME THEY ARE REQUESTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO REPLACE THE FOOD STOLEN

You can remit your donation in person to André Ouellet, President, by going to the Maison du Citoyen at 202 Henri-Dunant, Deux-Montagnes.

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## MEALS ON WHEELS DEUX- MONTAGNES

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## MEALS ON WHEELS IN ROSEMERE

Alet Bosse at 450-621-9179  
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# Bad Manners

I have a friend I've known since high school. We had a habit of hanging out and then not talking to each other for months on end. But when we do talk, it's like we've talked every day.

Anyway she had a boyfriend and they were in a casual relationship. He was interested in me and she was cool with that. Now, months later, I'm crashing at their place. Now she's no longer cool with it, so he and I stopped messing around.

Recently they fought and broke up. She asked me not to sleep with him but I've developed feelings for him. I've never felt this way about anyone. I'm 23 and have never gotten past the "you're cute, let's date" point in a relationship.

It's different with him. He's all I can think about and he makes me feel special and wanted. I have no idea if it would be just sex for him, but the things he says and does make me think he likes me for more.

I'm super awkward and don't even know where to begin. I

don't want to hurt my friend, but I owe it to myself to see where things go. I saw him today and things got a bit handsy.

I know someone's going to end up getting hurt, and mostly I don't want that person to be me. What do I do?

*Hailey*  
*Hailey, this man can't be the decider in the situation because he's a young guy with two women fighting over him. It would be as if he's licking two ice cream cones, trying to decide which flavor he likes better. What young guy, not in love with either of you, would turn that down?*

*You've decided you are going for him regardless of what your girlfriend thinks. Okay, but it's not nice to eat fries off someone else's plate without permission.*

*Show your girlfriend your letter and say, "I don't know what he's telling you, but this is what is going on between the two of us."*

Wayne & Tamara

# Direct? Answers

from Wayne & Tamara

## First and Last?

I'm 19 and I've never kissed anyone or been in a relationship because I didn't see the point. But over the past year my best friend and I have fallen in love. We talk about literally everything. The trouble is he's leaving for school in two weeks, and he'll be gone a minimum of two years.

I have to stay here to work and go to school. We don't think it's wise to become intimate because, one, we're both religious and believe in saving sex for marriage, and two, he's leaving. Being separated and rarely able to talk is going to be hard enough.

I want him to at least be my first kiss though, and I want him to be the one who makes the first move. All my friends say, "Just kiss him!" But if he doesn't want that, who am I to make the decision? Help!

Chelsea

*Chelsea, the kiss isn't the goal. The emotion behind the kiss is the goal. If you force it to occur, it will be a contact of lips, not a kiss. If you script this, it won't satisfy you. A script removes the magic.*

*If a kiss seals a pact to wait for him for two years, then don't do it. Making a promise between the two of you at this stage says, we will not explore or live life. You can't do that to him. He can't do that to you.*

*Then again, some events in this world just happen. If he doesn't make the first move, it would be only natural to kiss him goodbye.*

Wayne & Tamara

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## IN MEMORIAM & OBITUARIES

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Barrie Michael Axani passed away peacefully on Monday, February 6, 2017, surrounded by his family. His memory lives on with his wife Trudy (Martz), his daughters Sonia (John) and Erica (Andreas) and his grandchildren Alexandra, Evan and Evelyn. The family will receive condolences on Monday, February 13 at the Yves Légaré funeral complex from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.



### de VREEZE, Franciscus 1917 - 2017

Frank de Vreeze, in his 100th year, passed away comfortably and peacefully on January 10, 2017. Lieke, his wife of 67 years, and his children Maria (Tom), Laura (Peter), Lilian (Lorne), Ingrid (Robert), Paul (France), and his grandchildren (Joshua, Samara, Julien, Adrian, Alisha, Colin, Rhys, Karl and Marguerite) were all able to wish him safe passage. We are grateful to, and sincerely thank, the staff of Centre d'hébergement de l'Hôtel-Dieu-de-Saint-Hyacinthe (2nd Floor « Du Marché ») for their kindness and care.



### GÉLINAS, Claude 1937 - 2017

Passed away peacefully on February 6 2017, at the age of 79. Predeceased by his much loved wife Monique (nee Bélanger). He leaves to mourn him his daughters Anne (Paul van den Berg) and Catherine (Jean-Philippe Terrisse); his grandchildren Jean-Bernard, Justin, Anika, Sandrine and Jérémie; his brother Louis and sister Lucie (André Paquette); his good friend Louise Langston, as well as many other relatives and friends.



### HEENAN, Roy Lacaud 1935 - 2017

Roy Lacaud Heenan passed away on February 3, 2017, in his 82nd year, surrounded by his family. Dear husband for 51 years of Rae (nee MacCulloch), beloved father of Louise, Charles, Anne, and Claire, affectionate father-in-law to Jon Meyer, Joy Lyth, and Matthew Hunt, and loving grandfather of Benjamin and Annelise Heenan and Sarah and Sophie Hunt. He was predeceased by his sister Patricia Barker of Toledo, Ohio; and is survived by his half-brother Rod Heenan of Vancouver, BC. Born in Mexico City in 1935 to parents Ernest and Yvonne Lacaud Heenan, he came to Canada in 1947 where he attended Trinity College School in Port Hope, Ontario. He later attended McGill University in Montreal for his Bachelor of Arts degree (Hons) (1957), and his Bachelor of Civil Law Degree (1960). Roy was Founding Partner/Chairman (1973-2012) of the law firm Heenan Blaikie, and a leading authority on Canadian labour, employment and administrative law. He was an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Law at McGill University and also lectured at Queen's University, Université de Laval and the University of Ottawa. He was an international speaker and a well-known patron of the arts. He was Founding Chairman and Director of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation (2002-2012). He also sat on many boards including the CBC, the Jarislowsky Foundation and the International Historic Heritage Foundation. Over the years he sat on the board of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, The Beaverbrook Art Gallery and the Art Gallery of Ontario, and he was the Chairman of the Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal (1994-1998).

### SCHEFFER, Elsie

Beloved wife of the late Joe. Dear mother and mother-in-law of Helena and David Hudson, Mark Scheffer of Stockholm, Sweden. Cherished grandmother of Marie- Anne (Sheldon Andrews), Kathryn (Matthew Somerville); Lisa, and Kevin of Stockholm, Sweden. Proud great-grandmother of Oscar and Ellis. Elsie will be sadly missed by her family and all who knew her.

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On the last day of the year, mild-mannered high school English teacher Andy Campbell (Charlie Day) is trying his best to keep it together amidst senior pranks, a dysfunctional administration, and budget cuts that put jobs on the line. But things go from bad to worse when he accidentally crosses his much tougher and deeply feared colleague, Ron Strickland (Ice Cube), who challenges Campbell to an old-fashioned throwdown after school.

THE GREAT WALL

G | 1 hr 43 mins | Thriller |

The Great Wall tells the story of an elite force making a valiant stand for humanity on the world's most iconic structure. The first English-language production for Yimou is the largest film ever shot entirely in China.

FIFTY SHADES DARKER

16+ | 1 hr 55 mins | Romantic-Drama |

When a wounded Christian Grey tries to entice a cautious Ana Steele back into his life, she demands a new arrangement before she will give him another chance. As the two begin to build trust and find stability, shadowy figures from Christian's past start to circle the couple, determined to destroy their hopes for a future together.

JOHN WICK: CHAPTER TWO

13+ | 1 hr 55 mins | Action-Thriller |

Legendary hit man John Wick comes out of retirement when a former associate plots to seize control of an international assassins' guild. Bound by a blood oath to help him, Wick travels to Rome to square off against the world's deadliest killers.

A DOG'S PURPOSE

G | 2 hrs 01 min | Fantasy |

Based on the beloved bestselling novel by W. Bruce Cameron, A Dog's Purpose, from director Lasse Hallström (The Cider House Rules, Dear John, The 100-Foot Journey), shares the soulful and surprising story of one devoted dog (voiced by Josh Gad) who finds the meaning of his own existence through the lives of the humans he teaches to laugh and love. The family film told from the dog's perspective.

THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE

G | 1 hr 44 mins | Action-Animation |

Bruce Wayne must not only deal with the criminals of Gotham City, but also the responsibility of raising a boy he adopted.

RESIDENT EVIL: THE FINAL CHAPTER

13+ | 1 hr 46 mins | Thriller-Horror |

Picking up immediately after the events in Resident Evil: Retribution, Alice (Milla Jovovich) is the only survivor of what was meant to be humanity's final stand against the undead. Now, she must return to where the nightmare began - The Hive in Raccoon City, where the Umbrella Corporation is gathering its forces for a final strike against the only remaining survivors of the apocalypse.

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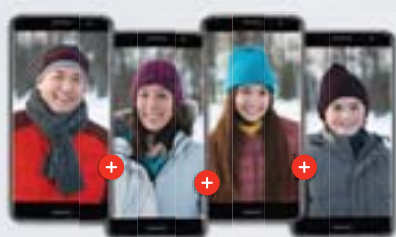
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